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Emerging Ecosystem-based
Maritime Spatial Planning
Topics in the North and Baltic
Sea Regions



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The fifth workshop on EBA in MSP and sustainable blue economy

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When?

Helsinki, Finland

dates 13-15, June 2023

**Priority is given to physical meeting but there will be an
opportunity to follow the meeting online**



Why?

The EU Biodiversity Strategy:

to reach a 30% coverage of protected areas, of which one third is 'strictly' protected, by 2030.

The Baltic Sea Action Plan 2030:

to establish a resilient, regionally coherent, effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected system of HELCOM marine protected areas (MPAs), supported by those other spatial conservation measures.

The Baltic Sea Regional MSP Roadmap 2030:

to update the EBA-guidelines based on shared experiences in national application of the ecosystem-based approach in MSP;

to achieve better understanding of how MSP can contribute to the achievement of GES and other conservation targets;

Investigate the linkage between environmental and social-economic dimensions through an ecosystem services analysis with cross-border MSP perspective.

The EU SBSR Policy Area Spatial Planning: to support efficient cooperation between planners and environmentalists as well as respective HELCOM subsidiary bodies.



Themes

1. MSP's contribution to the establishing and maintaining a coherent MPAs network - an example of eMSP study case on MSP and MPAs.
2. The role of MSP in overall progress towards GES (opportunities and limits) – an example of eMSP study case on MSP and GES.
3. International framework for ecosystem-based approach in MSP – recommendations based on good EBA practices in MSP and gap-analysis.
4. MSP for sustainable blue economy –environmental, social and economic dimensions of highly developed sea areas (a concept of “maripark”) in transboundary context; nature inclusive design.

Timetable

	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun	15-Jun
9:00 - 10:00	Arrivals	Setting the scene Session	Theme: Ecosystem-based approach	Theme: MSP for Sustainable blue economy
10:00 - 11:00		Theme: Coherent conservation network		
11:00 - 12:00			Lunch	Lunch
12:00 - 13:00				
13:00 - 14:00		Lunch	Wrap-Up Session	Theme: MSP for Sustainable blue economy
14:00 - 15:00		Theme: Towards GES	Excursion (details will be provided)	
15:00 - 16:00				
16:00 - 17:00			Dinner (details will be provided)	Departures
17:00 - 18:00				

Expectations

- Demonstrate MSP related processes and means to facilitate coherence of protected areas and other spatial conservation measures.
- Identify environmental pressures which can be managed by MSP and respective indicators illustrating changes in the state of the marine environment.
- Develop provisional recommendations to advance international framework for EBA in MSP applicable for both the North and Baltic seas including climate change related issues.
- Demonstrate how MariPark can contribute to a good environmental status:
 - Ideas on mechanisms for integration the ecosystem approach in a MariPark.
 - Reflection on relations between MariParks and MPAs coherence.
- Explore the potential of nature-inclusive design of offshore infrastructure to create net positive environmental impact and identify key indicators & monitoring schemes that can be managed. Spatial aspect: contribute to nature restoration outside economic zones; effects of individual turbines and zonal effects; degrees of impact/contribution.
- Facilitate dialog between HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG and HELCOM Biodiversity WG (other relevant HELCOM bodies).
- Enhance cooperation and knowledge transfer between eMSP and MSP4BIO projects.



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Registration will be opened next week 13-17.03.

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