

European Green Deal through the eyes of MSP in the Baltic Sea Region

Regional sea-basin workshop in the framework of EMFAF programme 2021 -2027 project MSP-GREEN*

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The **MSP-GREEN project** contributes to align Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) to the ambition of the European Green Deal (EGD) by creating a framework for maritime spatial plans to become marine enablers of the EGD. The framework provides a cross-cutting approach by considering six key topics relevant for marine environment and sustainable transition of blue economy: climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation, sustainable seafood production, marine biodiversity protection, blue circular economy and zero pollution. Recommendations on how to strengthen the EGD ambition of EU MSP plans are one of the main outcomes of the project, drafted by project partners and additional experts (<https://mospgreen.eu/>).

To present and discuss the MSP-GREEN recommendations on a macro-regional basin level, several dedicated workshops are organised. Taking place on September 17th 2024 in Rīga (Latvia), **the Baltic Sea Basin Workshop "European Green Deal through the eyes of MSP in Baltic Sea Region"** aims to present and discuss the carried-out recommendations to reflect on regional specificities and identify relevant topics, actions, and priorities to be taken into consideration. The workshop is organised by the Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development of Latvia in collaboration with project's Baltic Sea Region partnership.

We look forward to your participation in making this event rewarding!

AGENDA

Main event venue: Hilton Garden Inn Hotel (Grēcinieku 25, Riga Old Town)

11:30 -12:00	Morning coffee and registration
Event moderator: Margarita Vološina (Visions and Strategies around the Baltic Sea - VASAB)	
12:00	The 1st wave: Opening session
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening words <i>Kristīne Kedo (Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development of Latvia - MoSARD)</i> Introduction on MSP-GREEN project: Why there is a necessity to align the European Green Deal (EGD) objectives with the national maritime spatial plan (MSP) developments? <i>Annija Danenbergā (MoSARD)</i> MSP&EGD thematic icebreaker activity <i>Anete Bērziņa (MoSARD)</i> 	
12:30	The 2nd wave: Baltic Sea Region country perspective on Maritime Spatial Plans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video presentation “Maritime Spatial Planning as enabler of the European Green Deal: A Baltic Sea basin lens” (organised in the framework of MSP-GREEN project) Panel discussion “Baltic Sea Region (BSR) MSP status and country context-specific issues in relation to the maritime EGD” <p>Panel moderator: <i>Margarita Vološina (VASAB)</i> Panellists: <i>Bettina Käppeler (Germany), Jan Schmidbauer Crona (Sweden), Kamil Rybka (Poland), Kristīne Kedo (Latvia), Mari Pohja-Mykrä (Finland), Paulius Kliučininkas (Lithuania)</i></p>	
13:15	Lunch
14:00	The 3rd wave: Basin identity and regional maritime EGD challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop break-out group session with an aim to reflect on regional specificities and identify key challenges in MSP at the Baltic Sea basin level, given perspectives of e.g. (1) Marine geography/biophysical considerations. (2) Governance and policy. (3) Maritime culture and regional communication narratives. 	
14:45	The 4th wave: Adapting MSP-GREEN recommendations to sea basin specificities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation “Adapting MSP-GREEN recommendations to Baltic Sea Region” <i>Vesa Arki (The Regional Council of Southwest Finland, National MSP Coordination)</i> Workshop break-out group session on the recommendations from a sea basin perspective <p><i>Given the identification of key EGD MSP challenges relevant for the BSR, applicable recommendations are selected.</i></p>	
15:45	Coffee break
16:00	The 5th wave: Way forward
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation “Communicating maritime EGD: Enabling elements of a green transition in the marine domain” <i>Annija Danenbergā (MoSARD)</i> Workshop break-out group session towards actions enabling maritime EGD in the BSR <p><i>Based upon pinpointed challenges and recommendations selected, the final workshop session aims to set potential actions that may enable MSP alignment to the ambition of the EGD in relevance to the BSR.</i></p>	
16:45 – 17:00	Workshop session result presentations & Closing remarks
18:00 - 20:00	After-event networking with a thematic site visit: On the Riga Canal and Daugava boat cruise’s, with a meeting point <i>11. novembra krastmala</i>

