

## Where to find more information?

Find more information on the Pan Baltic Scope website, as well as **recommendations** for developing economic and social analyses in MSP, and a **background report** on assessing economic, social, cultural and ecosystem service impacts in MSP.

[www.panbalticscope.eu](http://www.panbalticscope.eu)



## About Pan Baltic Scope (PBS)

Co-funded by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, the Pan Baltic Scope project (2018-2019) is an international collaboration of planning authorities and regional organizations, created to strengthen the knowledge and enhance transboundary cooperation in maritime spatial planning (MSP).

### What PBS tries to achieve



**Coherent national maritime spatial planning in the Baltic Sea region.**

### Project partners

Under the lead of the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management



# Understanding how the sea affects our well-being

**Developing economic and social analyses in maritime spatial planning (MSP)**



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## Pan Baltic Scope: What has been done on economic and social analyses?

Pan Baltic Scope has produced recommendations on developing a framework for economic and social analyses in maritime spatial planning (MSP), outlining principles, practical aspects and data and resource needs. The recommendations are useful for advancing the assessment of economic, social, cultural and ecosystem service impacts in MSP regionally and nationally.

The work built on:

- previous HELCOM projects that developed frameworks and results for economic and social analyses of the marine environment,
- a review of contemporary literature of assessing economic, social, cultural and ecosystem service impacts, and
- a survey to MSP experts on existing approaches and data used in national MSP in the Baltic Sea region.

## Why consider economic and social aspects of MSP?

Maritime spatial planning (MSP) has many impacts on the economy, marine environment and human well-being. Economic and social analyses provide a set of tools to examine the importance and value of these impacts, and possible trade-offs and synergies between them.

At present, there are gaps in methods, knowledge and resources for assessing economic, social, cultural and ecosystem service impacts for MSP in the Baltic Sea Region.

## What are the benefits of assessing economic and social impacts of MSP?

More comprehensive economic and social analyses increase understanding of the trade-offs between alternative spatial plans, different sea uses and ecosystem services, as well as links between activities, ecosystem services, environmental status and human well-being, and improve the comparability of different impacts. They are needed to obtain overall picture of the effects that spatial plans have on the environment and society.

Inclusion of economic and social analyses in MSP advances the implementation of the ecosystem-based approach by providing information on the linkages between the ecosystem and socio-economic system.

Developing a framework for the economic and social analyses in MSP for the Baltic Sea region can enhance regional cooperation and coherency of methods, approaches and outputs across countries, as well as aid national and other authorities in their work. Region-level approaches and results may be usable nationally and locally.

