

PASPS project

WORK PLAN of PA Spatial Planning (2025-2026)

Work Package 1: Support to Policy Area Spatial Planning Coordination

No	Activity	Output	Timeframe	Responsible partner
GoA 1: Strengthening spatial resilience and territorial cohesion in the BSR through land-based spatial planning				
1.1.	Assistance and coordination to ensure linkages between both SGs of the PA SP: VASAB CSPD/BSR & HELCOM VASAB MSP WG			
1.1.1.	Assistance and coordination between the two SG	Preparation of materials upon need	<i>Continuous</i>	VASAB Secretariat
1.1.2.	Ensuring information exchange between EUSBSR and SG	Reporting main issues to SG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular EUSBSR reports 	Continuous	VASAB Secretariat
1.1.3.	Communication and exchange with key relevant projects and ESPON network to ensure linkages and knowledge transfer on their progress and engaging them in PA work.	Reporting main outcomes to SGs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular EUSBSR reports Presentations from key projects Sharing project knowledge in PA relevant events, activities	Continuous	VASAB Secretariat
1.2.	Contribution to VASAB VISION 2040			
1.2.1.	Assistance in VASAB VISION 2040 update	Contribution to the update process Participation in events	2025-2026	VASAB Secretariat
1.2.2.	Assistance in VASAB VISION 2040 Implementation	Supporting development of work plan 2027-2028 Assisting application to external funds to organize Young Planners' Summer School in 2026	2025-2026 2025	VASAB Secretariat
1.2.3.	Support to activities as part of the Estonian and Polish Chairmanships	Workshops and webinars according to Chairmanship priorities	2025-2026	VASAB Secretariat

		Webinar on national level spatial planning during Estonian Chairmanship	2025	
GoA 2: Building a sound basis for Maritime Spatial Planning process applying the ecosystem-based approach.				
2.1.	Strengthening regional knowledge base and policy framework for ecosystem-based approach in MSP			
2.1.1.	Support of the implementation of selected activities of the Regional MSP Roadmap (2021-2030)	Background documents conveying policy messages and other project outputs related to the Roadmap's activities to HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG and other relevant stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the Regional MSP Roadmap. A draft revised version of the of the Guideline on ecosystem-based approach in MSP.	<i>Continuous</i> 2026	VASAB & HELCOM Secretariats
2.1.2	Strengthening regional policy coherence.	Regular background documents supporting consideration of key regional policies connected to MSP (e.g. the BSAP, VASAB VISION 2040, Regional MSP Roadmap, EU Green Deal, Biodiversity Strategy, Restoration Law, Sustainable Blue Economy, Climate change, Clean Energy etc). Organization of cross-sectorial dialog in the frame of MSP Forum 2025. Increase policy coherence in relation to nature conservation and biodiversity mainstreaming in MSP.	<i>Continuous</i> 2025 2026	VASAB & HELCOM Secretariats
2.1.2.	Support regional follow-up of MSP implementation	Maintaining of the operational follow-up mechanism for regional MSP development with the involvement of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG.	<i>Continuous</i>	HELCOM Secretariat with support from VASAB Secretariat

		Support of interim assessment of the Regional MSP Roadmap implementation.	2025	
		Draft proposals for regional recommendations on monitoring and evaluation of MSP implementation	2027	
2.2.	Supporting BSR MSP Data ESG			
2.2.1	Technical assistance in organization of BSR MSP Data ESG work	Arrangement of BSR MSP Data ESG meetings twice a year, providing linkages with MSP data related projects and facilitation regular communication between BSR MSP Data ESG and HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	<i>Continuous</i>	HELCOM Secretariat with support from VASAB Secretariat
2.2.2	Steering the use and developments of HELCOM Basemaps service	The BSR MSP Data ESG acting as “steering group” for the Basemaps Service: identification of future development needs, harmonization with national developments, relevant projects and other initiatives (e.g. EU TEG on data for MSP, etc.)	<i>Continuous</i>	HELCOM Secretariat with support from VASAB Secretariat
GoA 3: Establishment of a support platform for land-based spatial planners and maintenance of MSP dialog platform (*Built on the GoA 1 and GoA 2 outputs)				
3.1	Establishment of ‘Planners Forum’ - a cooperation/support platform for land-based spatial planners of all governance levels to strengthen territorial cohesion in BSR	Contribution to proposal for macro-regional working mechanism for land-based spatial planners Organization and participation in events to engage local and regional land-based spatial planners	2025-2026	VASAB Secretariat with the involvement of HELCOM Secretariat
3.2.	Planners` Forum as platform for the dialog between MSP practitioners	Arrangement of regular planners’ meetings at least twice a year Meetings' reports documenting current state of regional MSP, enlisting knowledge gaps and stocktaking project needs. Conveying information flow between the Planners’ Forum, HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG, VASAB CSPD/BSR,	Continuous	VASAB Secretariat with the involvement of HELCOM Secretariat in relation to information exchange

		BSR MSP Data ESG, other HELCOM subsidiary bodies and relevant ongoing projects.		
3.3.	Synthesis and capitalization on project outcomes	<p>Transfer of knowledge contributing to cohesion of spatial planning in the region.</p> <p>An overview of the project's contribution to the implementation of regional commitments related to Spatial Planning (land-based planning; MSP and land-sea interaction).</p> <p>Engaging with Interreg BSR Project Platforms</p>	<p>Continuous</p> <p>2027</p> <p>2025-2026</p>	VASAB & HELCOM Secretariat
GoA 4: Communication with stakeholders, PA SP promotion and visibility.				
4.1.	Bilateral consultations with PACs and other relevant stakeholders on integrated VASAB VISION 2040 and EUSBSR PA SP implementation.	<p>Bilateral and multilateral meetings to enhance integration of the VASAB VISION 2040 and EUSBSR.</p> <p>Proposals on the implementation of VASAB VISION 2040 aligned with EUSBSR Action Plan</p>	Continuous	VASAB Secretariat
4.2	Support of cross-sectorial dialog with other PAs on the implementation of key policy priorities to ensure sustainable development of the region.	<p>Organization and participation in thematic events in the frame of Annual EUSBSR Forums.</p> <p>Promotion of cross-sectorial dialog with involvement of relevant stakeholders on the issues related to nature conservation and restauration, energy transition, navigation safety, food security, sustainable tourism, and other.</p> <p>Support cross-regional cooperation (e.g. with GNSBI, other EU macro-regions) and cooperation with European organizations to facilitate transfer of relevant knowledge and practices.</p>	Continuous	VASAB & HELCOM Secretariat

4.3	Visibility and promotion of PA	<p>Promotion of the key PA's achievements and activities on relevant events (presentations, information/exhibition booth, video, etc.) and in professional networks.</p> <p>Ensuring visibility of PA's activities and regional policy impact of the outcomes through: -informative materials on PA work – thematic publications for VASAB Newsletters; -promo materials (brochure, leaflets, etc.); -presence in social media and maintenance of web pages (EUSBSR, VASAB, HELCOM).</p> <p>Sharing information on relevant project outputs among stakeholders through various communication channels.</p>	<p>Continuous</p> <p>Regular PA SP brochure update prepared by VASAB</p> <p>Continuous</p>	<p>VASAB & HELCOM Secretariat</p>
4.4	Ensuring information flow and exchange with the Baltic Sea Strategy Point.	<p>Regular exchange with Baltic Sea Strategy Point</p> <p>Regular reporting of PA Steering Group's outcomes</p> <p>Regular EUSBSR reports</p> <p>Participation in EUSBSR internal activities</p> <p>Regular publications for EUSBSR Newsletter</p>	<p>Continuous</p>	<p>VASAB Secretariat</p> <p>VASAB & HELCOM Secretariat</p>
GoA 5: Project idea generation and development				
5.1.	Support of project initiatives through networking and organization of discussions on perspective project ideas with relevant stakeholders and within Steering Groups seeking for validation	<p>An overview of project ideas generated, and organizations involved in the development of those ideas.</p> <p>Assistance in identification of relevant partners for project consortiums enhancing regional component of planned projects.</p>	<p>Continuous</p>	<p>VASAB & HELCOM Secretariat</p>



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		Assuring policy relevance of the project ideas to increase regional policy impact of potential outcomes. Organization of targeted events to facilitate the development of perspective project ideas.		
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