

MSP Planners' Forum

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About MSP Planners' Forum

- MSP Planners' Forum is a practical and informal **dissemination and collaboration platform** supporting ongoing national and regional MSP processes and implementation of MSP policy for national-level MSP practitioners.
- During MSP Planners' Forum meetings participants discuss **pressing MSP issues, knowledge gaps and future MSP project needs**.
- MSP Planners' Forum meetings are held **twice a year**; each focused on a **topic chosen by the participants**.



Short history

- MSP Planners' Forum started during **Pan Baltic Scope** project, continued during **Capacity4MSP** project platform. Currently it is facilitated by **VASAB Secretariat** within **PASPS** project.
- So far there have been **6 MSP Planners' Forum meetings** held online and in-person, focusing on:
 - Offshore wind development & MSP
 - European Green Deal & MSP
 - Multi-use & co-existence in MSP
 - Cumulative impacts in MSP
 - Maritime defence



Participants

- Representative(s) of **each BSR country national-level MSP institution**:
 - Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
 - Ministry of Environment / Finland
 - Danish Maritime Authority
 - Government of Åland
 - Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH) / Germany
 - Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development / Latvia
 - Ministry of Environment / Lithuania
 - Ministry of Infrastructure / Poland
 - Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM)
- **VASAB & HELCOM representatives**
- **EU MSP Platform representative**
- Invited guests



Participant experience

- Insight from **Elin Celik, Analyst of Marine Spatial Planning at SwAM**, long-term MSP Planners' Forum participant
 - What does MSP Planners' Forum mean for you?
 - What are the benefits of participating in MSP Planners' Forum?
 - Why is it important for you to listen to other countries' insights and experience and share yours?



Thank you!

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