

Synthesis workshop: Nature conservation and maritime spatial planning – let's talk a common language

30–31 March 2026

Time: The workshop will start at 14.00 CET 30.03.2026 and close at 16.00 CET 31.03.2026.

Place: In the premises of the Gdynia Maritime University, Maritime Institute, Roberta de Plelo 20, Gdańsk: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/QBJrH9fcL6cm5PBg7>

Format: The workshop is focused on personal participation; however, involvement of online participants will be provided at feasible level.

Organizers: NESB project

Anticipated support: EUSBSR PA Spatial Planning, HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG, GNSBI, North Seas MSP Collaboration Group.

Anticipated contribution from projects: MEDIGREEN, Protect Baltic, SEABAS, ReMAP, HELCOM HOLAS and others.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Provisional themes:

1. Let's talk a common language
Common living terminological platform for the North and Baltic Seas and beyond.
2. Development without damage.
How MSP can support nature conservation and restoration, and mitigate potential impacts?
3. Joint effort to reduce joint pressure.
CIA in strategic planning – perspectives, boundary conditions and uncertainties.

30 March 2026

14.00-
17.30
(CET)

Welcoming and setting the scene.

Session 1: Let's talk a common language.

Key presentations by projects developing specific vocabularies – NESBp, tbc.

Discussion:

What is the demand for the glossary from the North and Baltic Sea countries?

What is the preferable status of such a terminological platform?

What is the vision of its structure and content?

What are feasible technical solutions for maintaining, updating and administering?

Wrap up: initial ideas for the goals and purposes of the vocabulary; a platform design; further steps; potential cooperation; how intergovernmental organizations (e.g. HELCOM, GNSBI) would uptake NESB project outputs.

Dinner

31 March 2026

09.00-
16.00
(CET)

Session 2: Development without damage.

Key presentations reflecting urgent needs in restoration and conservation measures; an overview of conservation measures and mitigation actions in European sea basins – NESBp, tbc.

Discussion:

Which nature conservation measures fall under MSP remit?

What are practical means to support restoration in MSP?

	<p>How does MSP help mitigate potential impacts?</p> <p><i>Wrap up:</i> practical recommendations on solutions to support nature conservation and restoration in MSP; how to integrate mitigation measures in national plans; what should be changed in MSP to make it an effective tool for energy transition and protection of the marine biodiversity.</p>
	<p><i>Lunch break</i></p>
	<p><i>Session 3: Joint effort to reduce joint pressure.</i></p> <p><i>Key presentations reflecting state of the art in CIA application for MSP; scoping CIA practices – NESBp, ReMAP, SEABAS tbc</i></p> <p><i>Discussion:</i></p> <p>Approaches to translation of human activities (sea use in MSP) into impacts?</p> <p>What are uncertainties of the application of CIA in MSP?</p> <p>What is the potential of scenario-based approach for CIA in MSP?</p> <p><i>Wrap up:</i> Practical recommendations on building sea use-pressure-impact matrix; scenario-based strategic planning to address uncertainties; perspectives to integrate regional and national CIAs; legal and policy instruments to support CIA; connection to nature conservation, restoration and mitigation measures; potential to use scenario-based approaches.</p> <p><i>Closing workshop & Fairwell.</i></p>



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