

Questions on multi-level and multi-sector stakeholder involvement of the aquaculture sector

Those questions shall be regarded as a starting point to our discussion at the Aquaculture Workshop in Gdansk on 16th April – participants are kindly asked to consider them before the meeting.

Thank you for your efforts and time!

1. Have the workshop participants read the BaltSeaPlan Vision 2030 sections provided to them? Do they agree with the statements made about their sector? Do they agree to the concept of spatial connectivity? Do they agree to the concept of spatial efficiency? Do they agree that a pan-Baltic approach to their concerns is important?
2. Expectations of the sector towards MSP. Why MSP is important for them. What are their expectations? fears? hopes?
3. What are the plans for sector development in next seven years i.e. up to 2020. What are the targets? Do the Baltic targets exist? Or are there only national targets? In what documents those targets have been specified? Or maybe there are no national targets?
4. How much space does the given sector need in the coming seven years up to 2020? Have they thought about this issue? Can they estimate it? What are the particular characteristics of the space required? Do they need scientific support to answer the question on necessary space?
5. Which ecological and/or economic factors are important for the development of their sector / theme ? Which type of other factors are important for the development of their sector / theme?
6. What kind of economic role / influence has the sector / topic on the pan-Baltic region, national, regional level? Which level is most effected?
7. What governance solutions does the sector perceive as the most important for its future development? What are the levels of government important for development of a given sector? What should be their general tasks to support development of the given sector development. What is the “must” in terms of new law, institutions, administration routines in order to ensure development of a given sector in BSR?
8. With what other sectors might the synergies be obtained? What are the conditions facilitating co-use of space of the given sector with other sectors.

9. What are the main conflicts the sectors perceive in relation to its development? Which of these conflicts are of spatial dimension? Are these conflict with other sectors? with governance system? with financial system? What kind of (spatial) solutions can they imagine? i.e. buffer zones, temporal zoning, etc.
10. Is coherent and consistent approach towards MSP between sea and land important for the sector's competitiveness? Why? To what extent? Which areas are most important (metropolises, cities or rural areas)?
11. How does the sector wish to be consulted by maritime spatial planners. At what stage? What type of representatives? national? regional? Baltic? What should be avoided during consultation?
12. Who else should be involved in the process? With which sectors or other representatives would it be important for them to meet in order to foster synergies and/or solve potential conflicts?
13. Would it be helpful to establish joint criteria for MSP at pan-Baltic level for the identification and allocation of space for the given use? What type of areas & zones should be established in order to express best the interest of the sector / topic?
14. Is the sector / topic more of an MSP (spatial planning) or ICZM (management plan) issue?
15. What kind of data/information would the sector / topic see as necessary in order to make a knowledge based decision on their concerns for MSP? Which type of data / information is readily available? What kind of knowledge is missing and needs to be developed?
16. Does the sector see a need of having its Pan-Baltic representation?