Minimum requirements for transnational Maritime Spatial Planning

Co-financed under European Integrated Maritime Policy
Aims of Plan Bothnia

Involve regional and national actors

- Five dedicated meetings

Phase I: Assessment and background information

- Assessment document and compiling GIS datasets

Phase II: Spatial Plan

- Test drafting of a MSP Plan based on Phase I

18 month-project
2010-2012
Budget 0.5M €, financed by DG MARE
Minimum requirements-consultation study

Done externally as a consultant study - Not a direct outcome of the Plan Bothnia Project

Contributing to the work package “Region-wide recommendations on minimum requirements for MSP systems”

http://planbothnia.org/documents/
First minimum requirement: A common understanding of key principles

HELCOM-VASAB
Joint Working group on MSP

10 Principles for planning

Tested in Plan Bothnia Project

The role, scope and aim of MSP
Minimum requirements for the Legal Framework in the Baltic Sea states:

- Designating responsible authorities
- Issues to be resolved
- Legal effect of the plan
- Participation process requirements
- Monitoring requirements
- Timeframe for updating and revising the plan

Preparatory action on MSP

Plan Bothnia did not aim to legal adoption but the plan was built according to existing and forthcoming legal frameworks.

The new proposal for MSP & ICZM directive!
Minimum requirement for transnational Institutions

Pan-Baltic Planning

+ Transnational technical level coordinating body
  
  Working group drafting common methods and contents for MSP

+ Transnational ministerial coordinating body
  
  To agree on minimum requirements, methods and contents proposed by Technical level coordinating body
Minimum requirements for plan preparation

Assessment

- **Objectives**
  - Area, Issues to be resolved, responsibilities

- **Agreement on general information needs**
  - Physical & environmental, Human uses, Socio-Economic, Policies and legal background

- **Transnational exchange of information on intentions, interests, environmental requirements**

- **Agreement on main topics with transnational relevance**
  - fisheries, shipping, wind farming, nature conservation etc
Minimum requirements for planning and consultation phase:

Zoning

General use area
   No priority
Priority use area
   Priority for certain type of activity
Restricted access area
   Restriction for certain type of activity
Targeted management area
   Additional management plan
Common Legend: Common symbols and colors
INTEREST MAP
MARINE TRAFFIC

SHIPPING TRAFFIC
WINTER 2010*

* Two first weeks of February
Heavy ice condition
Minimum requirements for the Post-Approval Phase

- Granting permits based on the plan: Consultation of relevant countries when permitting activities with Cross-Border implications
- Monitoring: Common performance indicators? Minimum requirement: Inventory of all available data
- Consultation with involved countries for updating and revising the plan
- Training and lessons learned
Conclusions from practical point of view

- Area-based information can be scarce: Noting the gaps is important.
- Compatibility of the planning systems and a common legend for planning is a crucial point to address.
- Definition for ecosystem-based management.
- Monitoring & adaptive planning: relatively minor changes can have major impacts on MSP.
Thank you for your attention

Questions?

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