

# Invitation to workshop: Climate Change Adaptations and Maritime Spatial Planning in the Baltic Sea

**Tuesday 14th of May 2013**  
**9.00 AM-4.00 PM**  
in Skanör, Falsterbo Peninsula,  
30 km from Malmö, Sweden  
Hotel Gässlingen conference rooms,

**Monday 13th of May – dinner and mingle (5PM-8PM)**  
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**Host: Region Skåne**

**Maritime Spatial Planning** is commonly understood as a public process for analyzing and planning the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities in sea areas to achieve economic, environmental and social objectives. It is a tool to coordinate physical use and protection of the sea in all its dimensions, to balance the existing interests and to secure a sustainable use of the resources of the sea. Numerous countries throughout the Baltic Sea Region have already started processes to establish Maritime Spatial Planning within their own countries. With the launch of the **Framework Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Management** in March 2013 this process is expected to gain even more importance in the near future.

**PartiSEApate** is an EU project that focuses on establishing a **pan-Baltic dialogue** between planners and the whole range of diverse stakeholders that need to cooperate in maritime spatial planning. The aim is to develop a better understanding of how maritime spatial planning can actually help to mitigate conflicts and create synergies among the various players involved and to create a potentially ongoing forum for such kind of pan-Baltic dialogues.

This workshop **aims** specifically at the implications of climate change on the sea and coastal areas for maritime spatial planning (MSP):

Which marine / maritime uses might be most affected by climate change?

What are possible effects of climate change on important habitats & biota?

What kind of coastal protection measures are foreseen to be necessary in the future?

What kind of strategies exists/should be developed at pan-Baltic as well as national / regional level on climate change adaptation?

## Purpose:

The main purposes of the workshop are, within the field of maritime and coastal spatial planning to:

- give an introduction with focus on implications of climate change adaptation strategies on MSP,
- increase awareness about, as well as formulate the importance of, marine spatial planning for stakeholders, their role and perspective,
- identify considerations to be taken into account in planning process,
- identify relevant climate change models planners needs to take into account,
- identify main issues for collaboration on a pan-Baltic level,
- learn about the specific perspectives and roles of different player dealing with coastal/marine climate change adaptations in the Baltic Sea area
- create a good basis for upcoming processes and partnerships
- develop a concept for dialogue and support between climate change researchers & planners as well as other stakeholders
- contribute to recommendations on future development of MSPs around the BSR.

**Target Groups of the workshop are:** competent authorities for climate change adaptation measures; user groups affected by climate change; nature conservation groups; climate change researchers, policymakers, politicians.

## Online registration:

[www.partiseapate.eu](http://www.partiseapate.eu)

## For more information:

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**Rooms:** Prebooked at Gässlingen Hotell, please contact on your own (see practical information!)

**Day 1** (13<sup>th</sup> of May) We would like to invite you to an **informal dinner and mingle** for those who are interested (5 PM – 8 PM). Separate registration required. You will then also have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful location at sunset...

**Day 2** (14<sup>th</sup> of May) the program will consist of **presentations** alternating with **discussions** of prioritized issues.

### Presentations:

- Introduction to the day and information about the project PartiSEApate (Peter Askman, Region Skåne and Henrik Nilsson, World Maritime University)
- Introduction on the current state of maritime spatial planning in the EU, MSP directive, Blue Growth Strategy (EU-Commission)
- Climate change effects in the Baltic Sea Region – what do we know?  
Latest forecast (Sten Bergström, The Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute, SMHI)
- Implications of climate change on ecosystems in the Baltic Sea (Holger Janßen, Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research, IOW, Warnemünde).
- Considerations on a pan-Baltic strategy on climate change adaptations (Lotta Andersson, SMHI/BaltAdapt)

### Issues for discussions in smaller groups (preliminary)

- What are your stakes concerning climate change adaption and MSP?
- How shall maritime spatial planners around the Baltic Sea Region take climate change effects into account?
- What kind of instruments are available for planners, where are the gaps?
- What are the spatial implications of climate change adaptation measures?
- What are the options for a pan-Baltic approach/macro-regional agreements?
- What should a strategy include, enhancing climate change adaptation collaboration in the Baltic Sea region?