

Expert Workshop
Learning from Maritime Spatial Planning in the Baltic Sea Region
Taking the BaltSeaPlan Experience a step beyond....

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Date: 20th March 2013

Location: Hanse-Office, Avenue Palmerston 20, 1000 Brussels

Agenda

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| 11:00 | Registration – Coffee served |
| 11:15 | Welcome to the Workshop, Dr. Thomas Engelke, Hanse-Office |

From the concept of MSP to the implementation of MSPs...

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| Moderator: | Dr. Kai Trümpler, Head of Section Maritime Spatial Planning,
Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency, Germany / BaltSeaPlan Lead Partner |
| 11:25 | Integrated Maritime Policy and Blue Growth as part of the programme of the
Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2013,
Eugene Nixon, Marine Institute, Ireland, Section Manager Marine Spatial Planning |
| 11:35 | Twelve Years of Promoting Maritime Spatial Planning in the Baltic Sea Region:
From the VASAB Wismar Declaration 2001 to the current status of MSP in the countries around the
Baltic Sea Region – an inventory
Prof. Jacek Zaucha, University of Gdansk, Former Deputy Head of VASAB Secretariat |
| 11:50 | Going through the full MSP Planning Cycle:
Experiences and lessons learned from the eight BaltSeaPlan MSP Pilot Projects
Kira Gee, Author of BaltSeaPlan Vision 2030 / BaltSeaPlan Findings |
| 12:15 | Discussion |
| 13:00 | Lunch Break |

From National MSPs to an MSP Sea-Basin Approach...

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| Moderator: | Axel Wenblad, Former Director General Swedish Board of Fisheries and
Government Commissioner on Marine Spatial Planning, Gothenburg, Sweden |
| 14:00 | Promoting the introduction of MSP across European sea-basins:
Towards an ICZM/MSP Framework Directive and beyond
Haitze Siemers, DG MARE, Head of Unit E1 “Maritime Policy, Baltic and North Sea” |
| 14:20 | Necessary Common Minimum Requirements of MSPs:
Content, tools, modes of co-operation and structures of decision-making
Dr. Bernhard Heinrichs, Vice President of the Academy for Spatial Research and Planning, Former
General Director of the State Planning Department in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern |
| 14:35 | “Think Baltic – act regionally”:
Next steps on the path towards sustainable planning of Baltic sea space
Angela Schultz-Zehden, sustainable-projects s.Pro GmbH, project coordinator BaltSeaPlan &
PartiSEApate / author of BaltSeaPlan Findings |
| 15:00 | Discussion |
| 15:45 | End of Workshop – Coffee served |

The Expert Workshop builds on the experience of past and on-going initiatives for MSP in the Baltic Sea:

Multi-level Governance in MSP throughout the Baltic Sea Region – PartiSEAPate (2012-2014), is a BSR Programme funded project, which aims to develop:

- a pan-Baltic approach for those topics whose spatial dimension transcend national borders
- a concept for a MSP institutional framework and governance model which shall provide input to policy decision
- recommendations on the cross-border consultation process for MSP

BaltSeaPlan (2009-2012) was a EU BSR Programme funded project, carried out by 14 partners from seven BSR countries. It accompanied the EU Integrated Maritime Policy by supporting the introduction of and preparation of National Maritime Strategies within the BSR. The “BaltSeaPlan Vision 2030: Towards the sustainable planning of Baltic Sea space”, which has been acknowledged by the VASAB CSPD, lays out a possible roadmap on steps to be taken between now and 2030 in order to achieve a jointly agreed framework on MSP in the Baltic Sea Region. The BaltSeaPlan “Recommendations for a MSP Data Model, Data Exchange and Good Governance” show the steps, which need to be taken, in order to reach a satisfactory information basis for MSP to be undertaken at national and transnational level within the BSR.

Plan Bothnia (2010-2012) was an applied MSP project funded by the EU Commission DG MARE. It brought together seven partners comprising Swedish and Finnish authorities, HELCOM and VASAB, for the purpose of testing ecosystem-based, transboundary spatial planning in the Bothnian Sea. Within the project VASAB experts developed “Necessary common minimum requirements for MSP in the Baltic Sea” and identified “MSP best practices in the BSR and other European maritime regions”.

The HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group is a joint co-chaired Working Group on Maritime Spatial Planning, launched in October 2010 by the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM) and the Vision and Strategies around the Baltic Sea (VASAB) Committee on Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region (CSPD/BSR). The Working Group was established to ensure cooperation among the Baltic Sea Region countries for coherent regional MSP processes in the Baltic Sea.

