MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE
IN MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING
THROUGHOUT THE BALTIC SEA REGION

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Multi-Level-Governance in Maritime Spatial Planning

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Background

- **BaltSeaPlan / BaltSeaPlan Findings:**
  - 8 MSP Pilot Projects: Stocktake, Conflict Analysis, Planning Tools, Draft Plans, etc.
  - Policy Analysis, Pan-Baltic Trends → Gaps in Maritime Policy
  - Special Reports & Tools: Models, Data, Fishery, Stakeholders in MSP
- **Countries:**
  - Sweden: Creation of Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
  - Lithuania: Extension of the Lithuanian General Plan to EEZ
  - Latvia: Legislation on MSP passed
- **Pan-Baltic Developments:**
  - BaltSeaPlan Vision 2030 & Data Recommendations
  - Necessary Common Minimum Requirements for MSP in the Baltic Sea (Plan Bothnia)
  - Continuous work of HELCOM-VASAB cooperation
  - VASAB Ministerial Conference → September 2014
  - Bonus MSP Research Call → 2013
- **EU Initiatives → BSR reactions?**
  - MSP Directive & Blue Growth
  - New programming 2014-2020

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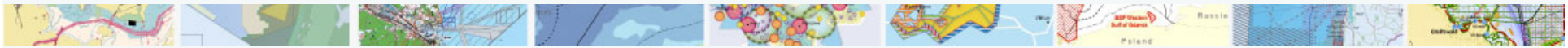
Problems to be adressed



- **Lack of cross-sectoral thinking** in some sectors (i.e. like shipping) - feel threatened by MSP
  → establish dialogue

- **Topics missing on current MSP agenda** and/or no appropriate instruments (i.e. cultural heritage, fishery, combined uses with wind farms AND climate change !)
  → dialogue, research, tools

- **Pan-Baltic perspectives** in national maritime policies on *environment, *fisheries, *maritime transport & *energy related structures (i.e. SuperGRID, Ports & Motorways of Sea, Blue corridors) to be planned on a transnational basis
  → pan-Baltic dialogue on transnational priorities

- **Streamline Transnational MSP consultations**
  → Gain practical experience & develop & test instruments

- **Ecosystem based approach in MSP** – accepted but difficult to be realised unless good knowledge of the sea, trends and combined impacts
  → Strengthen cooperation with research and among data networks

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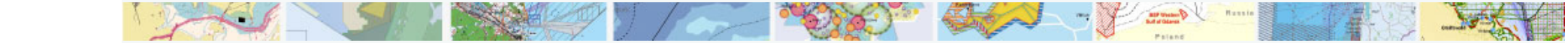
Application – Basic Facts



- Duration: Sept 2012 - Sept 2014
- Budget: 1.043.015 €
- 11 Partners:
  - Maritime Institute Gdansk (PL)
  - Maritime Office n Gdynia (PL)
  - Maritime Office Szczecin (PL)
  - VASAB Secretariat (LV)
  - Baltic Environmental Forum (LV)
  - Latvian Institute for Aquatic Ecology (LV)
  - Klaipeda University – Coastal Research and Planning Institute (LT)
  - Region Skane (SE)
  - Swedish Agency for Marine & Water Management (SE)
  - Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (DE)
  - Institute of Marine Research (NO)

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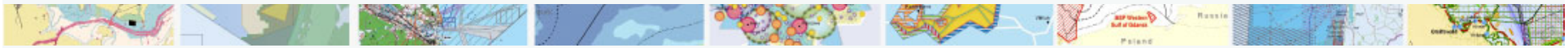

Communicate "Findings / Recommendations"

- involve stakeholders around the Baltic Sea Region
- move outside MSP expert circles - dialogue with
  - Sectors (shipping, fishery, offshore wind, aquaculture, etc.)
  - Nature Protection
  - Researchers, data experts / holders / networks
  - Local / regional level - all BSR

Build on "Findings / Recommendations"

- Develop / agree on possible solutions:
  - Methods & Tools for MSP consultations processes
  - At all levels, esp. local-national, cross-border
  - Pilot Projects: Pomeranian Bight, Lithuanian Sea, Middle Bank
  - Sectors, Data, Research

Create Basis for Political Processes / Decisions

- MSP institutional & governance model
  for transnational cooperation & data exchange

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Project Structure

Context

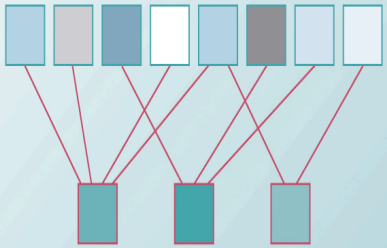
- Results of BaltSeaPlan and Plan Bothnia
- EU Integrated Maritime Policy
- Helcom / VASAB Working Group on MSP

Model cases

- Pomeranian Bight (SE, DE, PL)
- Lithuanian Sea (LT, LV, SE, RU)
- Middle Bank (SE, PL)

Maritime Spatial Planning Expert Group

Single-stakeholder workshops



Follow-up cross-sectoral workshops

- Compendium on MSP Systems in BSR Countries
- Multi-level MSP consultation process handbook
- Institutional and governance model for transnational coordination and data exchange
- Policy recommendations for the 8th VASAB Ministerial Conference, Tallinn 2014

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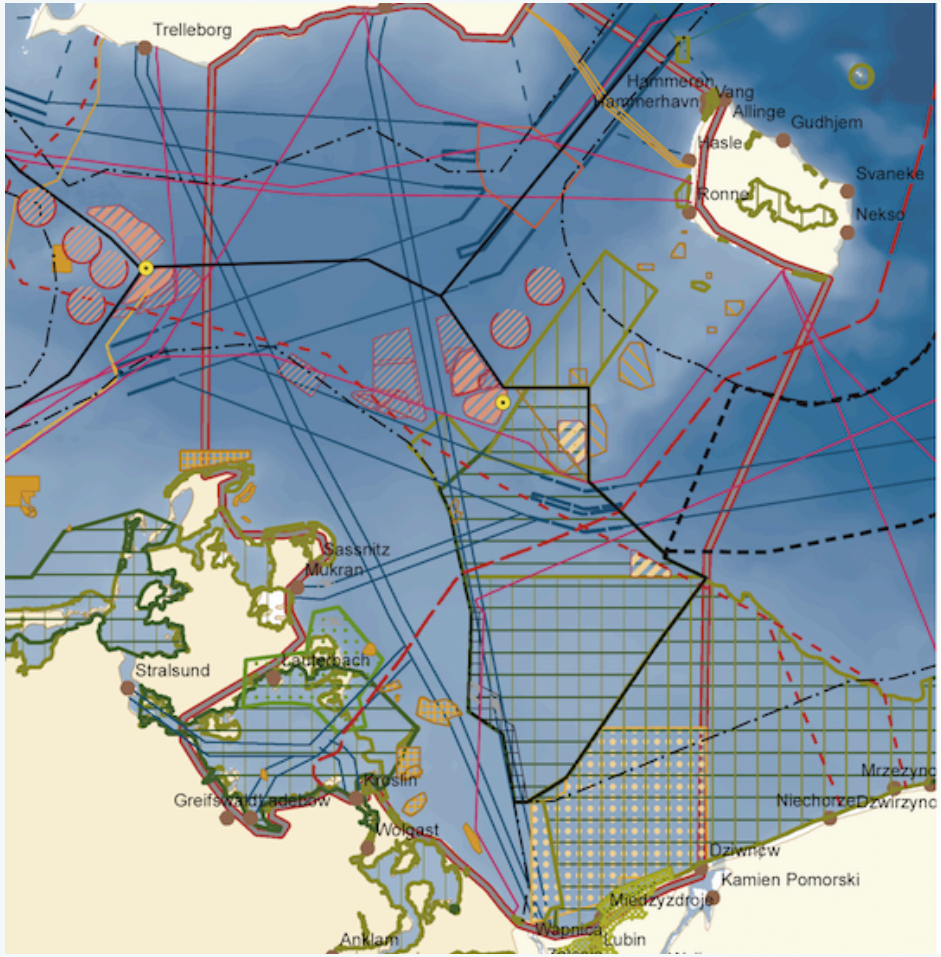
Pilot 1: Pomeranian Bight



Shipping
- Shipping Route
- Traffic Separation Scheme
- TSS/Ship Route, Recommended
- Inshore Traffic Zone
- Deep Water Route
- Precautionary Area

Sand and Gravel Extraction
- In Use
- Approved
- Planned
- Proposed
- Presently out of use
- Status unknown

Natural Gas
- Presently out of use

Pipelines
- Natural Gas Pipeline, Approved
- Natural Gas Pipeline, in Use
- Natural Gas Pipeline, Planned

Offshore Windfarms
- In Use
- Approved
- Planned
- Denied
- Denmark: OWP Project, no fixed outlines yet

Platforms
- Measurement Platform

Underwater Cables
- High Voltage Cable, in Use
- High Voltage Cable, Approved
- Data Cable, in Use
- Data Cable, out of Use
- DataCable, Planned

Nature Conservation
- Natura 2000 - SPA Bird Directive
- Natura 2000 - SAC Habitat Directive
- UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
- NationalPark

Boundaries
- EEZ
- Territorial Sea
- Borders
- Pilot Project Area Pomeranian Bight
- unclear legal status (PL and DK)
- Northern Approach / Roadstead Seaports of Swinouisje and Szczecin*

*According to German opinion this area is part of the German EEZ, whereas in relation to Poland no rights or sovereign powers are exercised. According to Polish opinion this area is part of the Polish territorial sea.

Map Projection:

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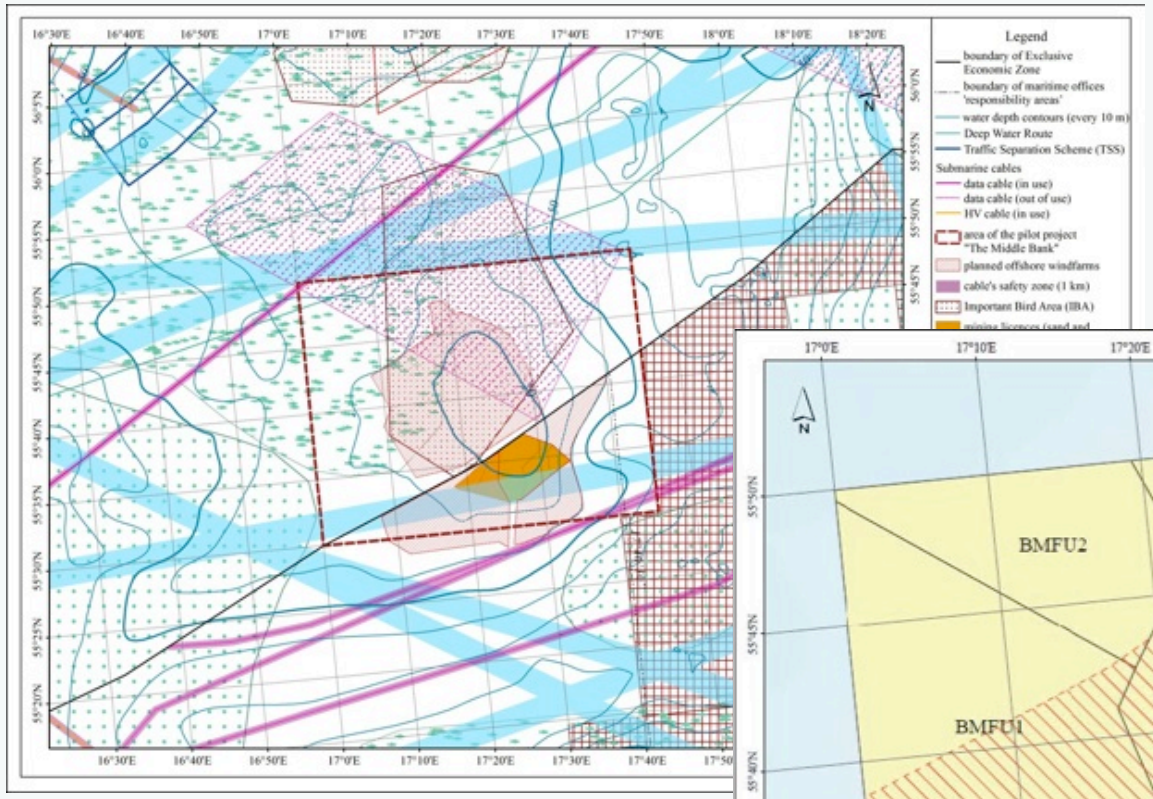
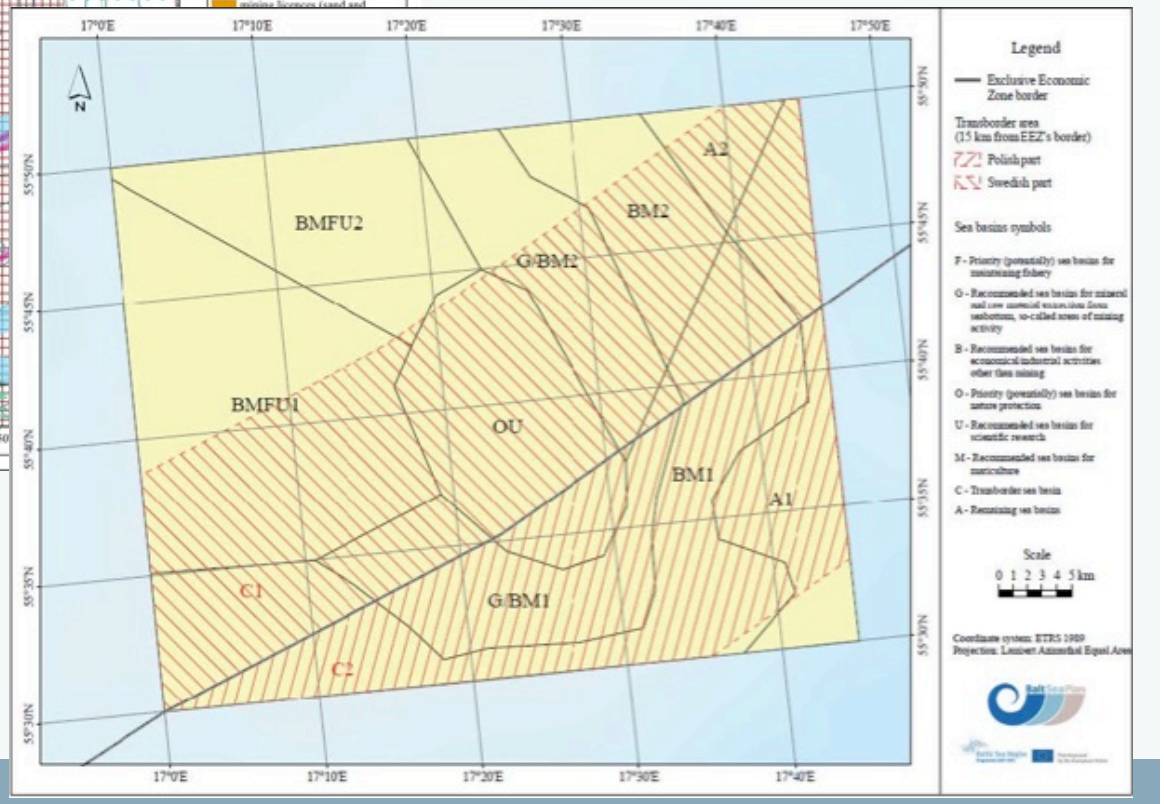
Pilot 2: Middle Bank





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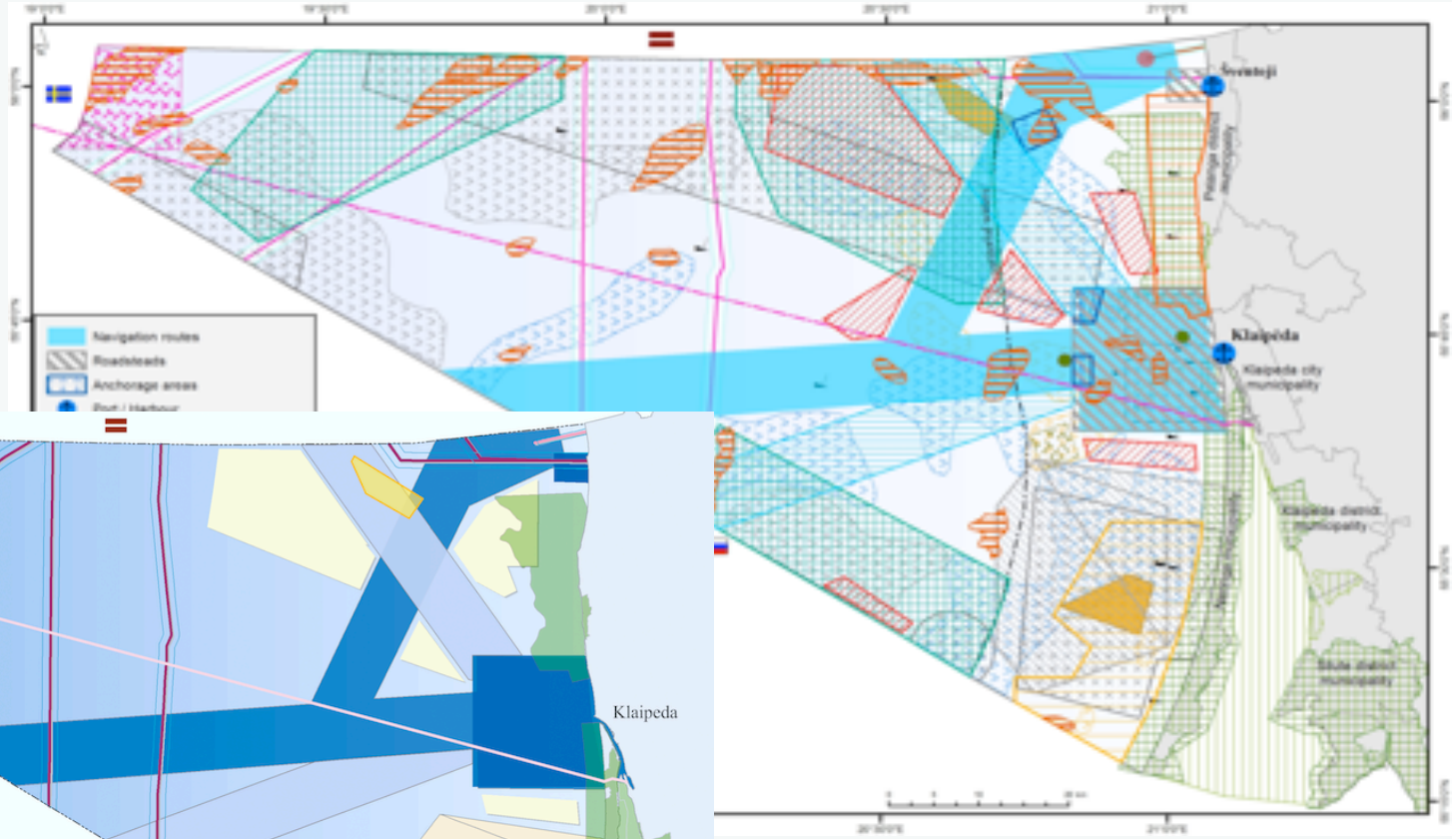
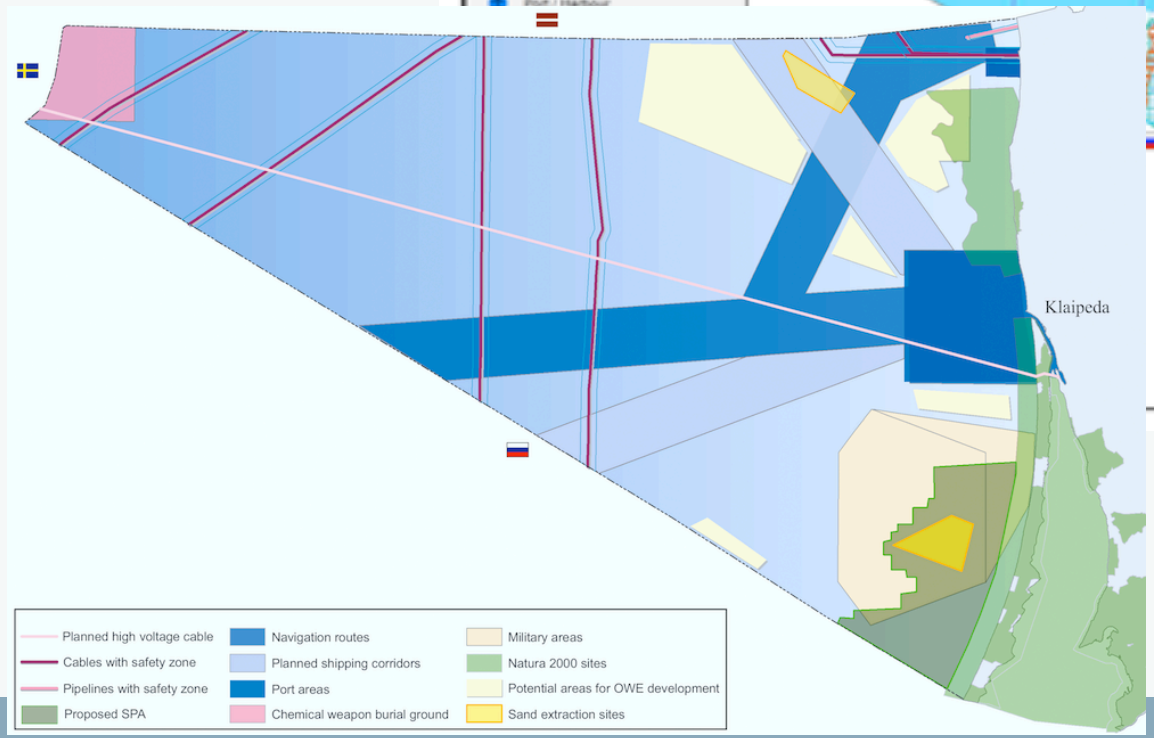
Pilot 3: Lithuanian Sea





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Transnational Stakeholder Topics

Data Network Building

- Create roadmap to ensure compatibility among data networks

Research

- spatial dimension of research
- role of scientist in MSP process
- How to deliver ecosystem based approach?

Environment & Protection

- Current knowledge of environmental factors crucial in MSP process
- Spatially applicable environmental and nature conservation measures
- Ecological connectivity through MSP

Cultural Heritage / Tourism

- potentials/limitations of underwater heritage for tourism development
- threats from other sea uses
- How to address the issue within MSP

Offshore Wind Energy

- Pan-Baltic strategy & infrastructure / grids ensuring exchange of energy between countries / land- and sea
- buffer zones
- combined uses

Shipping/Ports Development

- Intelligent corridors / traffic separation
- Rearrangement of shipping lanes
- High risk areas / safety zones, Environmental concerns

Climate Change

- Considerations for future plans
- Which uses might be most effected?
- BaltAdapt

Aquaculture / New Uses

- Spatial implications of new uses, i.e. mussel & algae farms and/or IMTAs

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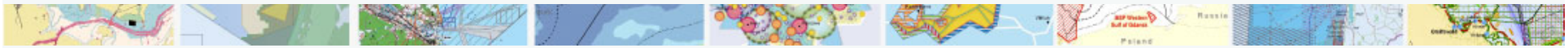

- **Update of Compendium** on MSP Structures around the BSR
  - Web-Based
  - Institutions relevant for MSP Consultation
- **Model Cases** for multi-level governance in MSP
  - **Roadmaps / Reports / Tools** for transnational MSP stakeholder consultation
- **Reports on**
  - **sector perspectives**, expectations towards MSP, targets & priorities for future development on pan-Baltic scale
  - cross-sectoral synergies & conflicts and **related MSP solutions (tools, instruments)**
- Basis for **MSP BSR Research** agenda
- **Handbook on multi-level / transnational MSP consultation process**
  - whom to involve, when to involve, how to involve
  - what to expect & achieve at the end of the process

Institutional & Governance Model (Policy) for transnational MSP Development

- MSP consultation process
- Common Standards for MSPs
  i.e. transnational topics, comparable legend, similar restrictions zones
- Procedures & standards for the transnational data exchange

VASAB expert accompanies process

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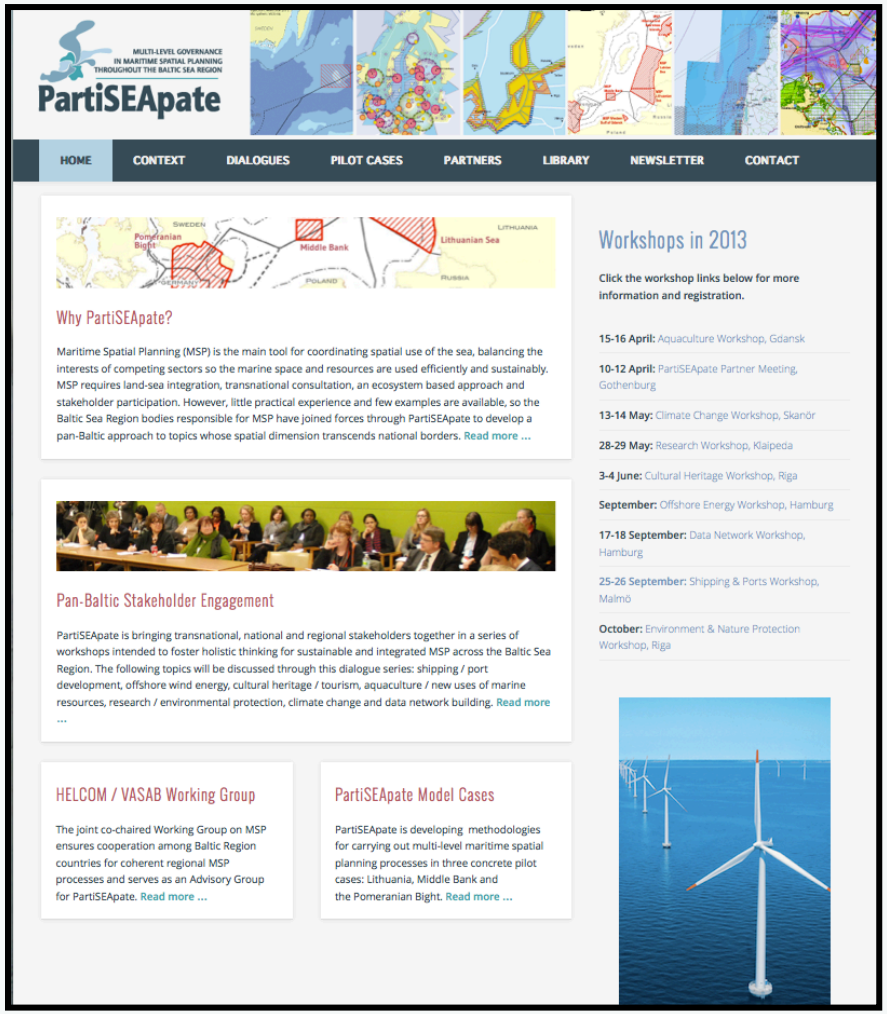
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