



# Pan-Baltic stakeholders workshop on

# The role of Maritime Spatial Planning as a management tool for nature and environmental protection

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## MSP and Environmental Protection



















#### **Integrated Maritime Policy**

(Proposal of the MSP Directive)

Goal: Blue Growth - economic growth based on different maritime sectors

> **Ecosystem approach to** promote development

#### **Marine Strategy Framework Directive**

Goal: good environmental status by 2020

#### Directives on Birds and Habitats

Goal: Natura 2000 network; favourable nature conservation status for certain species and habitats



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- HELCOM-VASAB principles, 2010:
- 1. Sustainable development
- 2. Ecosystem approach
- The ecosystem approach, calling for a cross-sectoral and sustainable management
  of human activities, is an overarching principle for MSP which aims at achieving a
  Baltic Sea ecosystem in good status -a healthy, productive and resilient condition so
  that it can provide the services humans want and need.
- The entire regional Baltic Sea ecosystem as well as sub-regional systems and all human activities taking place within it should be considered in this context.
- Maritime Spatial Planning must seek to protect and enhance the marine environment and thus should contribute to achieving Good Environmental Status according to the EU MSFD and HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan.





### **2013 HELCOM Ministerial Declaration**

 Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2013-2020

## 3. Ecosystem approach in MSP

Draft and adopt by 2015 procedurally oriented
Baltic Sea regional "Guidelines on the application of
Ecosystem Approach in transnationally coherent
MSP".





- ➤ to initiate transnational stakeholder discussion on the role of MSP as management tool for safeguarding and protecting the marine and nature environment at Pan-Baltic level,
- > to share and discuss existing findings and knowledge gaps, available relevant spatial concepts and their application to the planning process