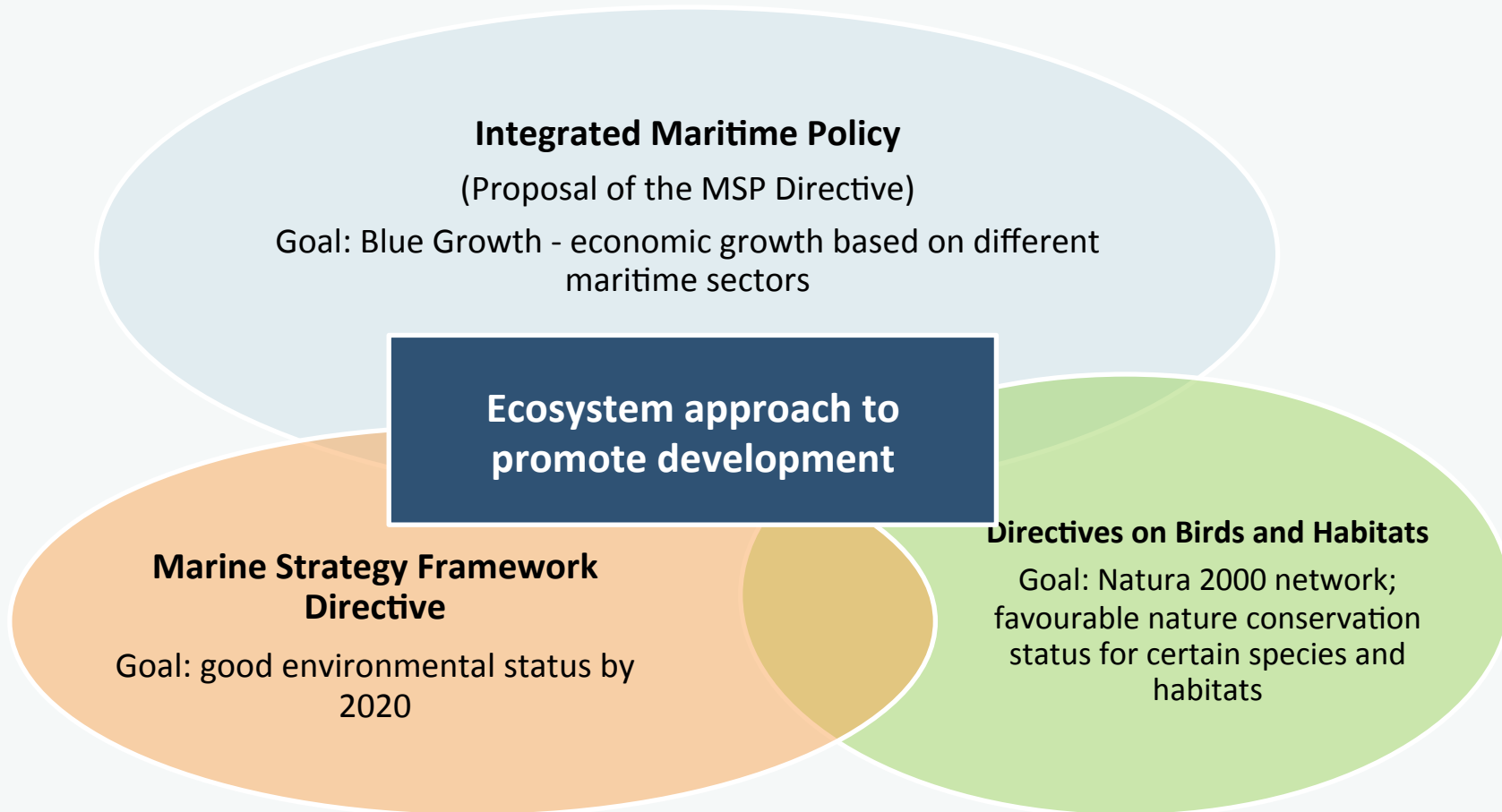


# **Pan-Baltic stakeholders workshop on The role of Maritime Spatial Planning as a management tool for nature and environmental protection**

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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*”.



## **Goal of the workshop:**

- 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