

Towards coherent maritime spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region

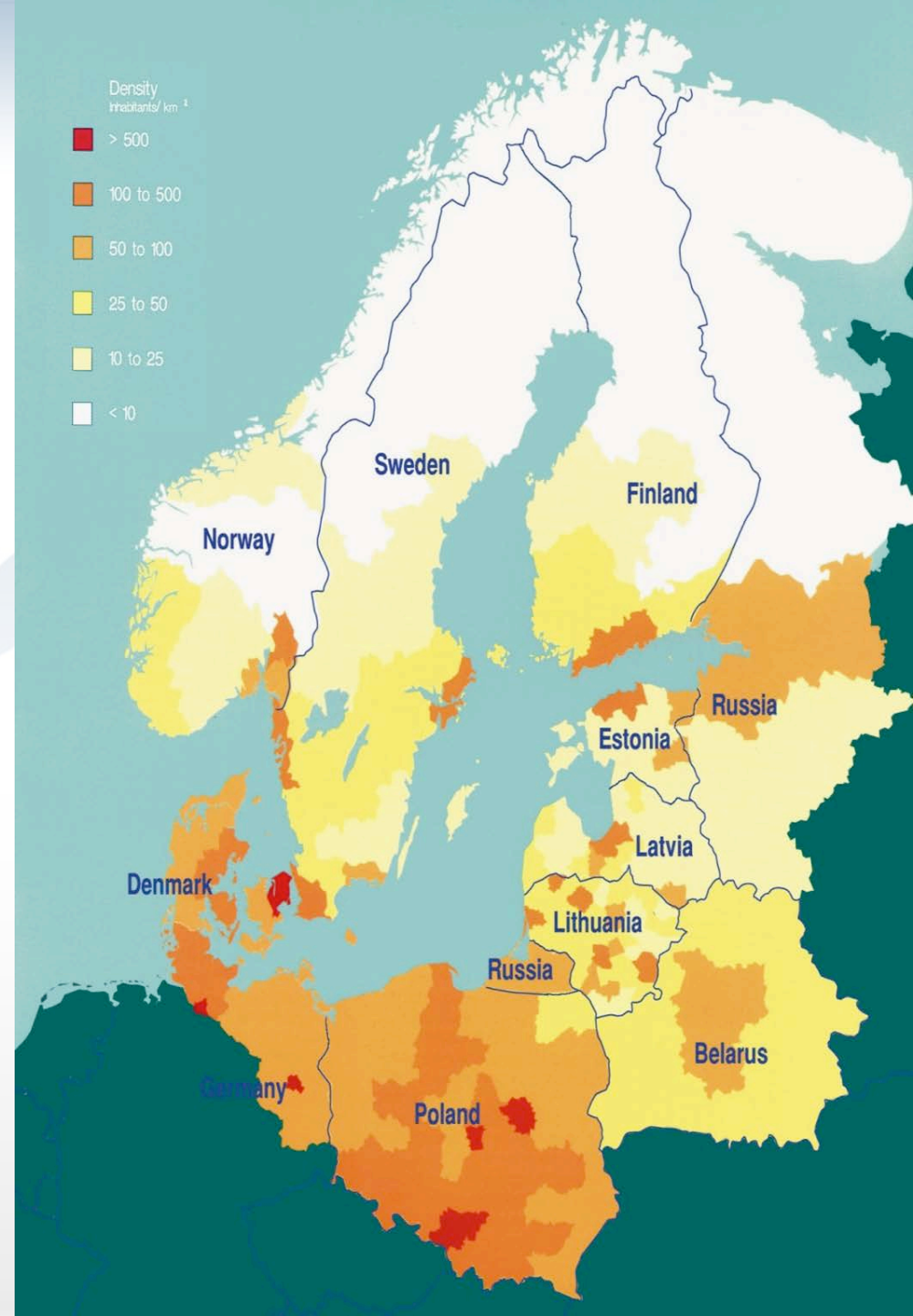
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**A cooperation of ministers of the
11 Baltic Sea Region countries
responsible for spatial planning and
development**

Organization

**Intergovernmental network
founded in 1992
to promote cooperation on spatial
planning and development
in the Baltic Sea Region**



Mission

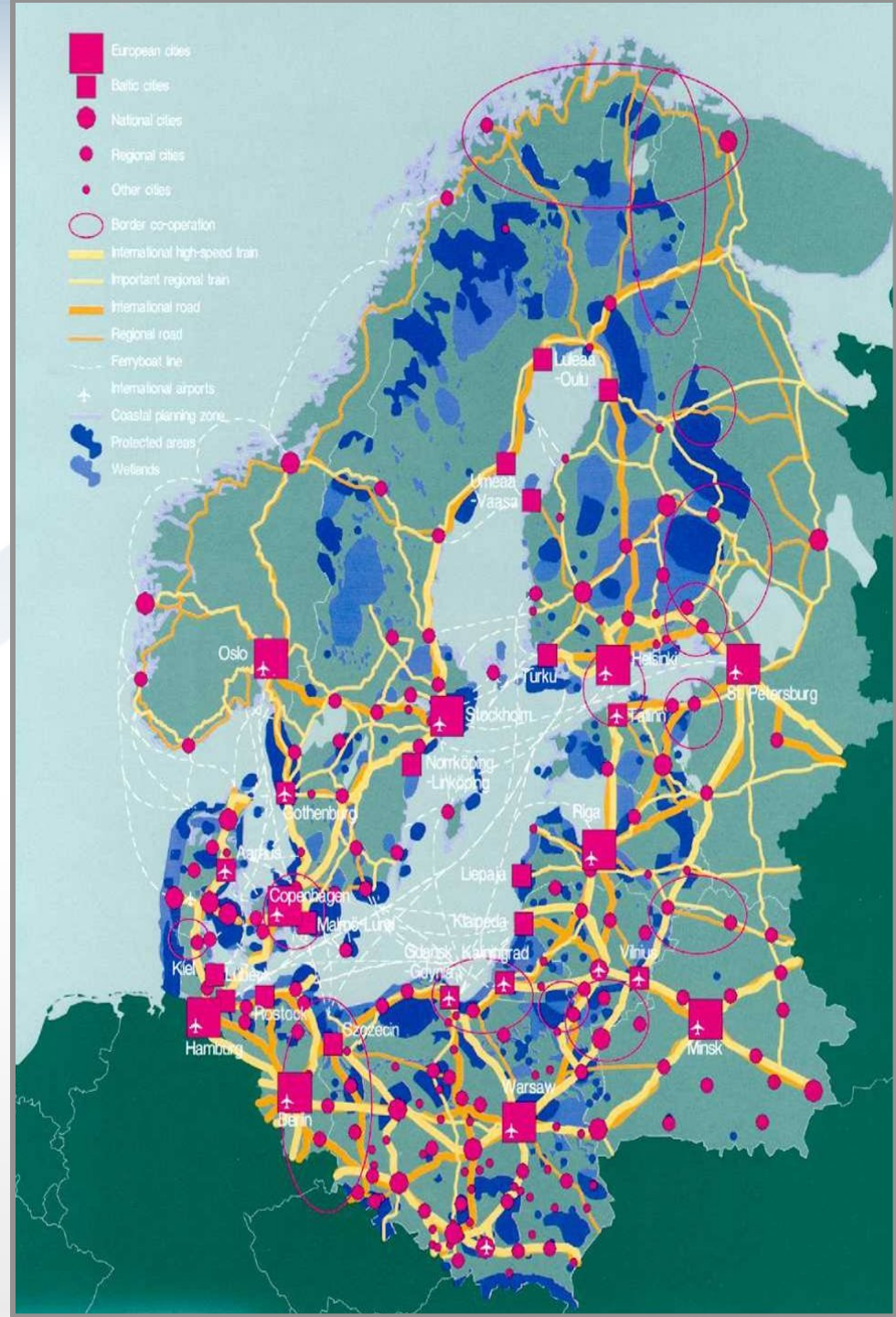
Prepare policy options for the territorial development of the Region and to provide a forum for exchange of know-how on spatial planning and development between the Baltic Sea countries

Organization

Since 1994 ministers are supported by Committee on Spatial Planning and Development in the Baltic Sea Region (CSPD/BSR) and permanent secretariat

Since 2007

VASAB Secretariat located in Latvia



VASAB “coastal” history

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- 1992** Karlskrona Conference - VASAB first steps
 - 1994** Tallinn Conference
 - 1996** Stockholm Conference
 - 2001** Palanga seminar - BALTCOAST kick-off meeting
 - 2001** Wismar Conference
 - 2002** BALTCOAST project
 - 2005** Gdansk Conference – Recommendations on ICZM and sea use planning

Crossing ship traffic is such a huge risk in that particular area

VASAB Vilnius Declaration

2009

- A common Baltic approach for MSP should be discussed and tools and methods of such planning developed
- Ministers encourage.. **to promote the introduction and development of MSP in the Region.** A close cooperation with HELCOM and with other actors is essential.
- Endorse VASAB Long Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the Baltic Sea Region



Long Term Perspective

Territorial cohesion perspective of the Baltic Sea Region in 2030

It is a veritable European sea macroregion, which demonstrates an integrated land and sea-space planning and management.

The Baltic Sea is acknowledged as a common asset and a development resource of all countries, and the maritime spatial planning principles alleviate the potential sea use conflicts for the present and future generations.

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Long-Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the Baltic Sea Region

2030

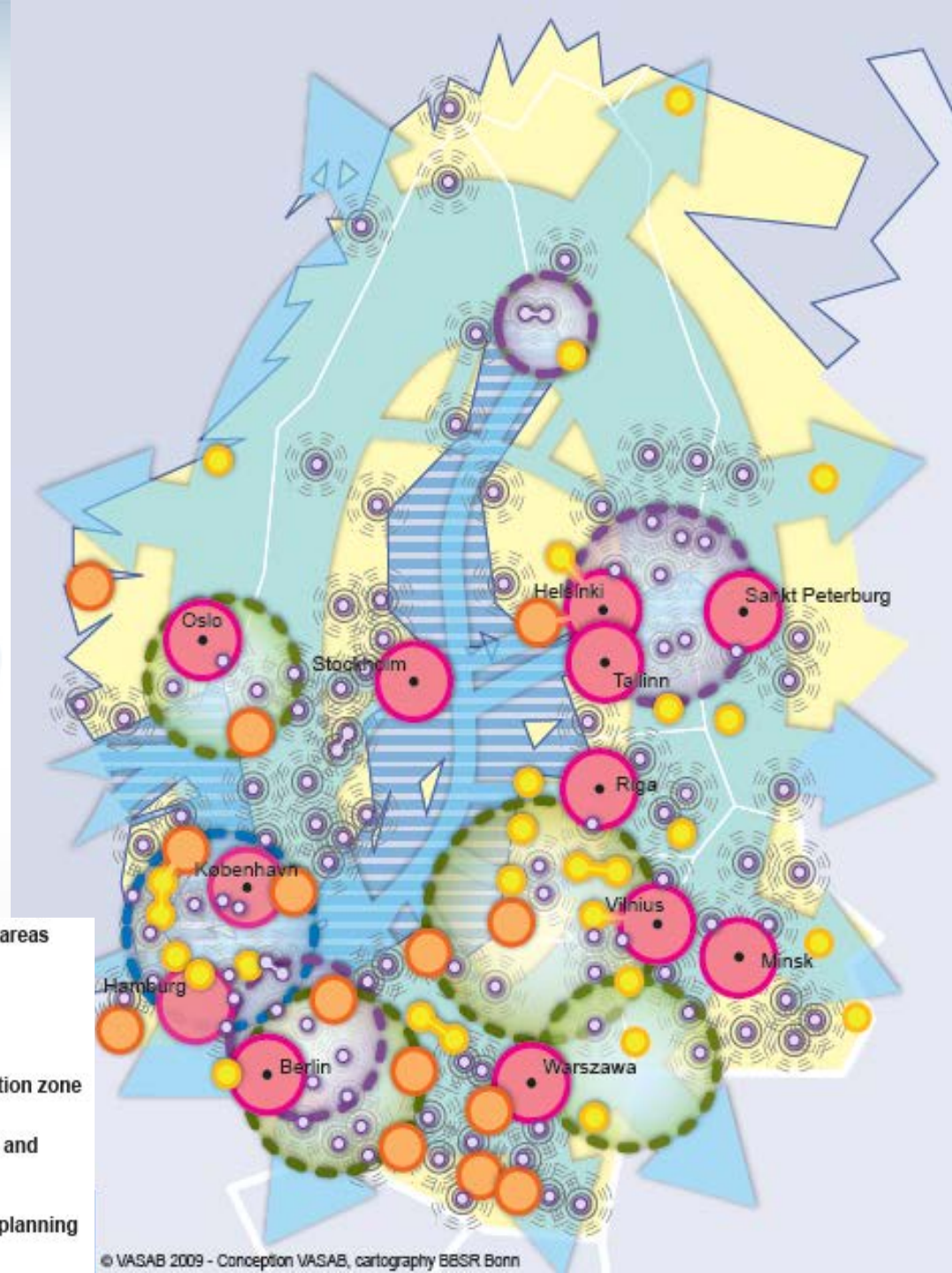
Functional profile of urban regions and centres *

-  Global gateway with prominent R&D and knowledge intensive business services
-  BSR gateway with well developed R&D and knowledge intensive business services
-  Urban region in process of metropolisation with growing globally linked R&D and knowledge intensive services
-  Regional development centre providing high quality services to residents in the surrounding area
-  Bi-polar and multipolar urban development

* Urban regions as defined in the report 'Towards an Integrated Baltic Sea Region', Nordregio, Stockholm 2006

Cross-border cluster cooperation areas

-  Existing
-  Potential
-  Cross border global integration zone
-  Integrated transport system and international links
-  Integrated maritime spatial planning



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Long Term Perspective

Actions

- **Develop a common approach for Baltic Sea Maritime Spatial Planning**
- **Prepare and implement demonstration projects for some Baltic Sea areas of severe use conflicts**
- **Initiate joint capacity building actions in maritime spatial planning to ensure exchange of experience, promote education availability and to increase competence**

HELCOM

Baltic Sea Action Plan

- Jointly develop **by 2010**, as well as test, apply and evaluate **by 2012** in cooperation with other relevant bodies, broad-scale cross-sectoral, marine spatial planning principles based on ecosystem approach
- Endorse Recommendation 28E/9 on development of broad scale marine spatial planning principles in the Baltic Sea area

Joint Efforts in MSP

- Joint VASAB-HELCOM MSP WG established **in 2010**
- Baltic Sea
Broad-Scale MSP principles adopted
- Legislative base for MSP
- Ecosystem-approach in MSP
- ICZM practices in the Region
- Knowledge exchange on good practices in MSP
- Minimum requirements for MSP in the Region
- Roadmap by 2020



Baltic Sea MSP Principles

1. Sustainable Management
2. Ecosystem Approach
3. Long Term Perspective and Objectives
4. Precautionary Principle
5. Participation and Transparency
6. High Quality Data and Information Basis
7. Transnational Coordination and Consultation
8. Coherent Terrestrial and Maritime Spatial Planning
9. Planning Adaptive to Characteristic and Spatial Conditions at different Areas
10. Continuous Planning

VASAB and HELCOM are Horizontal Action Leaders

Encourage the use of Maritime Spatial Planning in all Member States around the Baltic Sea and develop a common approach for cross-border cooperation

EU BSR Strategy



- **EU BSR Strategy** contains key territorial development issues, such as promoting land-based and maritime spatial planning as horizontal actions
- **Strategy** has overall political weight, but RU is not included
- Member States set indicators and **targets** for its implementation:
 - **By 2020** drawing up and application of trans-boundary eco-system based MSP plans through-out the Region
 - **By 2013** at least one MSP pilot plan created through a joint trans-boundary process

Present Developments

- Intense discussions on the EC Proposal on Directive for MSP/ICM on-going
- HELCOM Ministerial Meeting on 3 October 2013 agreed:
 - ✓ To put national frameworks for coherent MSP in place **by 2017**
 - ✓ To draw up and apply maritime spatial plans throughout the Baltic Sea region **by 2020**, which are coherent across the borders and applying the ecosystem approach
 - ✓ To continue work in accordance with Regional Baltic MSP Roadmap 2013-2020
- Cooperation on MSP and ICM in the Baltic Sea Region is actively taking place (preparation for VASAB Ministerial conference; bi-, multilateral projects among countries; national spatial planning initiatives; etc.)

Pilot Projects

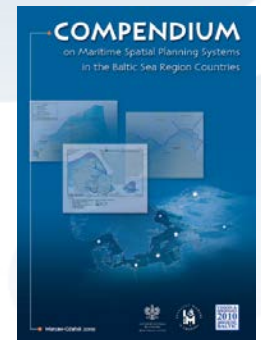
2002 BALTCOAST: examples on plans and recommendations for planning



2004/5 Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Niedersachsen adopt plans covering territorial sea

2007 VASAB WG on sea use planning and ICZM

2009 Germany adopts plans for Exclusive Economic Zone
VASAB Compendium on MSP in BSR countries



BaltSeaPlan: January 2009 – January 2012

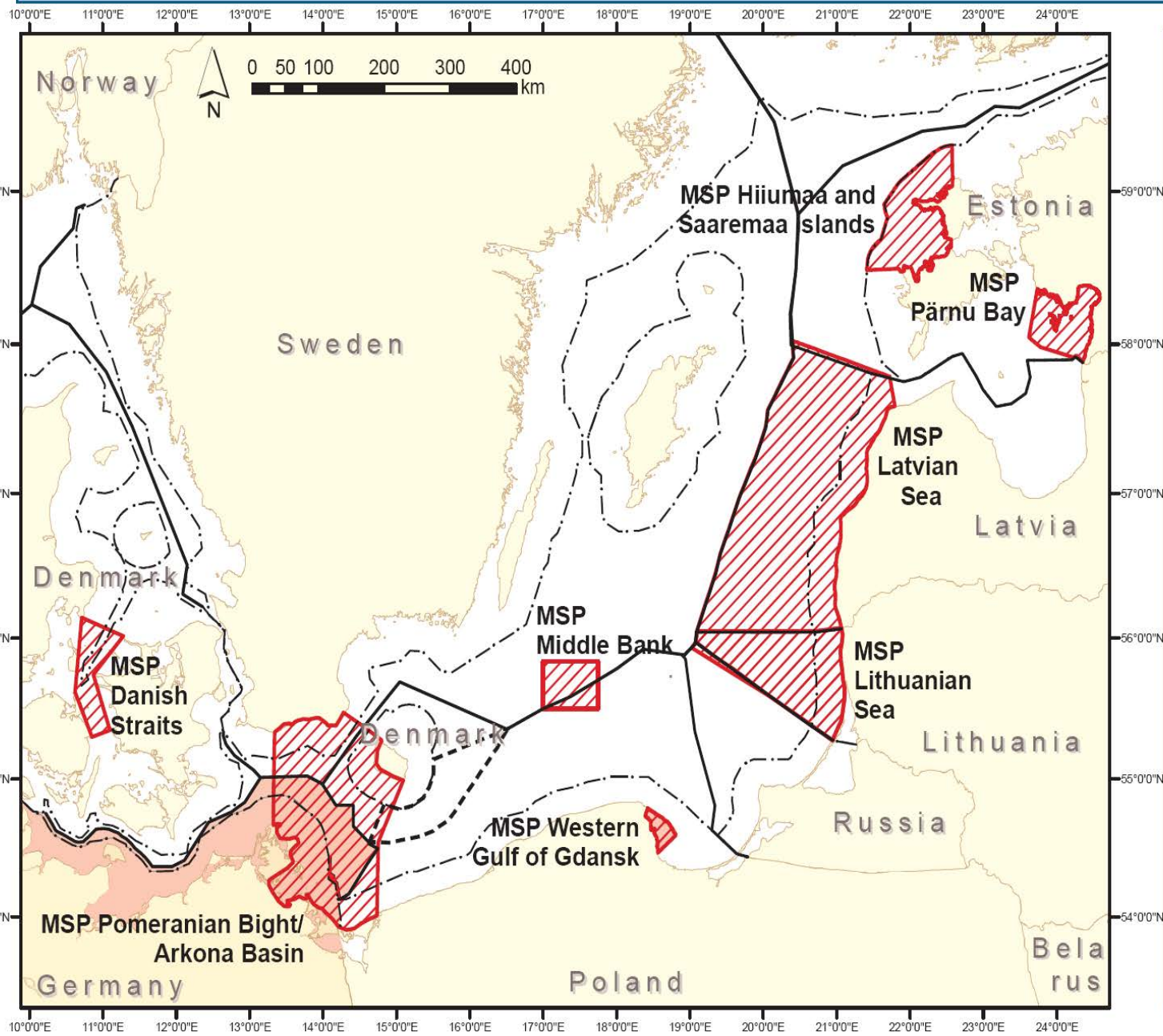


Plan Bothnia: December 2010 – June 2012





PartiSEApate: September 2012 – September 2014

MSP Pilot Projects - Overview Pilot Areas



Pilot Project Areas

-  Pilot Project Areas 1 - 8
-  MSP in effect or in leg. proced.

Boundaries

-  Territorial Sea
-  Continental Shelf/EEZ *
-  International Boundary
-  unclear legal status (PL and DK)

* no guarantee for EEZ boundaries shown - different sources show different delimitations causing inconsistencies regarding the pilot project outlines

Map Projection:
Mercator (54°N), WGS 84
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- EU funded MSP “preparatory action”
- Maritime planning cooperation between Sweden and Finland
- Aim to produce a pilot plan for whole Bothnian Sea
- Lead by HELCOM, SE-FIN authorities partners, involvement of regions
- Additional output: Minimum Requirements for MSP in the Region

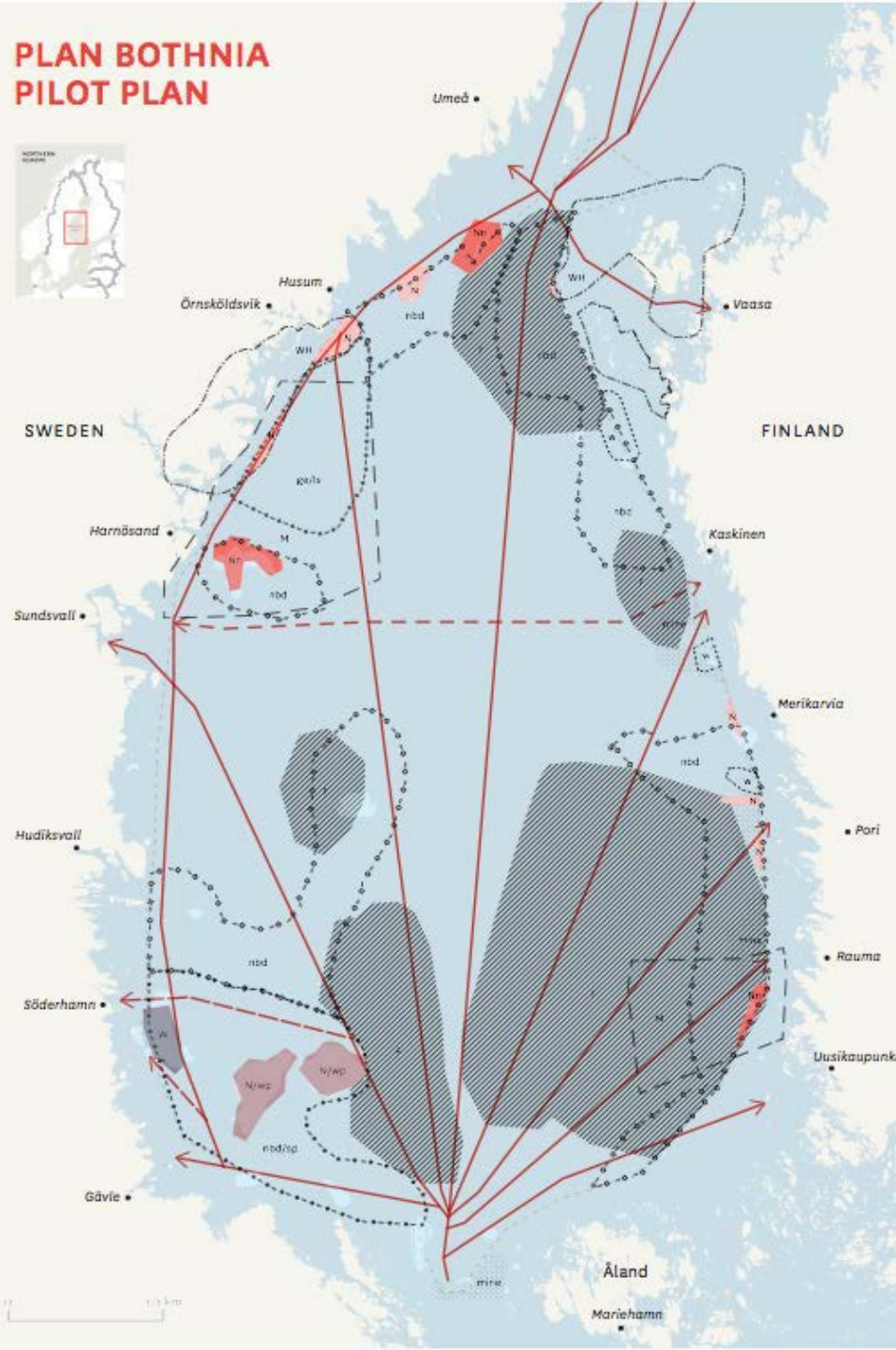
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Bothnian Sea-
the “PLAN BOTHNIA”
MSP project
focus area

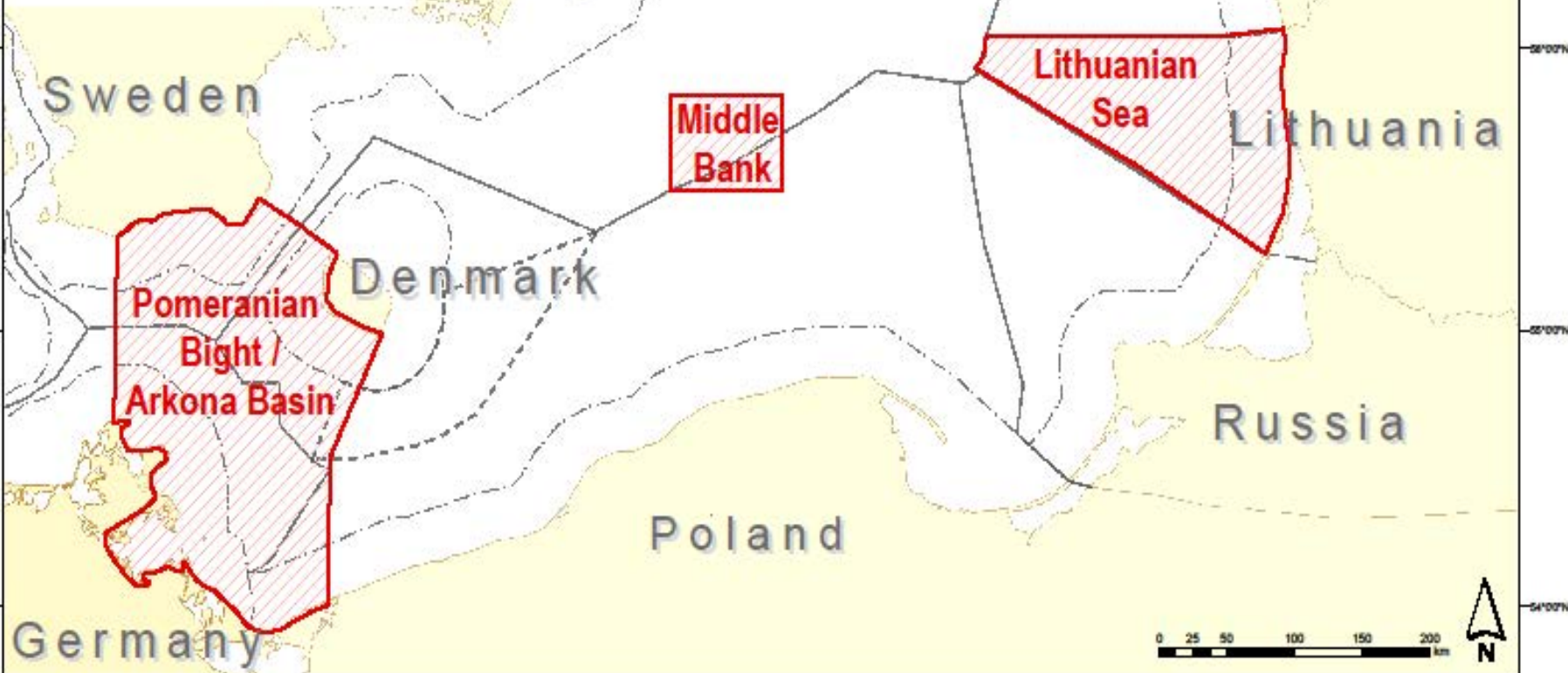


PLAN BOTHNIA PILOT PLAN



Model Case Areas

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Model Cases

Model Case Areas

Boundaries

Territorial Sea
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