



# Results of the PartiSEApate Stakeholder WS on MSP Data / Data Network and Recommendation for a Subgroup on MSP Data and Data Network under the HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG



## Overall Conclusions / Key Findings (see flyer on Stakeholder WS' outcomes)

- Need to establish **national MSP data contact points in the BSR**
- Need to set up a **Pan-Baltic Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI)** for MSP (decentralised data holding)
- Need to set **common priorities for scope of data compilation** – with **concrete purpose and evidence** to be generated in mind
- Need to have **common data standards** for data exchange – focussing on issues of transboundary relevance
- Need to **fill gap with regard to relevant socio-economic and – cultural data**
- **Importance of having strong Metadata**, to create transparency on data significance, reliability etc.



## Next Step:

- **Proposal for a subgroup on MSP-data and a Baltic MSP Data Network under the HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG (as a first „MSP Expert Group“ in the BSR)**
  - ➔ The 9th Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG in Riga, 16th June 2014
    - welcomed the proposal
    - decided to suggest to HELCOM Heads of Delegation and VASAB CSPD/BSR the adoption of the establishment of a data group.



## Procedure:

(if approved by HELCOM HOD and VASAB CSPD/BSR)

VASAB / HELCOM (secretariats) prepare

- First set of **TOR** (tasks, timeline, outcomes etc.)
- List of potential core **members** (marine / maritime data and SDI experts, planners)
- **Presentation** of preparatory work to HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG
- **Organisation of initial group meeting** (could be hosted in Helsinki/Fi in October 2014)

## Tasks:

- Refinement of TOR, assignment of roles, set-up of time schedule etc.
- Preparation of annual reports to MSP WG
- Identification of MSP evidence / information / data needs and data products, priorities
- Identification of relevant available data
- Identification of evidence / information / data gaps
- Identification of research priorities to fill critical gaps



## Tasks ff.:

- Identification of minimum requirements and proposal for solutions for **harmonised data / information** – data scope, content, attributes, formats, language etc.
- Agreement on **criteria for data quality**, reliability, accuracy, accessibility and resp. meta data
- Development of TOR for setting up of **regional spatial data infrastructure** for MSP (→ project ?, external contractor ?)