Resources on MSP from the Baltic Sea

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Baltic Sea

- History of MSP in the BSR
- Examples of MSP projects and practices
- New practices derived from real MSPs available?
Baltic Sea

- Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, (Russia)
- Shipping, offshore renewables potential, fishery, coastal tourism
History of MSP interaction, MSP projects and developments

2001: VASAB Wismar Declaration: Extension of spatial planning to offshore areas

2002

2003

2004: VASAB Gdansk Declaration: Call for Introduction of MSP Formation of VASAB Working Group on MSP/ICZM

2005

2006: EU Green Book: VASAB Consultation

2007: EU Blue Book: Introduction of IMSP Consultation


2009: VASAB Vilnius Declaration: Long-Term Perspective, Promotion of HELCOM-VASB


2011

2012

2013

2014: EU MSP Directive

2015: VASAB Ministerial Conference: Tallinn Declaration, land-sea integration

2016: Guidelines on ecosystem-based approach and on transboundary consultations, public participation and cooperation, adoption by VASAB CSPD/BSR, approval by HELCOM HOD

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

National MSP level

EU / BSR level

DE: 1st MSP adopted for 12 sm in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

PL: 1st pilot MSP for Gdansk Bay

DE: 1st MSP for EEZ

LV: in the planning process

PL: Planning process for Szczecin and Vistula lagoons launched

LT: Extension of Spatial Plan to EEZ

SE: MSP legislation in place

FI: 1st MSP for Kymenlaakso region

EE: MSP legislation in place

DE: MV and SH review MSP

PL: MSP Process launched for other areas

DK: MSP legislation in place
Baltic Sea MSP process

- Strong connection between process and projects
- Huge resource on practices and knowledge
- BaltSeaPlan as core project: many experts working on this projects participated on real plans; data could be used for real plans; same stakeholders
Many projects are documenting the process of pilot MSPs.
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Country information

- Which MSP practices and projects see MSP authorities as most relevant?
- Order given by MSP authorities
Project example: BaltSeaPlan

- 31 reports -> most relevant on platform
- What is special about the project: pilot cases and reports of trans-boundary topics (fisheries, data, stakeholder involvement) + Vision
BaltSeaPlan practice: Strategic MSP for the Middle Bank
Project example: PartiSEApate

- **1st time**: MSP and sectors on transnational level; what is their perspective?
- **Core project** for guidelines on transnational cooperation and stakeholder involvement
- **MSP cycle**
Practices from real MSPs: Latvia

- No effective MSPs in place
- First draft of an MSP under development
- Approval expected in 2017
- Practices of this process:
  - English summary of 1st draft MSP (May 2016)
  - Map on the current use & permitted use of the sea (ENG; Dec. 2015)
Practices of this process:

- Draft Environmental Report (ENG; Dec. 2015) -> new developments how to include the ecosystem-based approach into MSP
Practices from real MSPs: Finland

Region Kymenlaakso - Regional land use plan for the Sea (MSP equivalent)

Kymenlaakso Region

Implementation Context

In Autumn 2013, the first regional land use plan for the Territorial Sea of Kymenlaakso Region was drafted and approved by the Regional Council of Kymenlaakso and ratified by the Ministry of the Environment. The regional plan was prior to the adoption of the EU MSP Directive and therefore does not follow the common framework. Furthermore, it does not cover, for example, coastal zone, but is a first attempt at integrated spatial planning of the sea area.

Aspects/Objectives

The plan area covers the Kymenlaakso Region which is located about 120 km east of Helsinki and shares a common border with Russia. A total area of 1,620 sq km of Territorial Sea is included in the plan, covering 3.2% of the total surface area of the region. The plan does not cover the EEZ as the Land Use and Building Act is not currently applicable to the EEZ.

Method

The plan is of comprehensive nature. It is a strategic plan which underlines spatial priorities and reserved space for the implementation. Thus, it also contains general subareas not regulated by the plan. The plan includes a graphic and a text part (commentary).

One of the particularities of this plan is that a broad public participation was held throughout the planning process. Several workshops were held with relevant national and local stakeholders. A total of twelve public hearings took place in the six municipalities of the region.
Summary: Baltic Sea

- High number of MSP projects and pilot MSPs
- These processes are very well documented
- Now BSR member states are moving to real MSPs
- Real MSPs have not produced many practices yet