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Resources on MSP from the Baltic Sea

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VASAB VISION & STRATEGIES AROUND THE BALTIC SEA

Baltic SCOPE Towards coherence and cross-border solutions in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans

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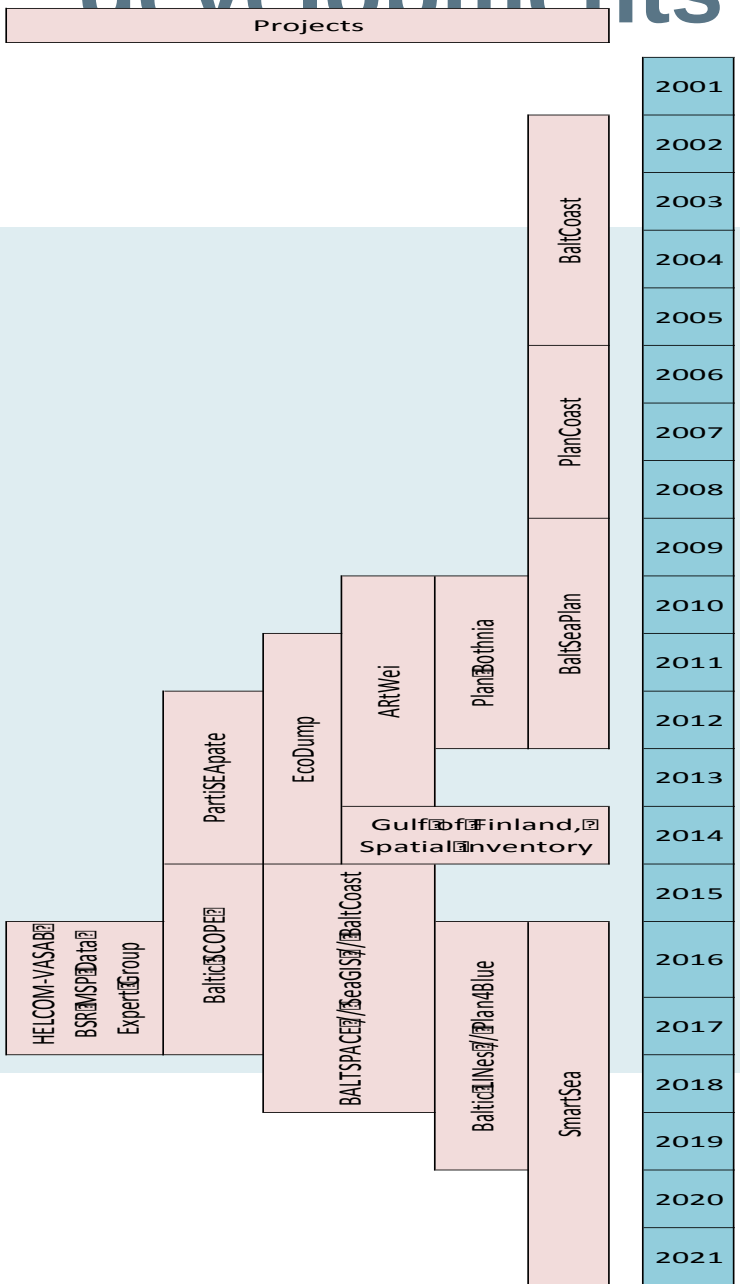
Baltic Sea

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

Baltic Sea

- http://www.msp-platform.eu/sea-basins/baltic-sea
- Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, (Russia)
- Shipping, offshore renewables potential, fishery, coastal tourism

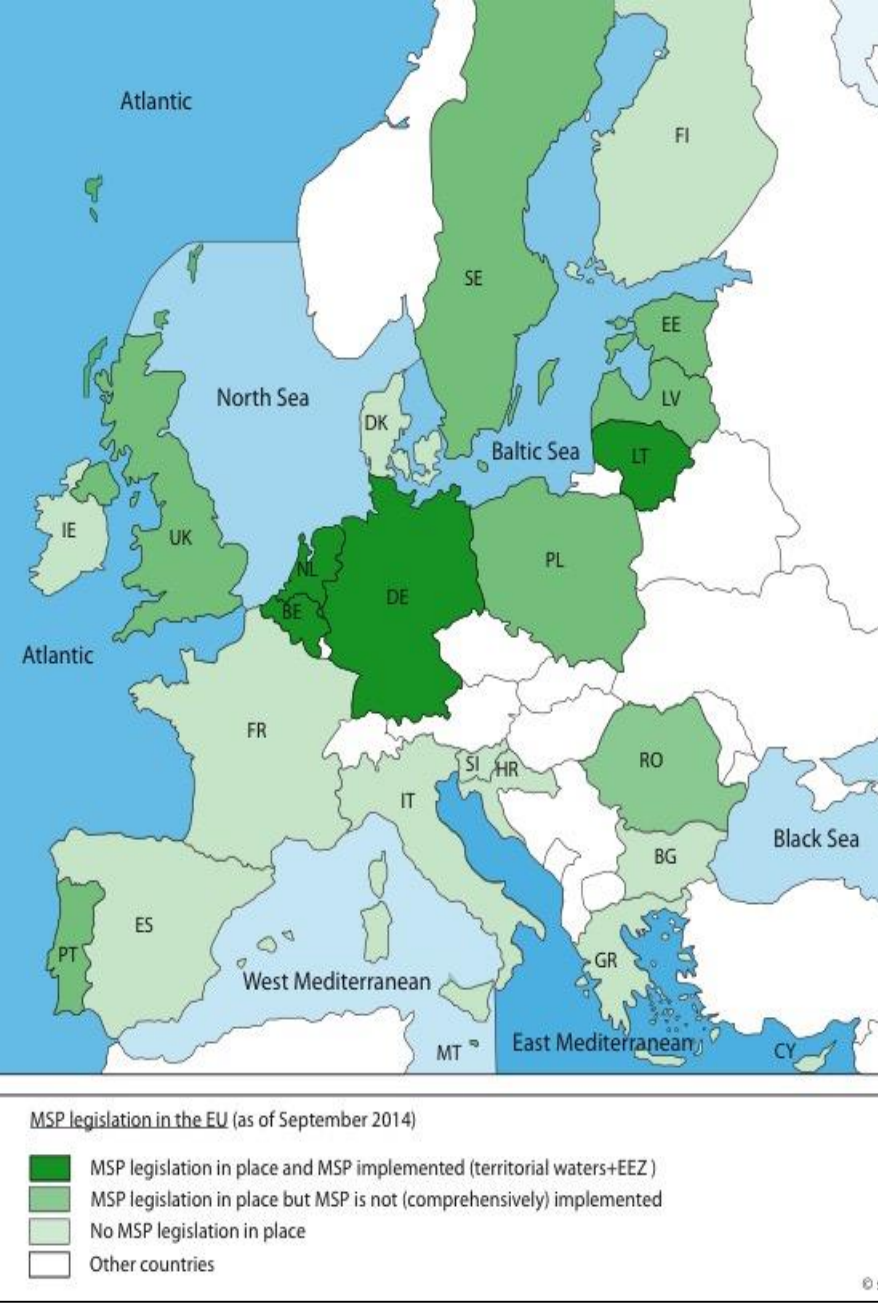
History of MSP interaction, MSP projects and developments



EU/BSR level	National MSP level
VASAB Wismar Declaration: Extension of spatial planning to offshore areas	
VASAB Gdansk Declaration: Call for Introduction of MSP Formation of VASAB Working Group on MSP/ICZM	DE: 1st MSP adopted for 12 sm in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
EU Green Book: VASAB Consultation	
EU Blue Book: Introduction of MSP Consultation	
HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan: Recommendation 28E/9 on MSP in BSR	
VASAB Vilnius Declaration: Long-Term Perspective, Promotion of HELCOM-VASB	PL: 1st pilot MSP for Gdansk Bay
HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group: MSP Principles	DE: 1st MSP for EEZ
	LV: In the planning process
	PL: Planning process for Szczecin and Vistula Lagoons launched
EU MSP Directive VASAB Ministerial Conference: Tallinn Declaration, Land-sea Integration	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
Guidelines on ecosystem-based approach and on transboundary consultations, public participation and cooperation, adoption by VASAB CSPD/BSR, approval by HELCOM HOD	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



MSP legislation in the EU (as of September 2014)

- MSP legislation in place and MSP implemented (territorial waters+EEZ)
- MSP legislation in place but MSP is not (comprehensively) implemented
- No MSP legislation in place
- Other countries

Projects

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Funding Programme | Baltic Sea X | Country

Status | -Year

Keywords/Project/Title of Practice/Description | Alphabetical Order

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32 Projects

ARTWEI
Transitional waters (TW) link adjacent river basins and marine areas and are critically important for the ecological health of the Baltic Sea. The European Water Policy and the EU Water Framework Directive set the guidelines for managing river basins, while marine areas are managed within the EU Maritime Spatial Planning framework.

BALANCE
BALANCE aimed towards development of informed marine management tools for the Baltic Sea based on spatial planning and cross-sectoral and transnational co-operation.

BALTCOAST
The aim of the BaltCoast project was to combine numerous concrete pilot projects and measures across the German, Swedish and Finnish Baltic Coast with the development of processes and regulations for spatial planning.

BALTIC LINES
Baltic LINes seeks to increase the transnational coherence of shipping routes and energy corridors in Maritime Spatial Plans in the BSR.

BALTIC MARITIME SCIENCE PARK
Baltic Maritime Science Park (BMSP) constitutes the first concept of an arena aiming at stimulating a dynamic cluster development in the Baltic Sea Region.

BALTIC MASTER
The main outputs of the project are Guidelines for local and regional preparedness, a Vision of the PSSA 2020, a Tool for Marine Spatial Planning and an Action Plan for the Baltic Sea Region.

BALTIC SCOPE
A key aim of the EU Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) Directive adopted in 2014 is to promote consistency and coherence of maritime spatial plans across marine regions.

BALTSEAPLAN
BaltSeaPlan accompanied the EU Maritime Policy by supporting the introduction of Integrated Maritime Spatial Planning within Baltic Sea Region.

BALTSPACE
BALTSPACE posits that achieving the ambitions of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) depends on obtaining different forms of integration (e.g. across policies, sectors, stakeholder inputs, knowledge, ecological and (geo)political scales, scientific disciplines).

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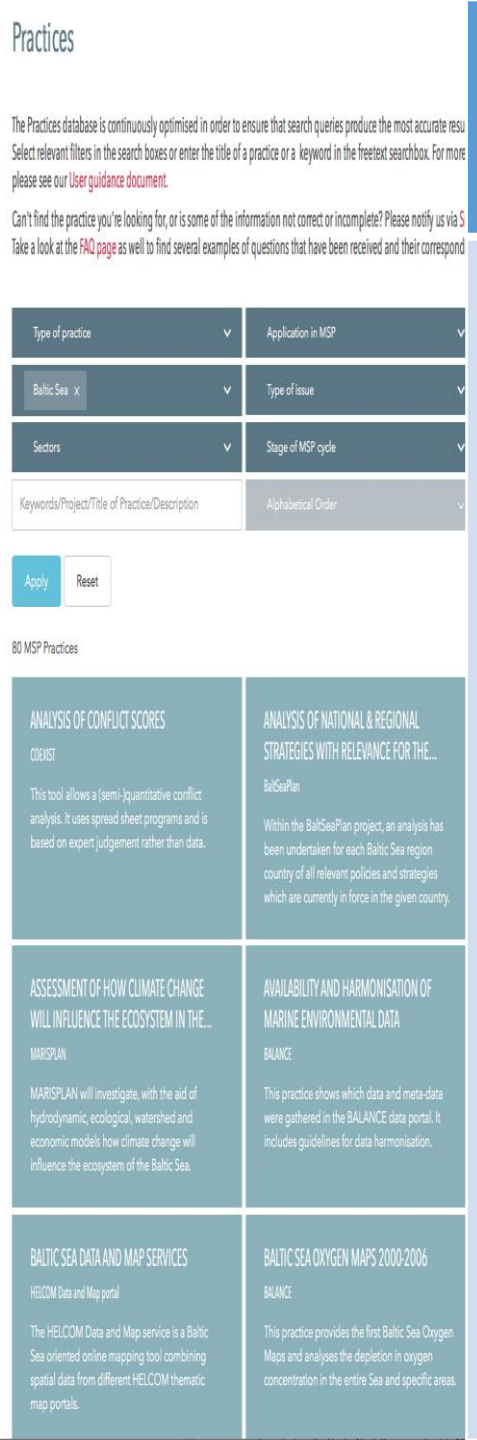
COEXIST

- Many projects are documenting the process of pilot MSPs



Region	Screened projects / sources in MSP Platform
Baltic Sea	PartiSEApate (12), BaltSeaPlan (15), Plan Bothnia (2), BaltCoast (1), ARTWEI (2), TOPCOINS (0), BALANCE (25), Sea meets Land (6), Key to Governing the fragile Baltic Sea (1), East-West Window (4), BALTSPACE (7), BALTIC MASTER (1), DISPLACE (1), SeaGIS (5), MARISPLAN (2), Baltic SCOPE (3), Baltic LINes (6), MSP course for practitioners (1), Poland country practices (4), HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group(3)

- Many practices derived from projects

Relevant practices for Germany

- The Baltic Sea: Environment and Ecology 2014
- Binding rules and regulations for authorities
- BaltSeaPlan Findings
- BaltSeaPlan Vision 2030
- BaltSeaPlan Web Application / BoundaryGIS
- Voluntary Agreements on the Greifswalder Bodden
- Wismar Bay case study
- Offshore wind parks and maritime safety in the EEZ of the Baltic Sea Region
- MSP- Interests, Legal Framework, Practice & Development
- Transnational Cooperation and Dialogue in the Pomeranian Bight/Arkona Basin
- Handbook on multi-level consultations in MSP
- Review of comprehensive management plan for Wadden Sea

Relevant projects for Germany

- Coherent Linear Infrastructures in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans
- A North Sea Perspective on Shipping, Energy and Environment Aspects in MSP
- Planning the future of the Baltic Sea
- COCONET –towards COast to COast NETworks of marine protected areas (from the shore to the high and deep sea), coupled with sea-based wind energy potential (CoCoNET)
- Action for the Reinforcement of the Transitional Waters' Environmental Integrity
- European Seas and Territorial Development, Opportunities and Risks
- Tools and capacities for an effective integrated planning in coastal zones and maritime areas in the Baltic, Adriatic and Black Sea regions
- The European Portal for ICZM

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

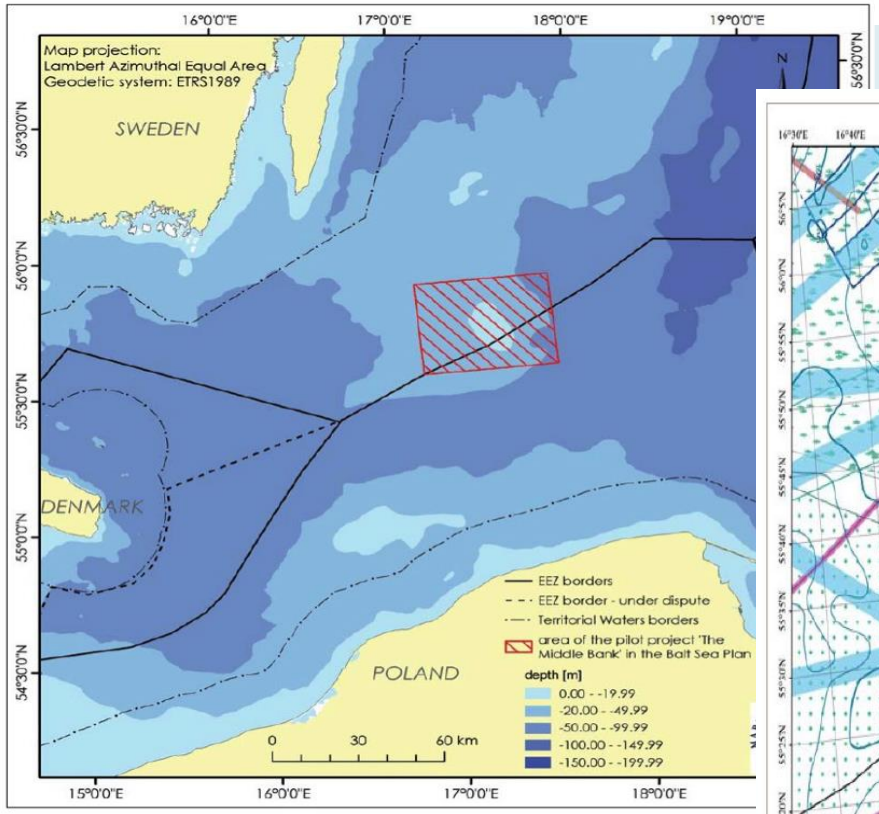
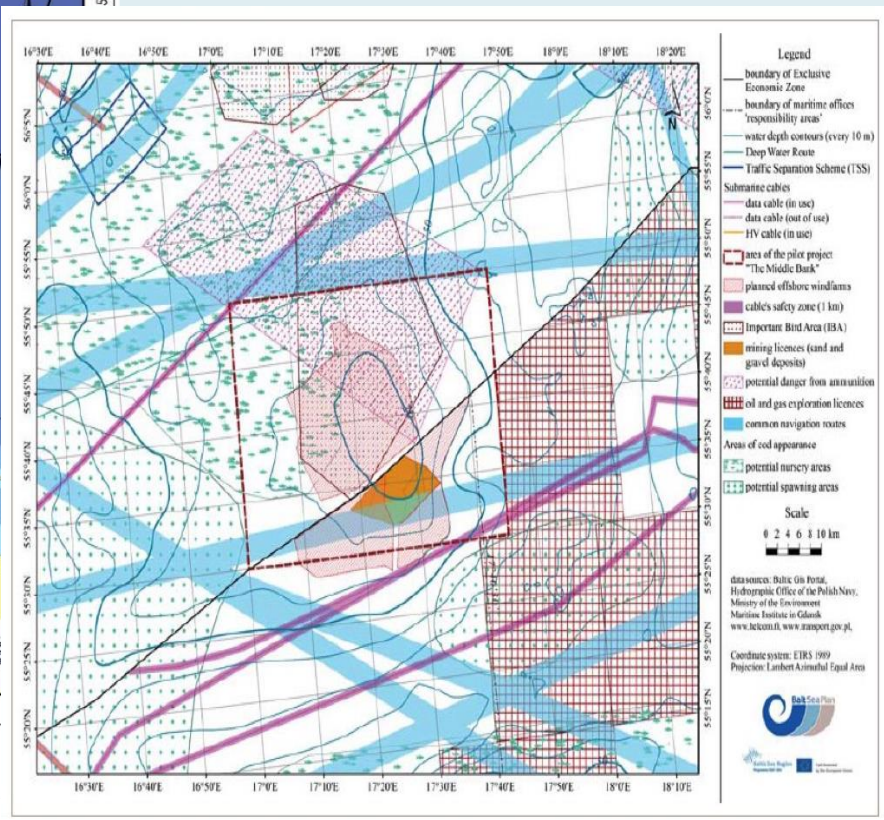
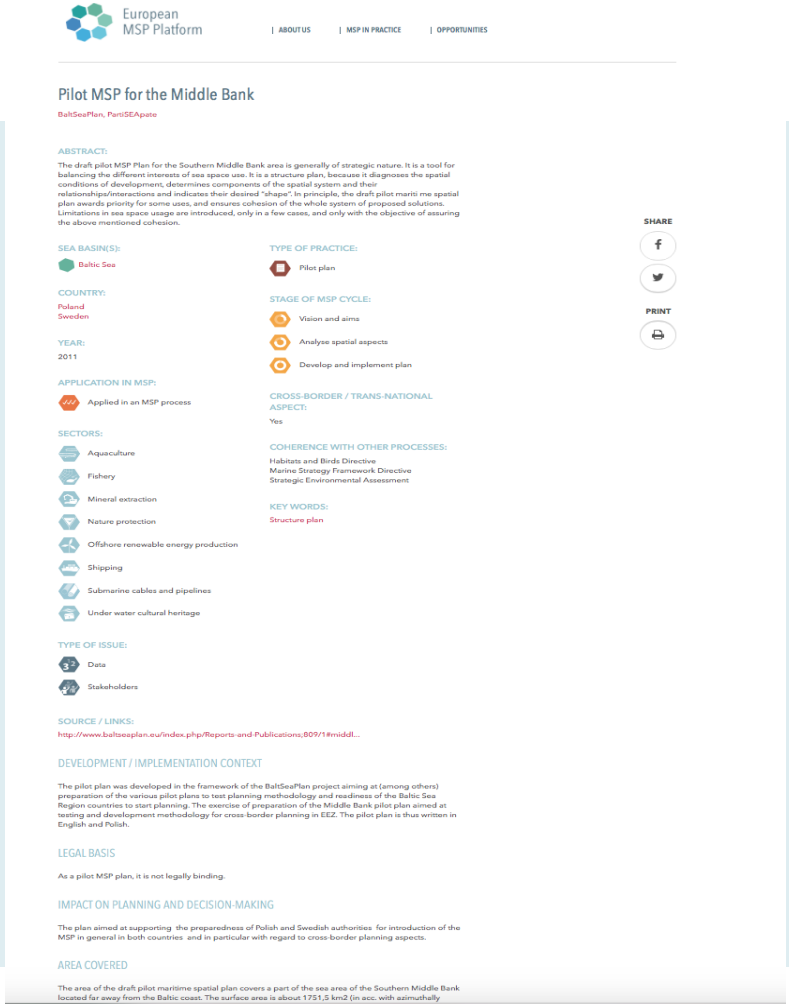


Fig.1.: Southern Middle Bank pilot area
Source: Maritime Institute in Gdańsk.





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Pilot MSP for the Middle Bank

BaltSeaPlan, PartiSEApate

ABSTRACT:

The draft pilot MSP Plan for the Southern Middle Bank area is generally of strategic nature. It is a tool for balancing the different interests of sea space use. It is a structure plan, because it diagnoses the spatial conditions of development, determines components of the spatial system and their relationships/interactions and indicates their desired "shape". In principle, the draft pilot maritime spatial plan awards priority for some uses, and ensures cohesion of the whole system of proposed solutions. Limitations in sea space usage are introduced, only in a few cases, and only with the objective of assuring the above mentioned cohesion.

SEA BASIN(S): Baltic Sea

TYPE OF PRACTICE: Pilot plan

COUNTRY: Poland, Sweden

STAGE OF MSP CYCLE: Vision and aims; Analyse spatial aspects; Develop and implement plan

YEAR: 2011

APPLICATION IN MSP: Applied in an MSP process

CROSS-BORDER / TRANS-NATIONAL ASPECT: Yes

SECTORS: Aquaculture; Fishery; Mineral extraction; Nature protection; Offshore renewable energy production; Shipping; Submarine cables and pipelines; Under water cultural heritage

COHERENCE WITH OTHER PROCESSES: Habitats and Birds Directive; Marine Strategy Framework Directive; Strategic Environmental Assessment

KEY WORDS: Structure plan

TYPE OF ISSUE: Data; Stakeholders

SOURCE / LINKS: http://www.baltseaplan.eu/index.php/Reports-and-Publications;809/1#middl...

DEVELOPMENT / IMPLEMENTATION CONTEXT

The pilot plan was developed in the framework of the BaltSeaPlan project aiming at (among others) preparation of the various pilot plans to test planning methodology and readiness of the Baltic Sea Region countries to start planning. The exercise of preparation of the Middle Bank pilot plan aimed at testing and development methodology for cross-border planning in EEZ. The pilot plan is thus written in English and Polish.

LEGAL BASIS

As a pilot MSP plan, it is not legally binding.

IMPACT ON PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING

The plan aimed at supporting the preparedness of Polish and Swedish authorities for introduction of the MSP in general in both countries and in particular with regard to cross-border planning aspects.

AREA COVERED

The area of the draft pilot maritime spatial plan covers a part of the sea area of the Southern Middle Bank located far away from the Baltic coast. The surface area is about 1751,5 km2 (in acc. with azimuthally

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Project example: PartiSEAp

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Sea Basin | Type of issue | Coherence with other processes
Sectors | Stage of MSP cycle
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7 MSP Practices

HANDBOOK ON MULTI-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS IN MSP
PartiSEApate
Provides an insightful checklist of tasks that MSP organizers should perform at different stages of the process together with stakeholders at multiple levels.

LITHUANIAN MODEL CASE
PartiSEApate
The specific model case aimed to develop and test transnational MSP governance methods as well as interlinkages between national and local levels in Lithuania.

MSP GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK REPORT
PartiSEApate
The governance framework report aims at providing recommedations on how to improve transnational and cross-border consultation and cooperation in the Baltic Sea.

PILOT MSP FOR THE MIDDLE BANK
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STAKEHOLDERS IN SWEDISH M... PLANNING
PartiSEApate
Assessing stakeholders according... source and strength of legitimacy... according to their level of activity...

TRANSNATIONAL MSP STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE
PartiSEApate
In order to stimulate a dialogue on MSP at pan-Baltic level between sectors and planners, stakeholder workshops were organised in the scope of the PartiSEApate project.

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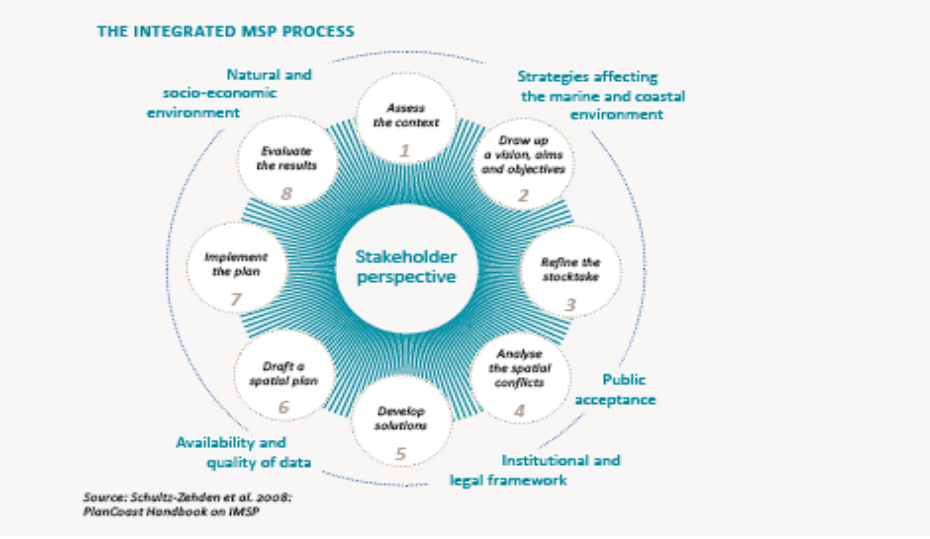
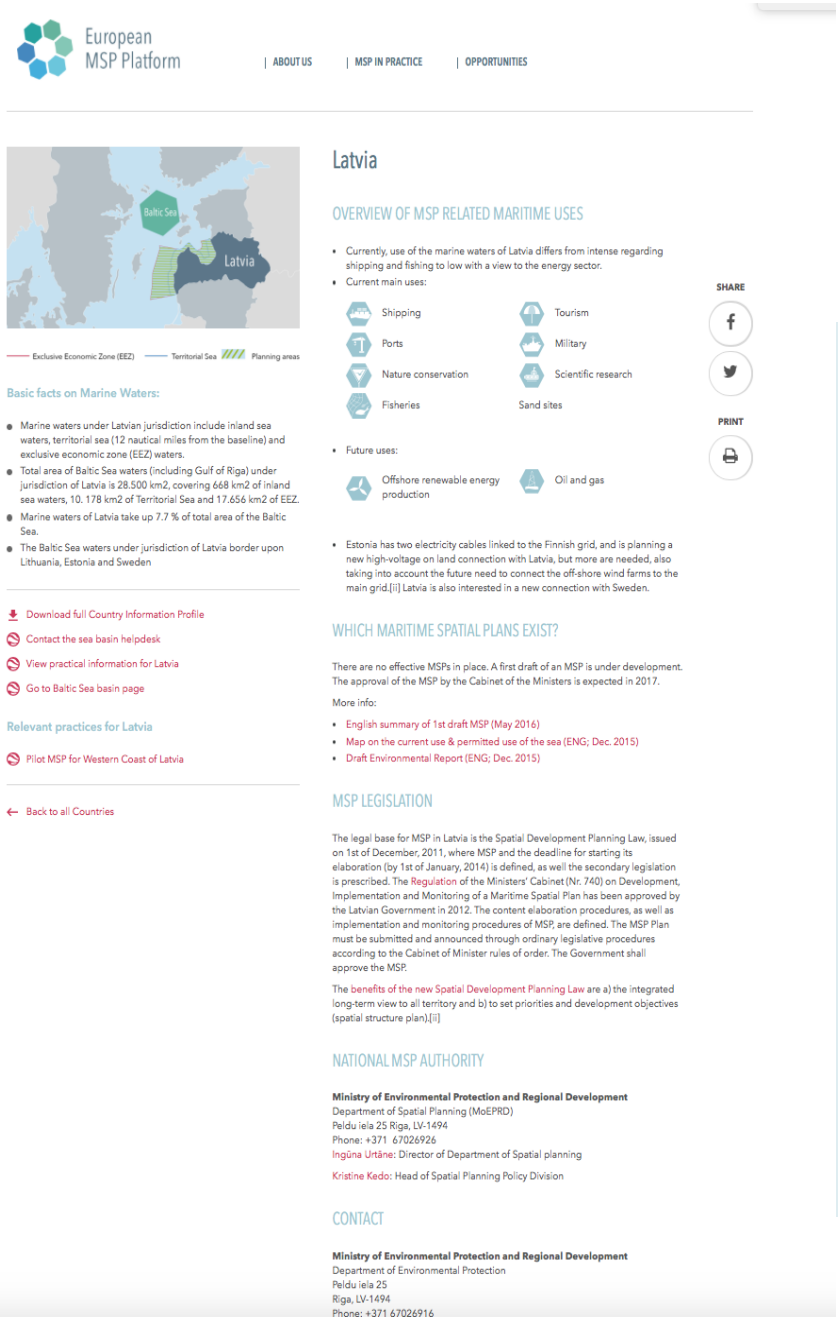


- 1st time: MSP and sectors on transnational level; what is their perspective?
- Core project for guidelines on transnational cooperation and stakeholder involvement
- MSP cycle

Practices from real MSPs: Latvia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Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) — Territorial Sea //// Planning areas

Basic facts on Marine Waters:

- Marine waters under Latvian jurisdiction include inland sea waters, territorial sea (12 nautical miles from the baseline) and exclusive economic zone (EEZ) waters.
- Total area of Baltic Sea waters (including Gulf of Riga) under jurisdiction of Latvia is 28.500 km2, covering 668 km2 of inland sea waters, 10. 178 km2 of Territorial Sea and 17.656 km2 of EEZ.
- Marine waters of Latvia take up 7.7 % of total area of the Baltic Sea.
- The Baltic Sea waters under jurisdiction of Latvia border upon Lithuania, Estonia and Sweden

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Relevant practices for Latvia

Pilot MSP for Western Coast of Latvia

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Latvia

OVERVIEW OF MSP RELATED MARITIME USES

- Currently, use of the marine waters of Latvia differs from intense regarding shipping and fishing to low with a view to the energy sector.
- Current main uses:

Shipping, Tourism, Ports, Military, Nature conservation, Scientific research, Fisheries, Sand sites

- Future uses:

Offshore renewable energy production, Oil and gas

- Estonia has two electricity cables linked to the Finnish grid, and is planning a new high-voltage on land connection with Latvia, but more are needed, also taking into account the future need to connect the off-shore wind farms to the main grid.[ii] Latvia is also interested in a new connection with Sweden.

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WHICH MARITIME SPATIAL PLANS EXIST?

There are no effective MSPs in place. A first draft of an MSP is under development. The approval of the MSP by the Cabinet of the Ministers is expected in 2017.

More info:

- English summary of 1st draft MSP (May 2016)
- Map on the current use & permitted use of the sea (ENG; Dec. 2015)
- Draft Environmental Report (ENG; Dec. 2015)

MSP LEGISLATION

The legal base for MSP in Latvia is the Spatial Development Planning Law, issued on 1st of December, 2011, where MSP and the deadline for starting its elaboration (by 1st of January, 2014) is defined, as well the secondary legislation is prescribed. The Regulation of the Ministers' Cabinet (Nr. 740) on Development, Implementation and Monitoring of a Maritime Spatial Plan has been approved by the Latvian Government in 2012. The content elaboration procedures, as well as implementation and monitoring procedures of MSP, are defined. The MSP Plan must be submitted and announced through ordinary legislative procedures according to the Cabinet of Minister rules of order. The Government shall approve the MSP.

The benefits of the new Spatial Development Planning Law are a) the integrated long-term view to all territory and b) to set priorities and development objectives (spatial structure plan).[ii]

NATIONAL MSP AUTHORITY

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Practices from real MSPs: Latvia

MARITIME SPATIAL PLAN FOR TERRITORIAL SEA AND EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

1st DRAFT DECEMBER 2015

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development Republic of Latvia

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Baltic SCOPE

eea grants

Co-financed by the European Economic Area financial instrument 2009-2014 programme „National Climate Policy"

- 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

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

Region Kymenlaakso

ABSTRACT:

This document is the first regional land use plan for the Territorial Sea of Kymenlaakso Region. It is a first attempt at integrated spatial planning of the sea area.

COUNTRY:
Finland

YEAR:
2013

APPLICATION IN MSP:
Applied in an MSP process

SECTORS:
- Military
- Nature protection
- Offshore renewable energy production
- Ports
- Shipping
- Tourism

TYPE OF PRACTICE:
Plan

STAGE OF MSP CYCLE:
Develop and implement plan

CROSS-BORDER / TRANS-NATIONAL ASPECT:
No

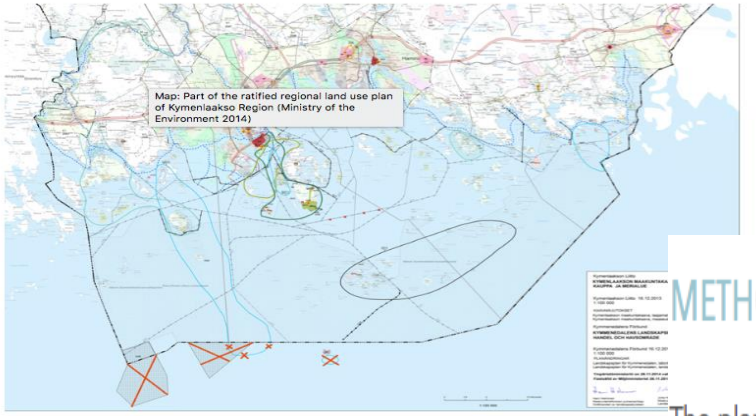
KEY WORDS:
Finland
regional plan

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 for example cover EEZ, 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 120km east of Helsinki and shares a common border with Russia. A total area of 1822 sq km of Territorial Sea is included in the plan, covering ca. 25 % 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.



Map: Part of the ratified regional land use plan of Kymenlaakso Region (Ministry of the Environment 2014)

The plan aims to strengthen the region's marine area's nature, cultural heritage, natural and ecosystem resc as well as the shipping, military and tourism sectors. Known environmental risks such as eutrophication, sea accidents and sedimentary pollution have been recognized. The plan also aims to address issues concerni Marine Strategy and Water Framework Directives, Maritime Spatial Planning Directive and ecosystem base goals of the European Union.

METHOD

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

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MAIN OUTPUTS / RESULTS

- Kymenlaakso Region

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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