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

When? March 2015 – March 2017
Who? 6 Member States
3 Regional organizations
1 environmental agency
Funding? 2.6 million € (EMFF)

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MSP definition

• “MSP (Planning) is a process to create preparedness in the society to meet an un-surten future and try to shape the development and organize the space (and the use of resources) in a desirable direction”

(Andersson, Vasab workshop 2016)
Baltic Sea
The busy Baltic Sea

- Very narrow but intensively used Sea:
  - One of most trafficked seas
  - One of most polluted seas
  - Important fishing grounds
  - Sand/gravel extraction
  - Power/telecom cables
  - Pipelines
  - Weapons dumping sites from World War II
  - MPAs (Marine Protected Areas)

- Newcomers:
  - Offshore-Wind Farms
  - Potentially hydrocarbons (?)
Governance of the Baltic Sea

- 9 countries and 1 autonomous territory (Åland)
- 9+ official languages
- Many boundaries:
  - Territorial waters (from Base-Line – 12 NM)
  - Exclusive Economic Zone (<200NM)
- Unresolved border conflicts
- Different administrative/planning traditions & national interests
- Independent sectoral planning/management
Overall approach

- Cross-border cooperation
- MSP authorities & relevant regional sea organizations
- Support actual MSP implementation
- Added value
Baltic Scope aim to provide

- a set of generic good practices, methods and results
- recommendations for evaluating the MSP process
- for implementing an ecosystem based approach to MSP and the SEA process
- for use and exchange of data in MSP
- for institutional stakeholder consultation

But we always ask ourselves what is most needed to achieve successful cross-border cooperation.
Coordination & management

Communication & dissemination

Lessons learnt

Case studies

Southwest Baltic

Central Baltic

Monitoring & evaluation transboundary framework
We used the MSP cycle

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG

MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING PROCESS (GENERIC)

STAGE 1
Initial Preparation

STAGE 2
Refine policies & objectives in association with stakeholders

STAGE 3
Collect & analyse data related to the area of the plan

STAGE 4
Prepare draft plan & environmental assessment

STAGE 5
Consult stakeholders, consultees & the public on the draft plan/SEA report

STAGE 6
Review submissions & modify draft plan as required

STAGE 7
Submit revised plan for formal approval

STAGE 8
Implement plan & monitor its effects

STAGE 9
Review

Finland
Denmark
Poland
Estonia
Sweden

Germany

German Region Meckelnburg - Vorpommern

Lithuania

Latvia
The Project focused on:

- Offshore Energy
- Shipping
- Fisheries
- Cables/pipelines
- Sand + gravel extraction
- Tourism/recreation
- Defence/military practice
- Nature conservation
Land Sea Interaction

Data source: National statistical institutes, VLIZ (2012) *The lines may not always represent official delimitation. Unclear legal status*
Marine Green Infrastructure
Topics are connected to the geography – and how does it have an effect on planning

- Energy
- Fishery
- Environment
- Shipping
Middlebank: Important fishing ground (SWE, PL and CB case)
# Interest matrix

**South-West Baltic Case**

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*4th Planners Meeting/2nd December 2015*

Legend:
- **strong interest**
- **minor interest**
- **no interest**
- **no information**
- **existing planning restrictions/regulations**
- **no restrictions/ regulations known**
Geographical areas of special interest - in South West Baltic
Ecosystem approach

1. Ecosystem Approach in MSP - general checklist

2. Planning support checklists

3. SEA-Checklist
1. Assessment and identification of trans-boundary MSP issues March -August 2015

2. Identification
Fisheries, Environment, shipping and energy, discussion on planning evidence, national and transboundary interests

3. Solution
compilation of outcomes

4. Conclusion
recommendations
National authorities Stakeholder participation & engagement
Conclusions

• MSP Transboundary more complex than expected when in sharp situation

• A strategic approach is difficult to comprehend
  (Lack of experiences in thinking in long term perspective

• Sector actors not used to think in a holistic perspective

• Difficult with stakeholder involvement

• Planners do not have the mandate to solve all issues

• It takes time!
should impact the national plans Swedish draft marine spatial plans published 1\textsuperscript{st} December 2016

Bothnian Bay

Baltc Sea

Skagerrak/Kattegat
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