



Workplan of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Region Maritime Spatial Planning Data Expert Sub-Group (BSR MSP Data ESG), 2025-2026

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No	Task	Lead, responsible bodies and interlinked activities	Timeframe	Output
Maintaining regional MSP data dialog platform				
1	Maintaining an up-to-date list of BSR National MSP Data Contact Points, including data reporters and data providers	Responsible: all CPs with the support of HELCOM Secretariat and PASPS project Interlinked activities: Action 1.4 of the Regional Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2021-2030	Continuous	Regularly updated list of National MSP Data Contact Points – in Country Fiches, and output data reporters/providers – in Basemaps (ToR, outcome A)
2	Regularly exchange information on state of play of national MSP related data, including data availability, accessibility of data services and transboundary issues	Responsible: all CPs with the support of HELCOM Secretariat and PASPS project Interlinked activities: Action 1.6 of the Regional Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2021-2030	Continuous	Regularly updated information from the countries on the recent developments related to MSP data – during the meetings and in the Country Fiches (ToR, outcome B)
3	Cooperate with relevant regional and other projects to integrate their findings in the Baltic Sea MSP data framework	Responsible: all CPs with the support of HELCOM Secretariat and PASPS project Interlinked activities: Action 1.6 of the Regional Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2021-2030	Continuous	Discussions on possible integration of identified recent projects' findings related to MSP data in the regional MSP framework (ToR, outcome C, D)
Development of regional MSP data structure				

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4	Upon request, support the work of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG in relation to the development of “Green Infrastructure maps” and “Modelled maps of climate change impact”.	Responsible: all CPs with the support of HELCOM Secretariat and PASPS project Contributors: MPA Europe, Protect Baltic, MSP4BIO projects. Interlinked activities: Actions 3.4 and 5.3 of the Regional Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2021-2030	In line with the request by HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG	Technical recommendation on the use and availability of data for “Green Infrastructure maps” and “Modelled maps of climate change impact”.
5	Revision of the Guidelines on transboundary MSP output data structure	Lead: All CPs to consider establishing of a Task Force Contributors: ReMAP project and PASPS project. Seek support from other EU funded projects. Interlinked activities: Action 3.1 of the Regional Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2021-2030	II quarter, 2026	Final draft of the revised Guidelines on transboundary MSP output data structure submitted to HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (ToR, outcome C)
6	The development of methodological approach for regionally coherent data on offshore wind farms as input data for MSP	Lead: Task force or all CPs Contributors: Baltic Sea2Land, ReMAP Interlinked activities: Action 5.2 of the Regional Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2021-2030	IV quarter, 2025	A discussion paper on harmonization of data on offshore wind farms in sea basin scale from MSP perspective and their potential use for the assessment of environmental effects (pressures and impacts) (ToR, outcome F)
7	Follow-up the improvement of cross-border topological coherence of the data used in MSP (output/input)	Responsible: all CPs with the support of HELCOM Secretariat and PASPS project Contributors: Interlinked activities: Action 1.6 of the Regional Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2021-2030	II quarter, 2025	A proposal on aspects to be considered for topological harmonization of MSP output data in cross-border context (ToR, outcome F)
Maintenance and development of Basemaps regional MSP data portal				
8	Ensure that national MSP output data is made available on Basemaps after adoption of MSP in compliance with the Guidelines on transboundary MSP output data structure	Responsible: all CPs with the support of HELCOM Secretariat and PASPS project	Continuous	Basemaps service presents valid national MSP output data (ToR, outcome E)

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		Interlinked activities: Action 1.6 of the Regional Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2021-2030		
9	The development of user tools and other functionalities of Basemaps service	<p>Responsible: all CPs with the support of HELCOM Secretariat and PASPS project.</p> <p>Contributors: ReMAP project Basemaps improvement planning, Baltic Sea2Land. Seek for contribution from other projects.</p> <p>Interlinked activities: Action 1.6 of the Regional Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2021-2030</p>	<p>Continuous</p> <p>II quarter, 2025</p>	<p>User tools and functions of Basemaps service are updated according to user needs and available resources (ToR, outcome D).</p> <p>Proposals for simple analytical tools under development. They comprehend proposals covering simple analysis, such as base and sea use statistics, and more advanced analysis, such as comparative analysis and multi-use analysis.</p>