Baltic LINes project recommendations on transboundary consultations on linear infrastructure within the MSP process

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Modal Concept
Research process and progress

Shipping & Energy development trends and spatial challenges → Investigation of the recommendations of the previous and current MSP projects → Planing criteria & solutions (practical guides) defined by BalticLINes → Data for MSP - availability & solutions (BASEMAPS)

Lessons learned from the BalticLINes → Best Practices for implementing MSPs identified by the BalticLINes → Recommendations – HELCOME/VASAB MSP WG & Key stakeholders
• The sector is increasingly growing with players from inside and outside the BSR countries

• A variety of procedures and approaches to the designation of energy infrastructure in maritime spatial planning exist

• The energy sector with key stakeholders and TSOs are currently not well-organized on a pan-Baltic level (OWF & grids)

• There is no Energy workgroup in the Baltic Sea Region
Energy Sector RECOMMENDATIONS

HELCOME/VASAB MSP WP

• Create a sub-group under the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG dealing with offshore wind energy and grids developments on the Baltic Sea
• The sub-group should focus on coherent pan-Baltic planning criteria of energy infrastructure

STAKEHOLDERS

• Stimulate/organize a pan-Baltic offshore energy stakeholder group/initiative, which could actively feed into future projects (e.g. platform projects) or workgroups (MSP workgroup)
• Disseminate of “A practical guide to the designation of energy infrastructure in MSP” as a good practice in the BSR
Maritime spatial planners are not represented on the IMO forum, so do not have a relevant platform for discussion.

There is no shipping workgroup in the Baltic able to discuss at the IMO level about spatial issues or regional trends and innovations in shipping industry.

Platform for discussion between planners can support a voluntary adoption of basic requirements (concept of common formal standards refused).

Future challenges towards shipping and maritime ports need to be identified and commonly included into the MSP process, especially in the transboundary sections.
HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG

- Create a sub-group under the HELCOM-VASAB MSP workgroup dealing with shipping and seaport issues
- Start with dialogue on the IMO forum (as well SOLAS or CORLEG)
- Expand the discussion with HELCOM Safe Nav Group of Experts about the safety requirements in MSP planning

STAKEHOLDERS

- Update of the planning criteria table (bottom-up standardization, unification) with the central line as a common starting point for the MSPs process in the shipping sector
- Disseminate of “A practical guide to the designation of ship corridors in MSP” as a good practice in the BSR
Data for MSP
LESSON LEARNED

• Limited access to coherent data and information on the spatial development of the Baltic Sea areas

• Lack of a relevant pressure to encourage Member States to enhance their cooperation in the field of delivery of comprehensive data for the MSP

• Stakeholders have limited access to information concerning the spatial development of maritime space, making the decision and investment processes more difficult

• Different languages and formats as well as limited access to the spatial information

• No deadline for obtaining open data from BASEMAPS
HELCOME/VASAB MSP WG

Amend the Terms of Reference of the Baltic Sea Region MSP Data Expert Sub-group under the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Work Group:

• the Group should work to support the data availability in the newly created Baltic Sea Region Spatial Data Infrastructure for MSP (BASEMAPS).

• the status of the data availability should be followed up in each group meeting.
Data for MSP
RECOMMENDATIONS

STAKEHOLDERS

• Encourage MSP data providers to establish English as common language to provide MSP transboundary data

• Support a common symbology for MSP data and establish a common term vocabulary in order to achieve semantic interoperability

• Develop further the “HELCOM-VASAB Guidelines on transboundary MSP output data structure in the Baltic Sea”
Horizontal
RECOMMENDATIONS

• Maintain further activity of so-called Baltic MSP platform/forum
• Extend the scope of consultancy (incl. best practices, tool, measures) by support and further development of MSP forum at European level
• Bring together the offshore wind and cable industry with MSP planners (exchange of information, consultations, discussions)
• Initiate project development and integrate the MSP society for further activity
• Applying for the appropriate placement of the MSPs issues between the European and Baltic priorities (after 2021)
• Assure an adequate financial support in the next EU budget period (2021-2027)
Thank you

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