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MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE
IN MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING
THROUGHOUT THE BALTIC SEA REGION

PartiSEApate



Transboundary Multi-Level Consultation Process

PartiSEApate will develop and test methodologies for how to carry out multi-level Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) processes across national boundaries via three concrete pilot cases.

The work is driven by an expert group of professional maritime spatial planners from the Baltic Sea Region. Together they will examine how to:

- Address different planning cultures
- Integrate regional and national plans and strategies
- Optimise land-sea and transnational connectivity
- Align different planning cycles and horizons
- Ensure availability of suitable MSP data
- Carry out inter-governmental MSP consultations
- Increase multi-level and cross-border stakeholder involvement

In addition, the group will update the VASAB compendium on MSP systems in all Baltic Sea Region countries (2009).

Why PartiSEApate?

With expanding activities like offshore wind energy parks, growing shipping traffic as well as environmental protection needs, an increasing number of users compete for a share of the limited and vulnerable Baltic Sea space.

Maritime Spatial Planning has become the widely acknowledged and necessary tool for coordinating and balancing the spatial use of the sea. It aims to balance the interests of often competing sectors so that the marine space and resources are used efficiently and sustainably.

Through PartiSEApate, the bodies responsible for MSP across the Baltic Sea Region have joined forces in order to develop a pan-Baltic approach to topics whose spatial dimension transcends sectoral and administrative borders.

Engaging Pan-Baltic Stakeholders

An integrated MSP should consider the whole Baltic Sea as one ecosystem and one planning space. Interests are, however, often expressed from a sectoral or national/regional perspective only.

PartiSEApate will engage administrations, sectors, researchers and experts in a series of pan-Baltic dialogues. Initial workshops will each be devoted to one stakeholder group in order to raise understanding of what MSP means to them and explore the transnational aspects of their topics. In subsequent steps, focus will be on cross-sectoral debate to identify synergies and conflicts and develop priorities and solutions for future MSPs and related governance processes.

Topics to be discussed will include:

1. Shipping / Port development
2. Offshore wind energy
3. Cultural heritage / Tourism
4. Aquaculture / New uses of marine resources
5. Research agenda for MSP
6. Environmental protection
7. Climate change
8. Data network building

