



Marine Planning – a European perspective

***Baltic SCOPE** collaboration*

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

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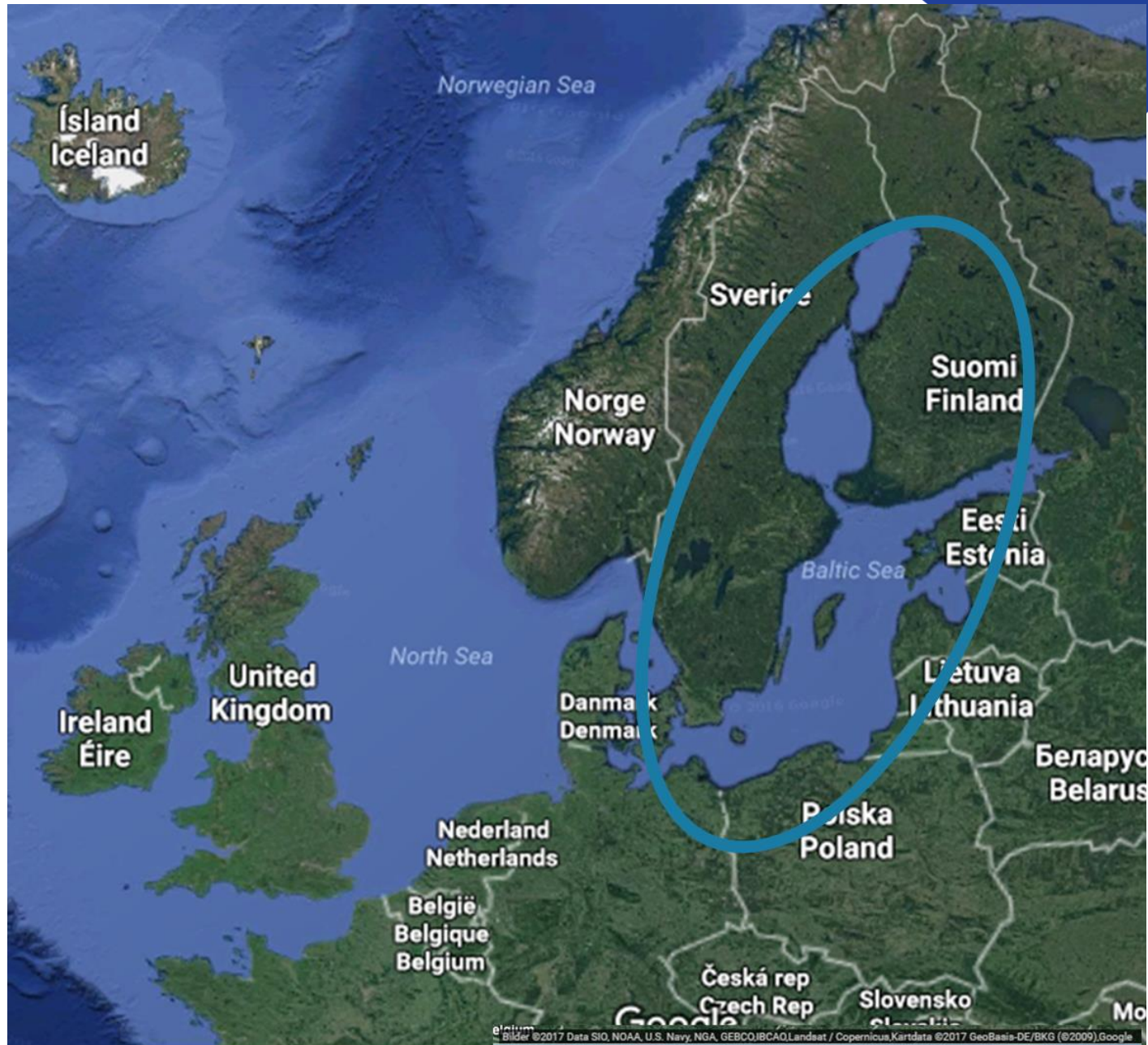


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Baltic Sea?





Share

Understand

Adapt

International

National

- cross-border cooperation
- MSP authorities & relevant regional sea organisations
- Support actual MSP implementation
- added value



The partnership



EUROPEAN UNION
European Maritime
and Fisheries Fund



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Swedish Agency
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Water Management



NORDREGIO
Nordic Centre for Spatial Development



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Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania



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Age	40 years old	22 years old
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Field of expertise	Environment	Planning
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Favorite book	Baltic Sea Action Plan	VASAB Long-Term Perspective
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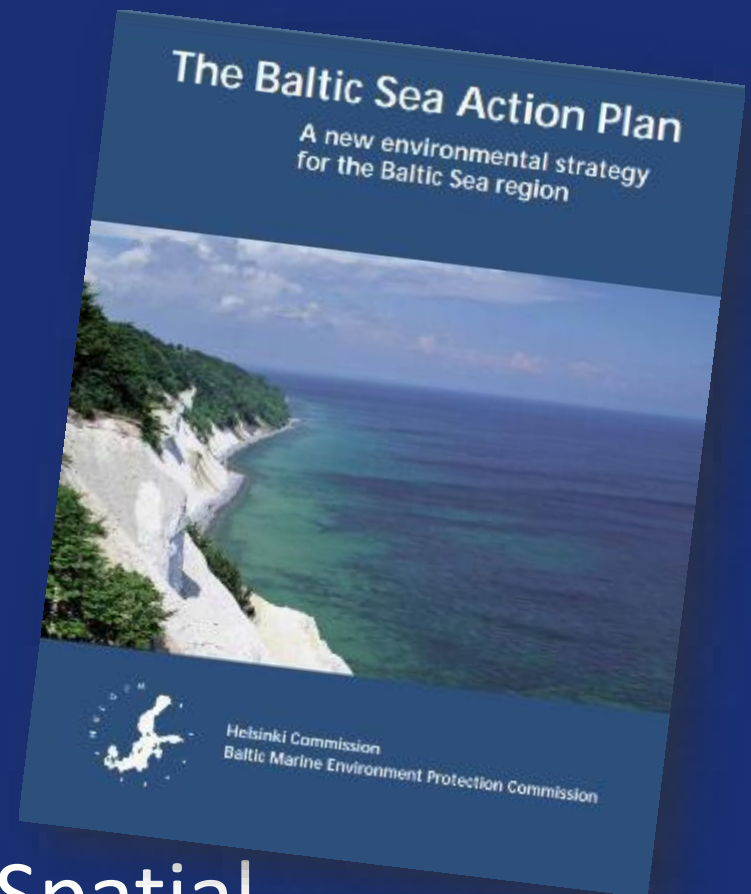
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“...achieve a Baltic Sea in
good environmental status
by 2021”

“...develop by 2010 Marine Spatial
Planning principles based on the
Ecosystem Approach...”



2007

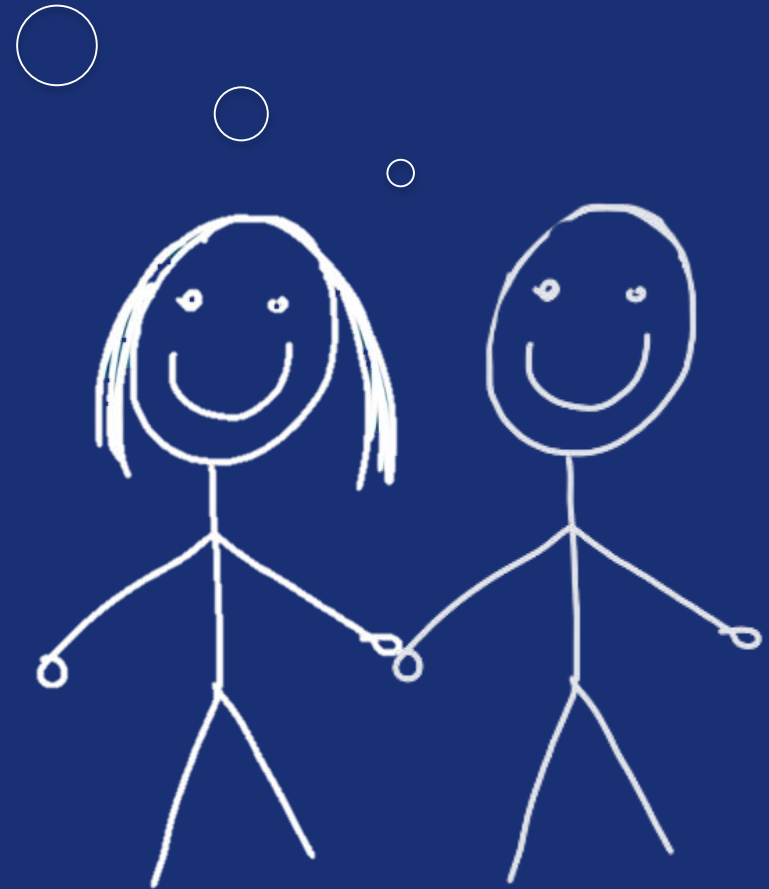
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Coherent MSP across the Baltic

2010
HELCOM-VASAB
Marine Spatial Planning
working group →
Roadmap - 2020



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principles

Sustainable management

Ecosystem approach

Long term perspective and objectives

Precautionary Principle

Participation and Transparency

High quality data and information basis

Transnational coordination and consultation

Coherent terrestrial and maritime spatial planning

Planning adapted to characteristics and special conditions at different areas

Continuous planning

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Two years ago...





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Ecosystem
approach -
task force

Coordination & management

Communication &
dissemination

Lessons learnt

Case studies

Southwest
Baltic



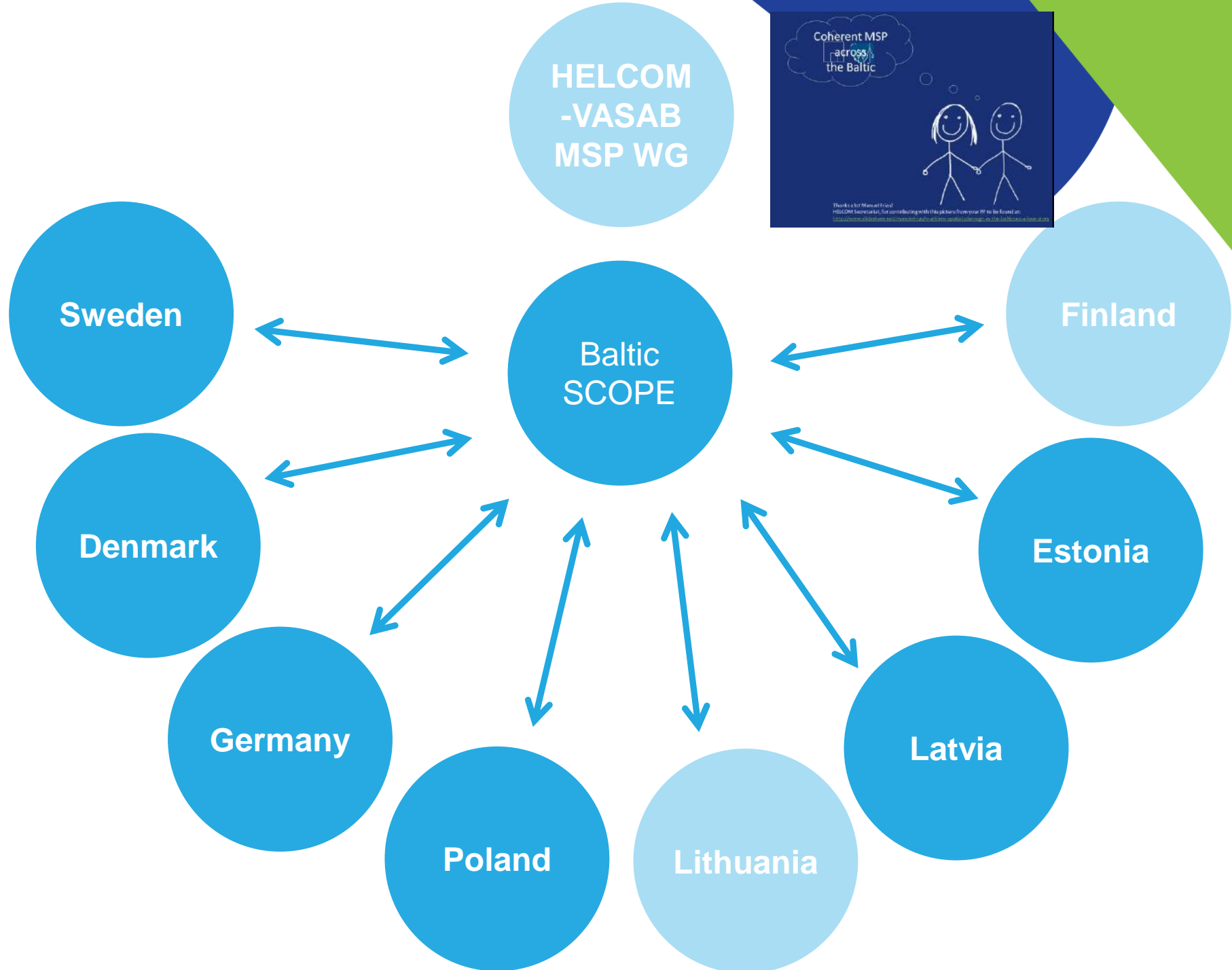
Central
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Monitoring & evaluation
transboundary framework



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Finland

Denmark

Estonia

Germany

Latvia

Poland

Lithuania

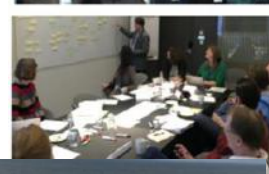
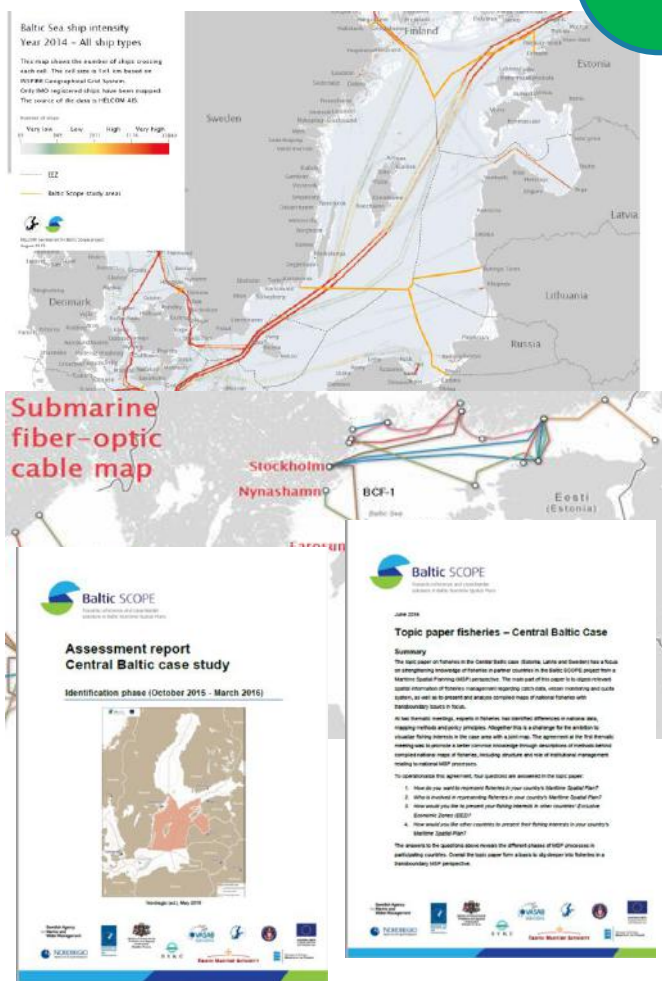
1. Assessment and identification of transboundary MSP issues

2. Identification Fisheries, Environment, Shipping and Energy.

- discussion on planning evidence, conflicts and synergies, future trends, national and transboundary interests

3. Solution compilation of outcomes

4. Conclusion recommendations





Share, Understand, Adapt

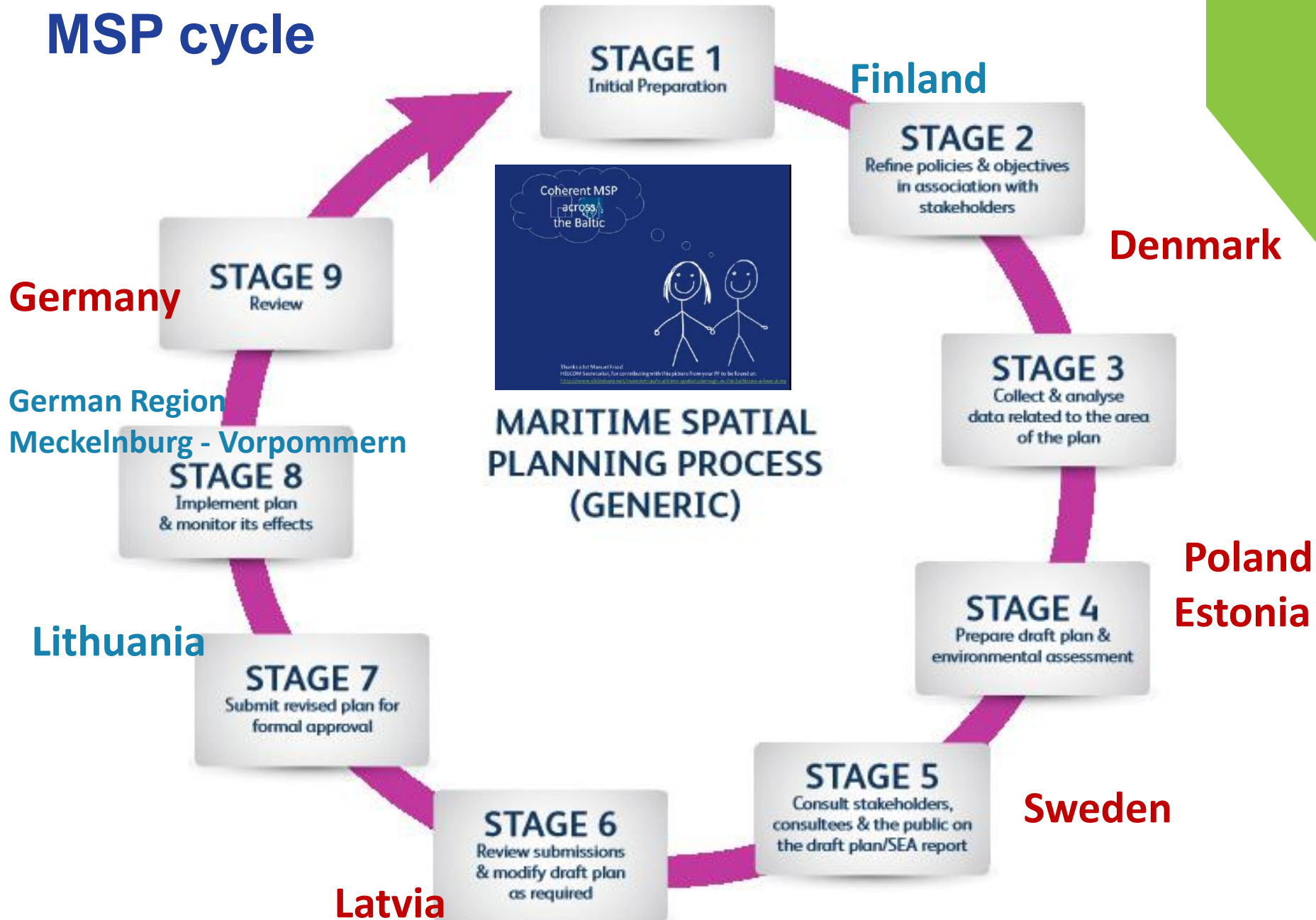


*“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.” Benjamin Franklin*

Some challenges

- Sovereign nations with domestic targets, goals, priorities and interests
- Countries at different temporal levels in the MSP process, which can make coordination difficult
- Plans have different legal status which also will, and are proving a challenge – guiding versus obligatory
- Unsolved issues
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MSP cycle



"Kill your darlings"



Transboundary Cooperation

WORK IN PROGRESS!

Where appropriate, planning authorities should draw attention to pan-Baltic and bilateral issues at the national political level to deal with conflicting national interests that cannot be solved through informal dialogue between planners.

Target group: Policy makers, Planners and Ministries

Planning authorities should strengthen cooperation with sectorial agencies which act as contact points to international decision organs, including HELCOM and VASAB at the regional sea level, and the IMO and IALA at the global level.

Target group: Planners

Planning authorities should develop a more symbiotic relationship with sector authorities, and the respective sector authority should involve the planning authorities if there are spatial implications in sector negotiations across borders.

Target groups: Planners, Maritime administrations and Sector authorities

Develop a common policy framework that can contribute towards the initiation and development of common policy level agreements on environmental related aspects, such as renewable energy.

Target group: Policy makers

South West Baltic



Planning Evidence

WORK IN PROGRESS!

Develop common approaches for assessing and evaluating the cumulative impact of human activities on the marine environment.

Target group: Planners

Develop guidelines or criteria for social, economic and environmental impact assessment procedures for MSP.

Target group: Research

Develop pan-Baltic criteria, based on international guidance, outlining safety distances between offshore installations, fairways, routes and TSSs.

Target group: Policy makers

Establish what planning evidence is required within a transboundary context and share data widely to increase knowledge on MSP planning processes, particularly in relation to MSP projects, Strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and Environmental impact assessment (EIA).

Target group: Planners and Data hosts

Include an analysis in transboundary perspective in all national MSP actions and topics.

Target group: Planners

Planning authorities should use the three checklists on the ecosystem-based approach developed in Baltic SCOPE in when starting up and doing maritime spatial planning.

Target group: Planners

Process

WORK IN PROGRESS!

Ensure that sectoral authorities understand and agree with relevant MSP-recommendations in order to promote the successful implementation of MSP.

Target group: Planning authorities, Sector authorities and Planners

Map transboundary synergies and conflicts, so planners can identify which areas require special attention.

Target groups: Planners and Maritime administrations

Apply recognized risk assessment methods during the license process, including the risk of ice conditions.

Target group: Planners

Apply experiences from conflict management in other areas to MSP

Target group: Planners and Process managers

Coherent MSP
across
the Baltic

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Establish the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group as a permanent forum for networking and sharing knowledge and experience, to ensure close cooperation of planning authorities.

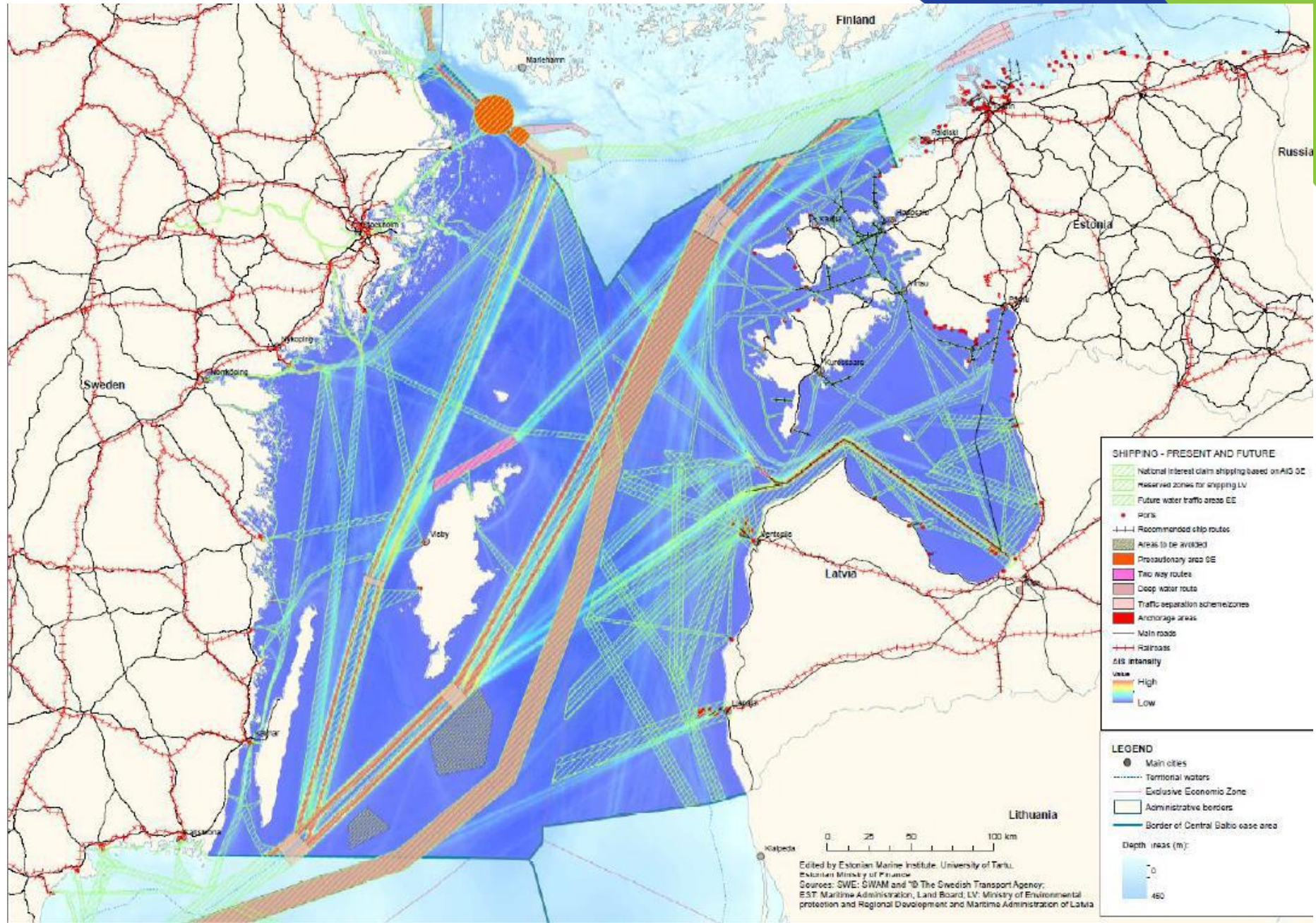
Find appropriate forms to contact and mobilize commercial stakeholders and NGOs in transboundary MSP, to enhance knowledge exchange and consultation.

Involve sectoral experts and sectoral authorities early, to avoid conflicts and obtain transboundary coherent plans.

Develop an early warning system to alert and create awareness of potential transnational conflict areas for planning authorities and sector representatives.

Target group: Planners

Current status: Shipping



Recommendations Fishery

WORK IN PROGRESS!

Jointly identify essential fish habitat, including spawning, nursery and growth areas, for the whole Baltic Sea for species of interest to fisheries.

Target group: National agencies responsible for fisheries data collection and processing and ICES

Joint planning evidence of fisheries should be provided through ICES. Discuss and agree with ICES* on the methodology to improve the usability of aggregated data for national maritime spatial planning.

Target group: Policy makers, Planners and ICES Workgroup on Spatial Fisheries Data

Inform other countries about areas in their exclusive economic zone that is of national fishing interest to your country.

Target group: Planners

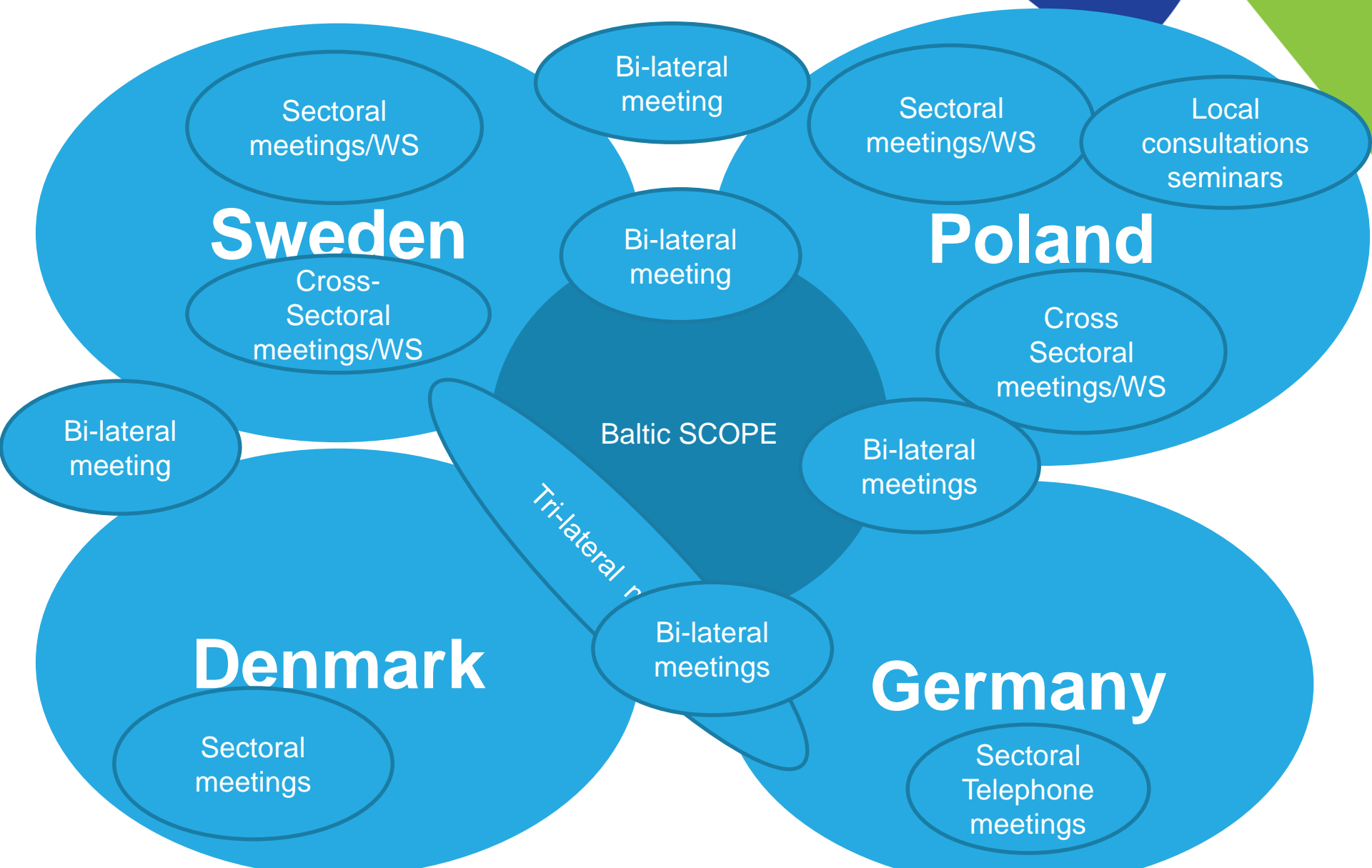
Show awareness of other countries fishing interests in your maritime spatial plan, such as their fishing grounds, routes and ports.

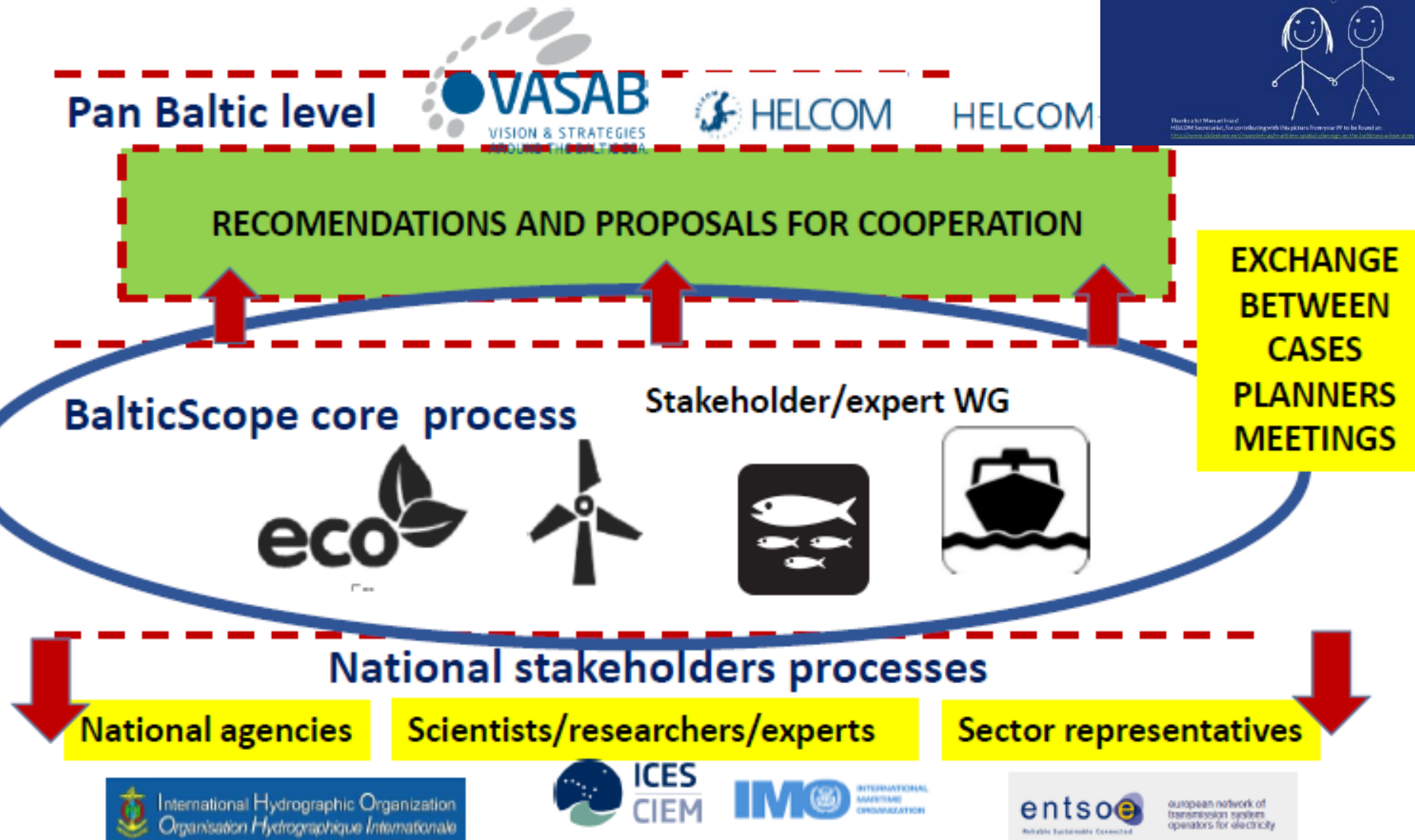
Target group: Planners

Fisheries should be considered from a dynamic perspective both over time and space, as conditions and important areas will change over time. It is also important to have a sea basin perspective in mapping and impact assessment of fisheries.

Target group: Planners

Part in each others planning process – Southwest Baltic





- Cross-border cooperation makes a difference MSP authorities & relevant regional sea organisations and scientists working together
- Support actual MSP implementation
- Added value – be part in each others process
- Step-wise approach – stay focused
- Involve national sector authorities
- Provide a platform for informal discussions
- Use different methods improve, adapt, adjust





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Next steps

- Launching outcomes in March 2017
- Dissemination, continue make use of our products
- Preparing for ongoing call from DG Mare
 - Ecosystem approach
 - Land-sea interaction
 - Socioeconomics and blue growth
 - Future scenarios
 - Aligning with other EU directives
 - MPAs network, green infrastructure
 - Global Sustainability Goals
 - Border issues...
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Thanks for your attention!

