



# Maritime Spatial Planning: Transboundary Cooperation in the Celtic Seas

Looking Ahead



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**Looking ahead**  
**MSP in the context of the European**  
**Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) and**  
**beyond**

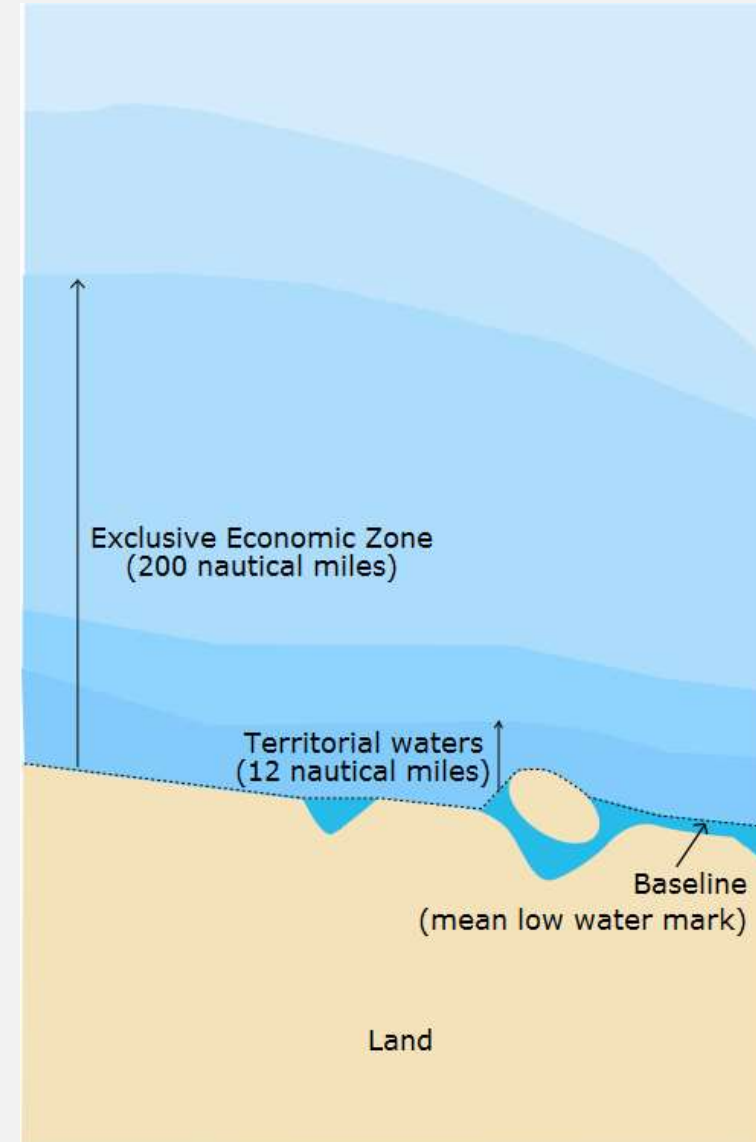


**MARITIME**

*Executive  
Agency for  
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SIMCelt Final Conference  
Liverpool, 28-29 November  
2017

# Timing EU MSP Directive





# Funding of cross-border projects

## MSP Directive

### Article 11 - Cooperation among Member States

*"Member States bordering marine waters shall cooperate with the aim of ensuring that maritime spatial plans are coherent and coordinated across the marine region concerned".*

# Adaptive approach in response to an evolving context



## 2008-2010 (1st Generation)

- DG MARE: Building knowledge base on cross-border planning
- INTERREG: + Creating / exchange of experience in implementing MSP

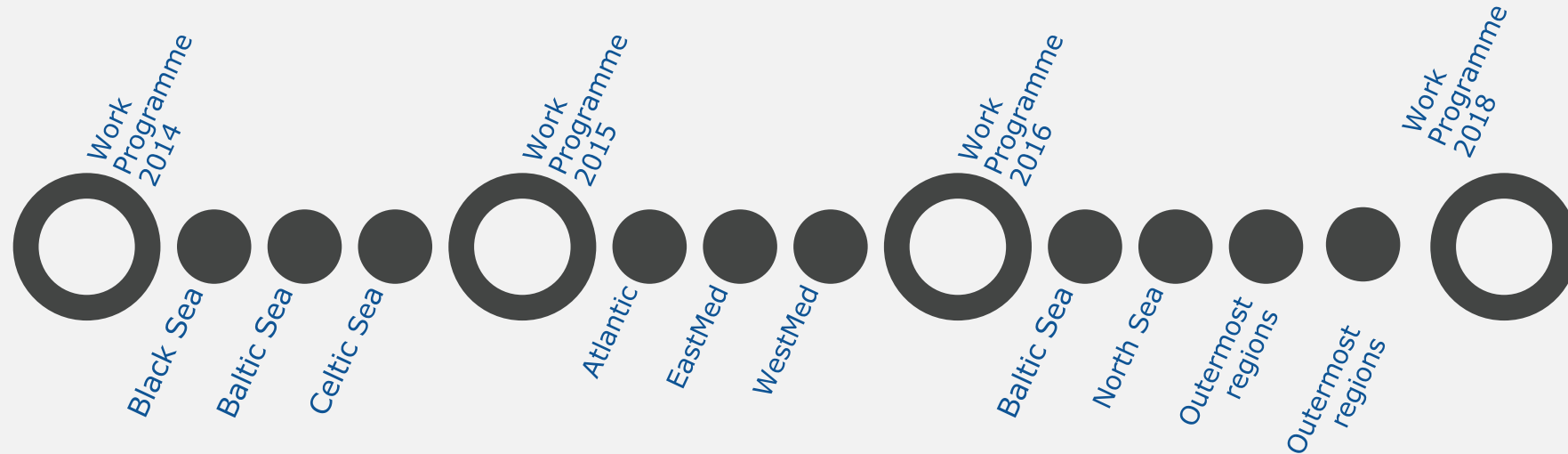
## 2010-2014 (2nd Generation)

- DG MARE: Building concrete expertise on cross-border planning through pilot projects
- INTERREG: + Facilitate / add value to implementing MSP at MS level / + Strengthen knowledge base on specific issues of MSP implementation

## 2014 – 2020 (3rd Generation) – euro 24M (from EMFF)

- DG MARE: Implementing the Directive + coordination (EU MSP Platform)
- INTERREG: + Strengthen sector integration / visions & scenarios on transnational topics

# EMFF MSP cross-border projects



**Up to date: 18 Million € for MSP cross border projects**  
**Grants covering all sea-basins on a rotating basis to continue until 2020.**



# MSP cross-border projects



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# Upcoming (1)



## 2017

- Study on international best practices for cross-border maritime spatial planning was recently published.
- EC-UNESCO Joint Roadmap to accelerate Maritime/Marine Spatial Planning processes worldwide adopted on 24/03/2017
- Baltic Scope project (completed in March 2017)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference 8 Nov.
- SimCelt final Conference Liverpool 28-29 Nov.
- "Sustainable Growth in the Atlantic Area: H2020 – A Key Investment Driver" - Irish Event of the Support Team for the Atlantic Action Plan – Galway, Ireland 12- Dec.



## 2018

- MARSPLAN Final Conference January 2018 (ROMANIA)
- EC/IOC-UNESCO joint workshops 24-25 May 2018 to kick off International Forum for MSP
- EC/IOC-UNESCO 2nd workshop Sept 2018





# Upcoming (2)



## 2018

- SUPREME & SIMWESTMED joint final conference End of 2018
- SIMNORAT Final conference End of 2018
- EU MSP Platform annual studies:
  - Conflict resolutions between stakeholders
  - Cross-border consultation
- EC/IOC-UNESCO international guidelines for transboundary MSP
- EC study on the Economic benefits of MSP
- Kick off of cross-border projects on MSP (North Sea, Baltic, Macronesia, La Reunion)
- MUSES final conference - back to MSEG in Sept-Oct.
- NorthSEE and Balt LInes final conferences - End 2018 or beginning 2019

# Upcoming (3)



## 2018

- EMFF: WP2018 Call for Proposals on cross-border projects on MSP (Planned) <https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/funding-opportunities>
- H2020: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/area/aquatic-resources>
- Interreg: <http://www.atlanticarea.eu/>

Some TIPS to identify further funding opportunities :

- Keep an eye on <http://www.msp-platform.eu/opportunities/funding> and
- Atlantic Assistance Mechanism: <http://www.atlanticstrategy.eu/en/funding/find-funding-opportunities>
- Twitter: @EU\_MARE, @EU\_EASME, @EU\_H2020, Projects, etc



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# Marine Spatial Planning in the Baltic Sea Region

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



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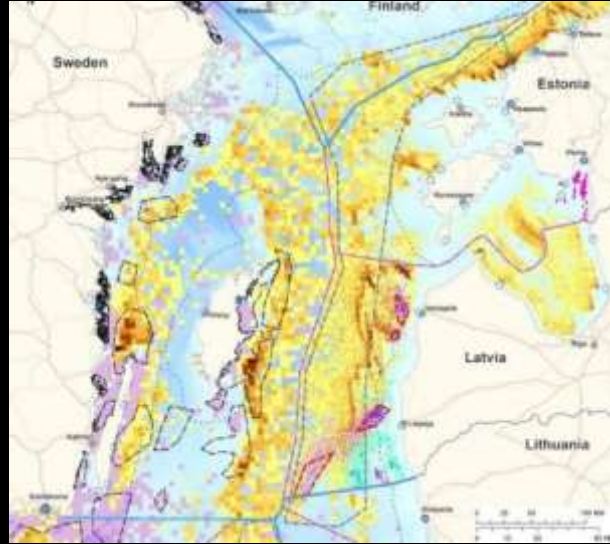
# Baltic Sea Region

## EU BSR Strategy

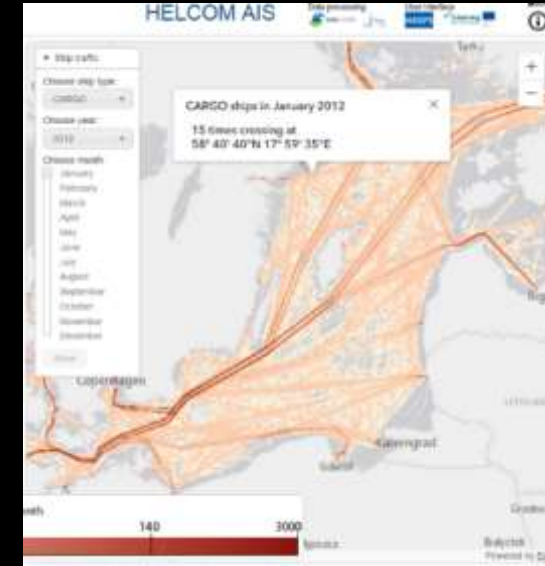


# Shared resources and areas

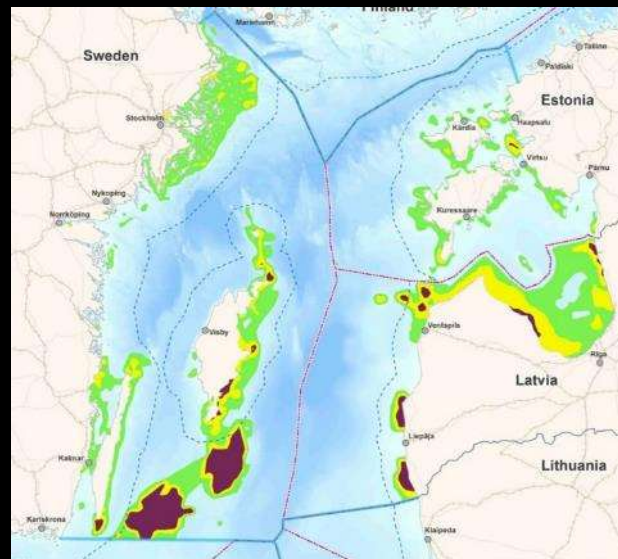
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fish resource



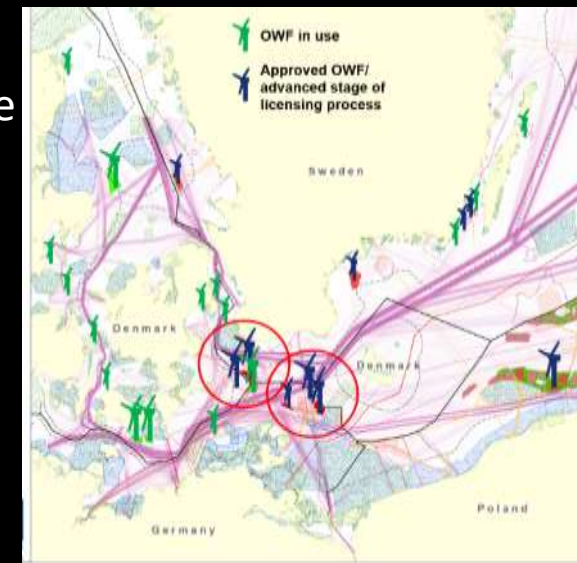
One  
shipping network



One green  
infrastructure



One renewable  
energy resource





- Cross-border cooperation
- Marine Spatial Planning authorities & relevant regional sea organisations
- Support actual ongoing Marine Spatial planning
- Added value



Best regards from the  
Baltic Sea Region



**Baltic SCOPE**

Transnational cooperation  
between Baltic Sea region states







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International

National

Regional

Local



# Recommendations on Maritime Spatial Planning across borders

## *Aspects*

- Transboundary cooperation
- Process
- Planning evidence
- Stakeholders and platforms

## *Sectors*

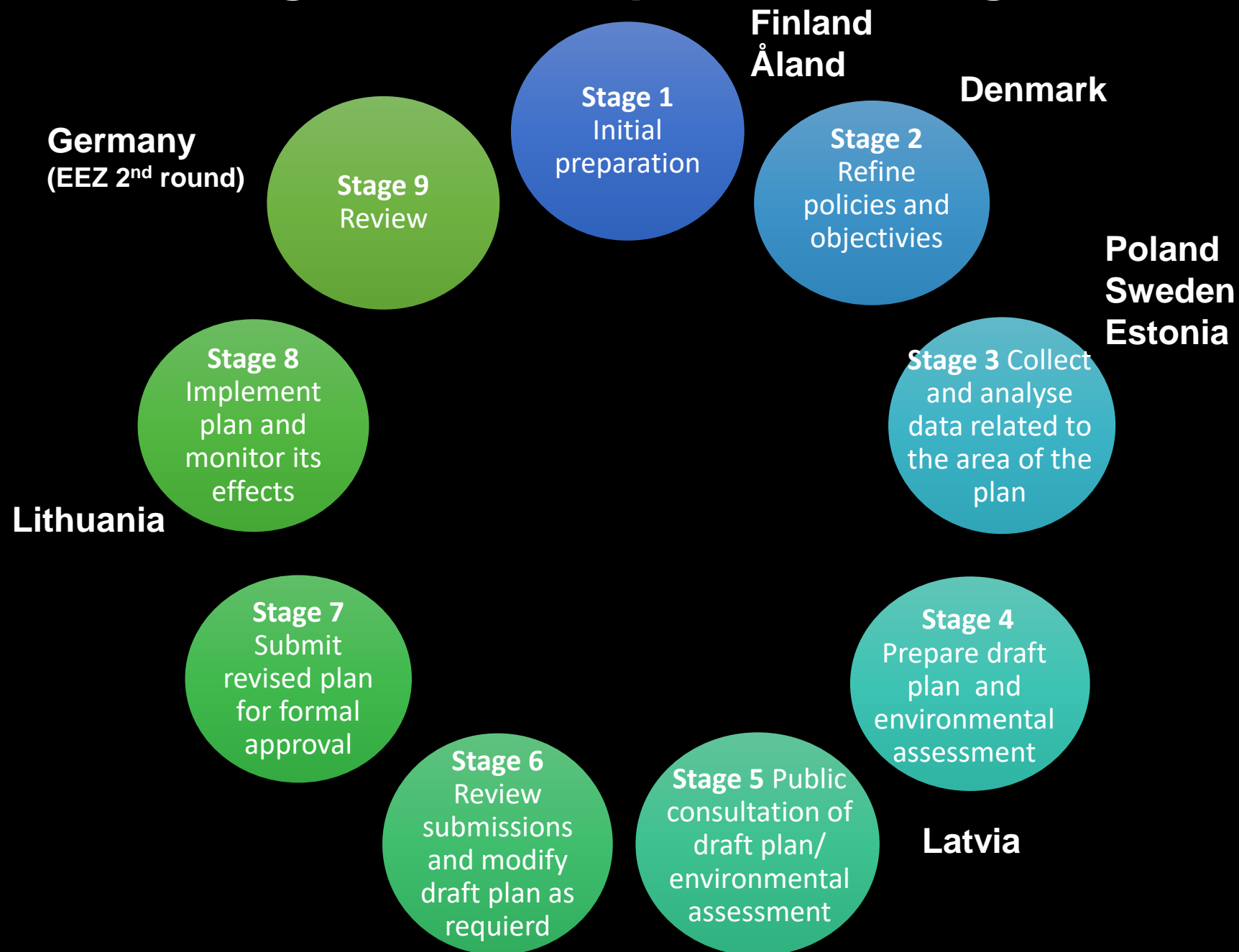
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- Fisheries
- Energy
- Environment



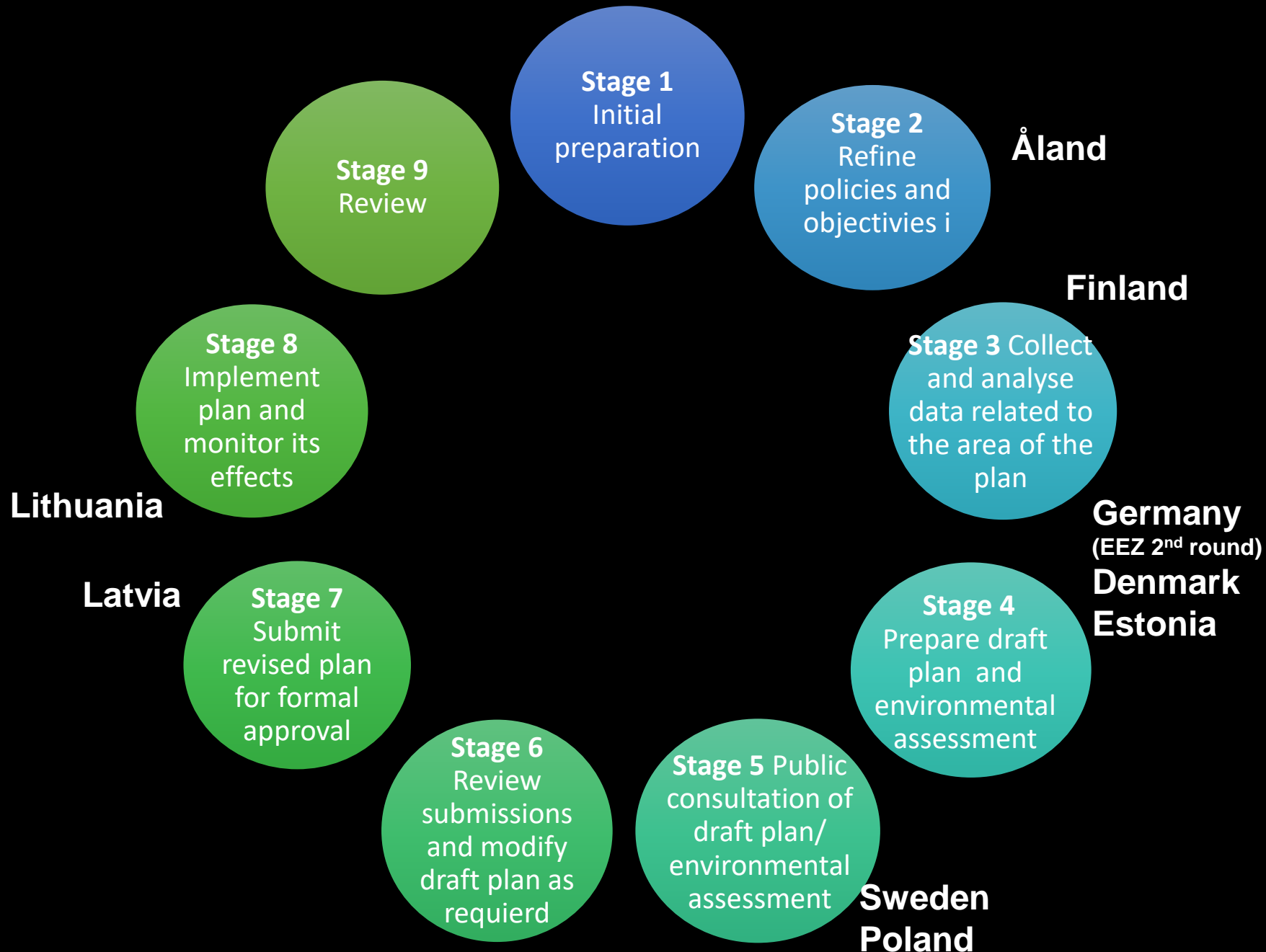
# Some challenges

- 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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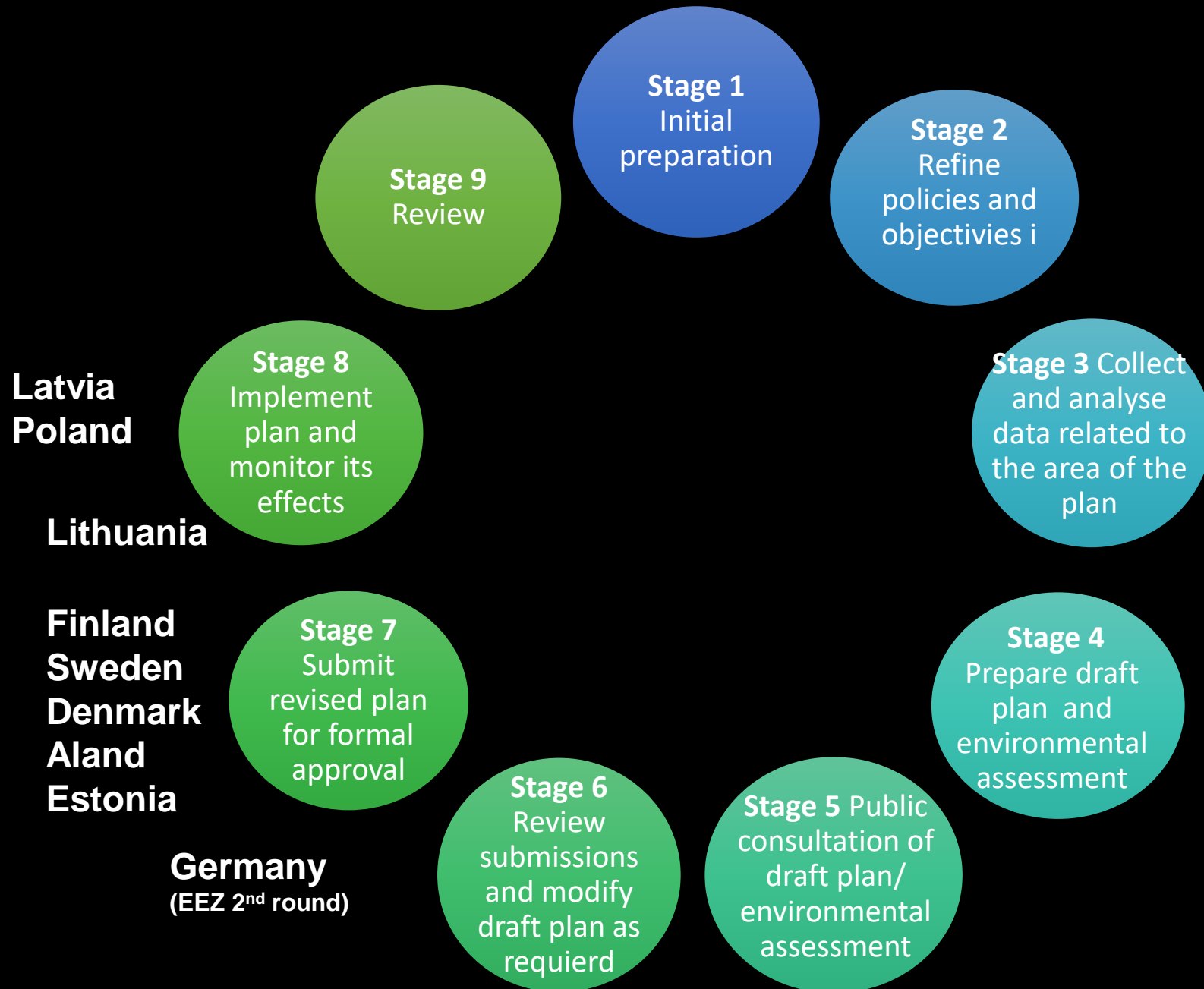
# Baltic Sea Region Marine Spatial Planning 2015



# Baltic Sea Region Marine Spatial Planning 2017/2018



# Baltic Sea Region Marine Spatial Planning 2020





# Enablers Baltic Sea Region



Age

40+ years old

25 years old

Field of expertise

Environment

Planning

Favorite book

Baltic Sea Action Plan

VASAB Long-Term Perspective

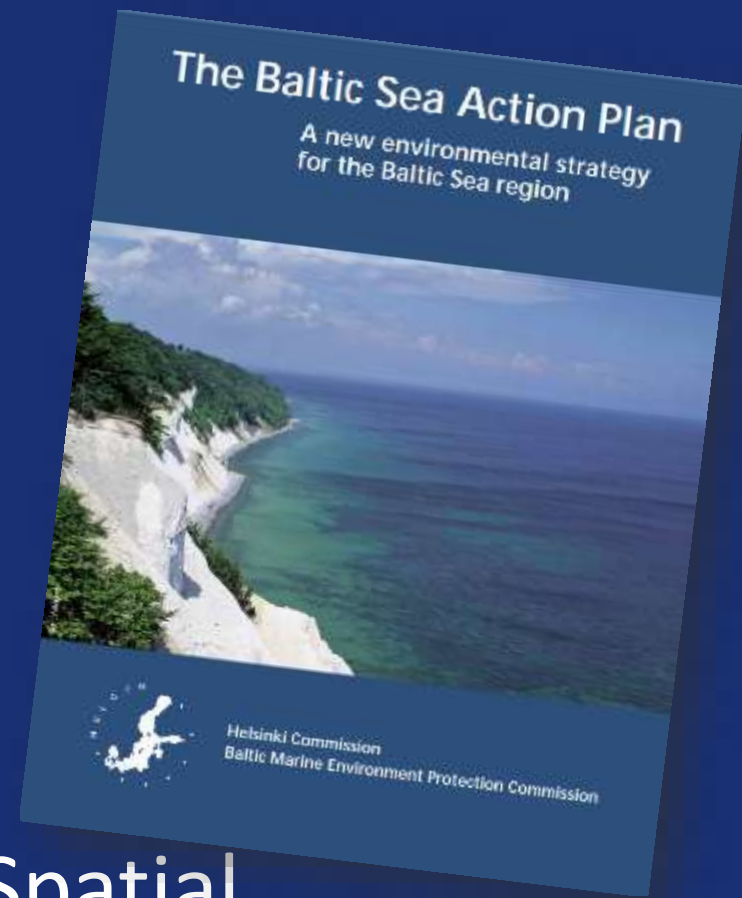
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“...achieve a Baltic Sea in  
good environmental status  
by 2021”

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



2007

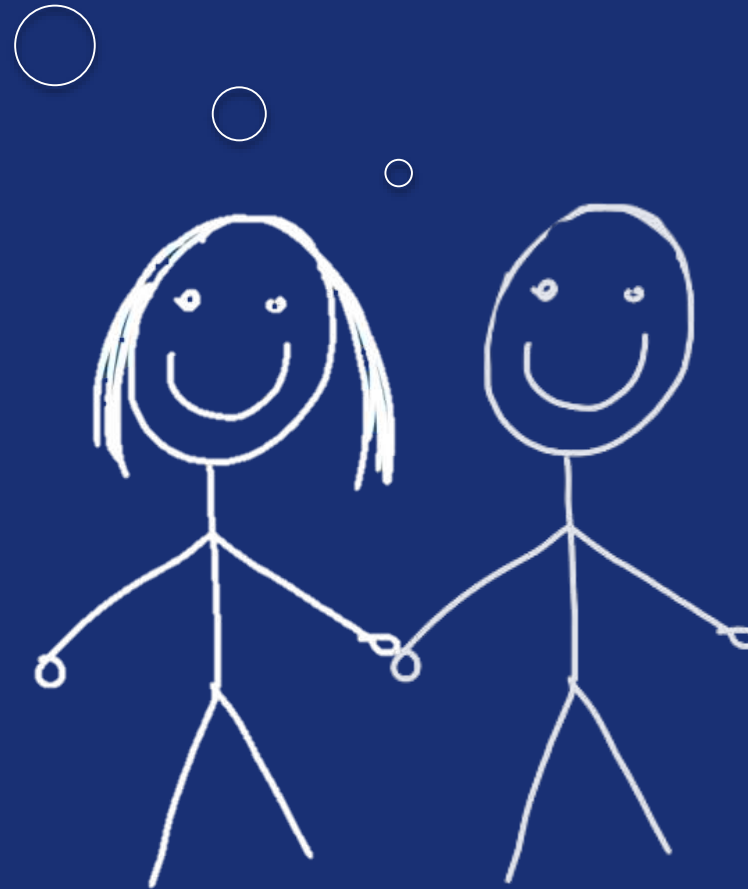
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# Coherent Marine Spatial Planning across the Baltic

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



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1. Sustainable management
2. Ecosystem approach
3. Long term perspective and objectives
4. Precautionary Principle
5. Participation and Transparency
6. High quality data and information basis
7. Transnational coordination and consultation
8. Coherent terrestrial and maritime spatial planning
9. Planning adapted to characteristics and special conditions at different areas
10. Continuous planning

# 10 principles

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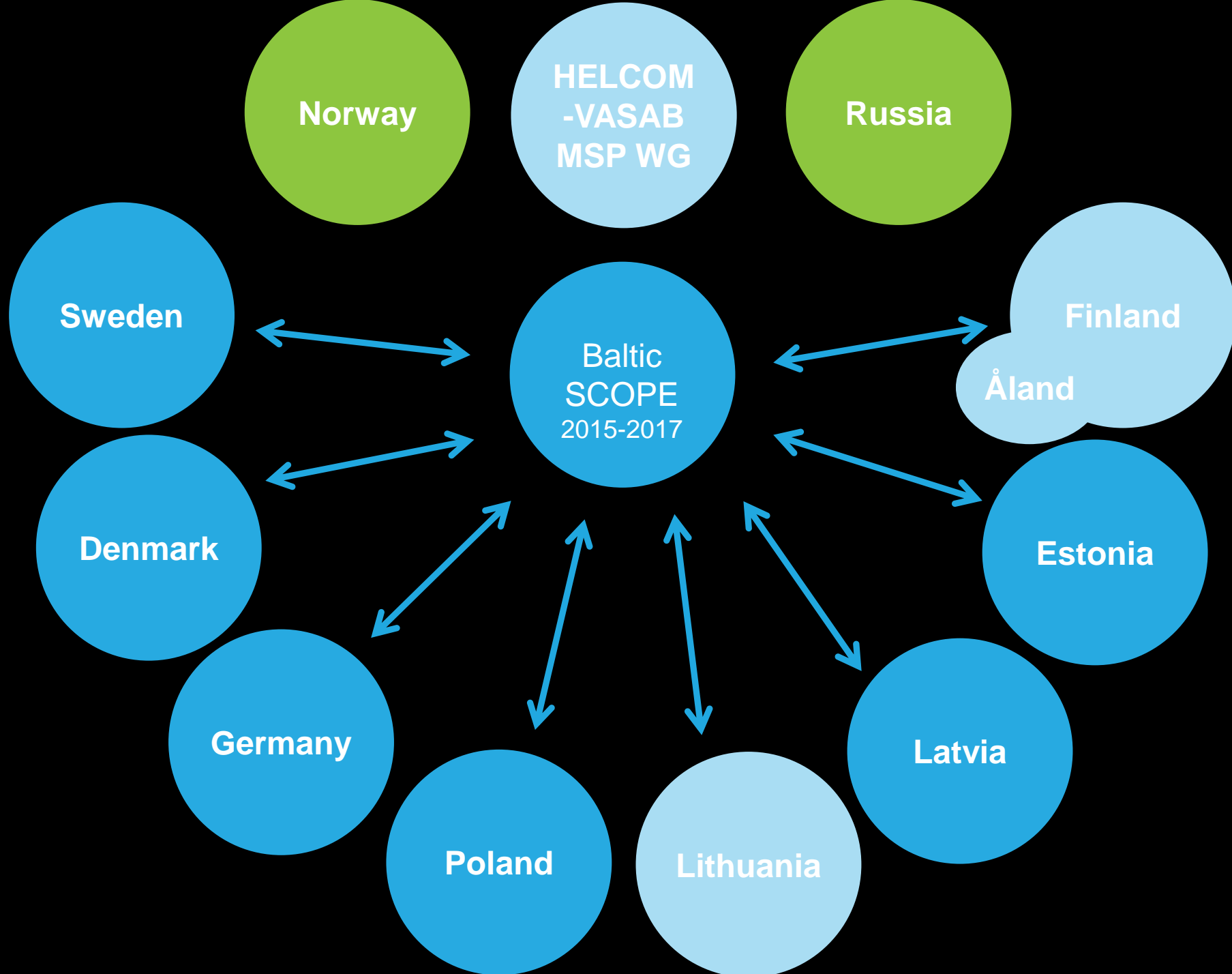
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Two and a half years ago...







# Example Recommendations

## Fishery



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***

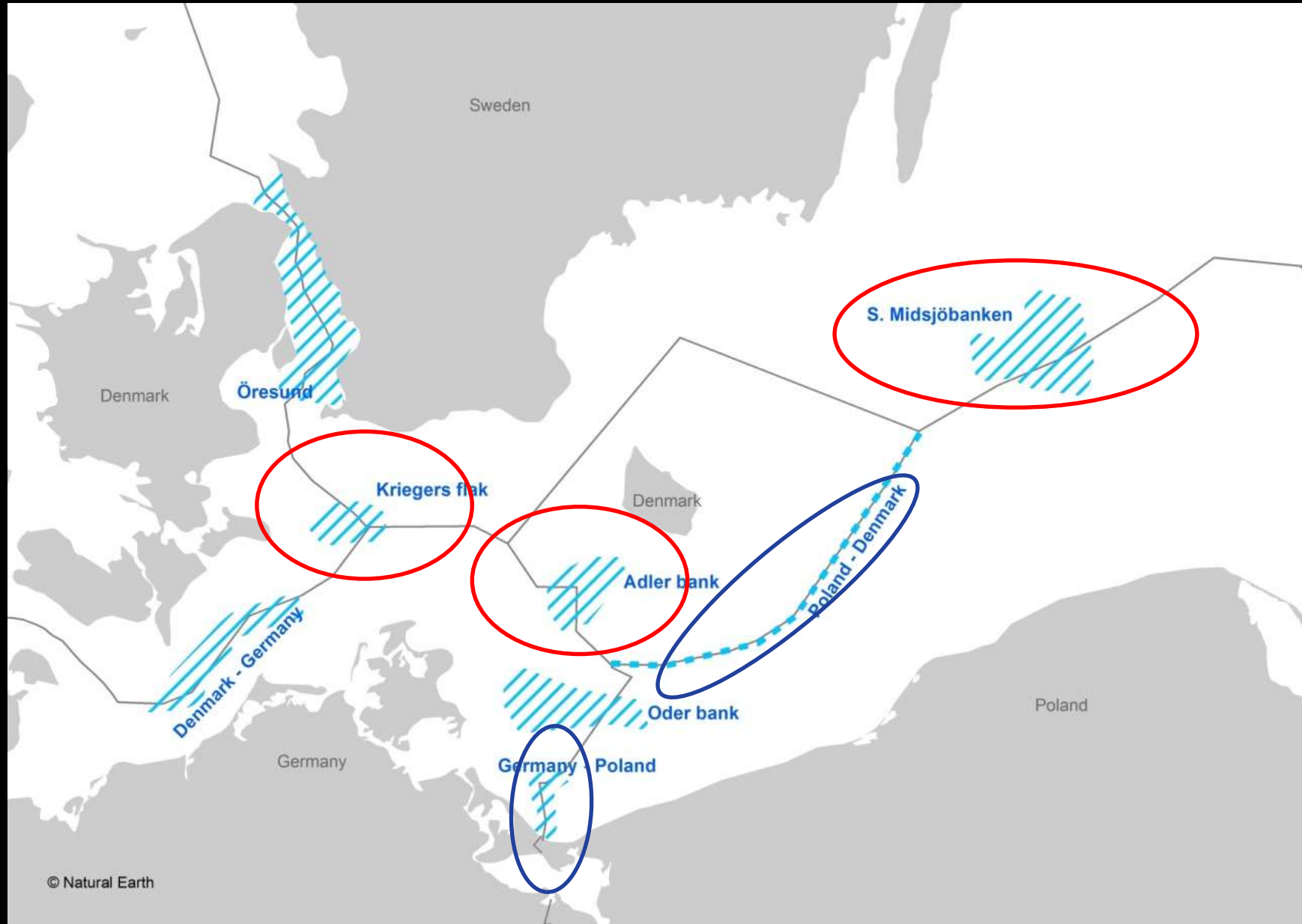
**Inform** other countries about areas in their exclusive economic zone that is of **national fishing interest** to your country.

***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***

# Geographical areas of special interest - in South West Baltic



# Matrix of interests

FOCUS AREA	Middle Bank		Adlergrund			Fehmarn Belt	
	PL	SE	SE	DK	DE	DK	DE
Offshore Wind Energy (planned/existing)							
Power Cables (planned / existing)							
Data Cables (planned / existing)							
Pipelines (planned/existing)							
Other physical infrastructure (Tunnel etc.)							
Ship Traffic / IMO Routes							
Sand and Gravel Extraction (planned/existing)							
Fishery							
Conservation Areas							
Other Nature Conservation and Managing Interests							
Defence							
Planning Restrictions/ Regulations existing							
Territorial Sea (TS) / Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)							
Notes / remarks	there might be NGO interests with regard to nature conservation (harbour purpose); IBA		need for more information from DK			indirect interest from SE regarding Fishing and cables	
Responsibility for (geographical) information about areas	SE+PL		DE			not to be considered	

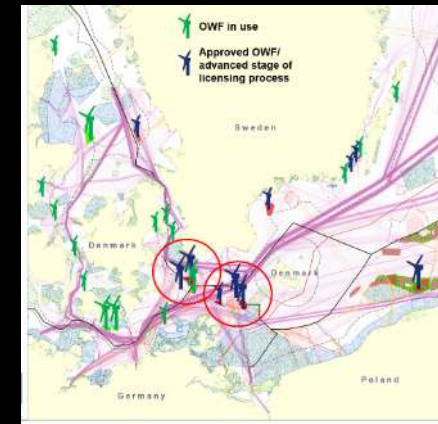
  

INTEREST / COUNTRIES participating	a Bank		Harbour Approach		GreyZone		Fehmarn Belt	
	DK	DE	PL	DE	PL	DK	DK	DE
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strong interest	minor interest	no interest	no information
existing planning restrictions/regulations	no restrictions/ regulations known		

# Example Recommendations Energy and Shipping



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

*Target group: policy-makers*

Develop a **pan Baltic long-term picture** on **renewable offshore energy** – needs, capacity, other sectors' needs, impacts, etc.

*Target groups: policy-makers, research, energy sector and planning authorities*



# Ecosystem approach - task force

## 1. Ecosystem Approach in MSP - general checklist



## 2. Planning support checklists



## 3. SEA-Checklist

[www.balticscope.eu](http://www.balticscope.eu)

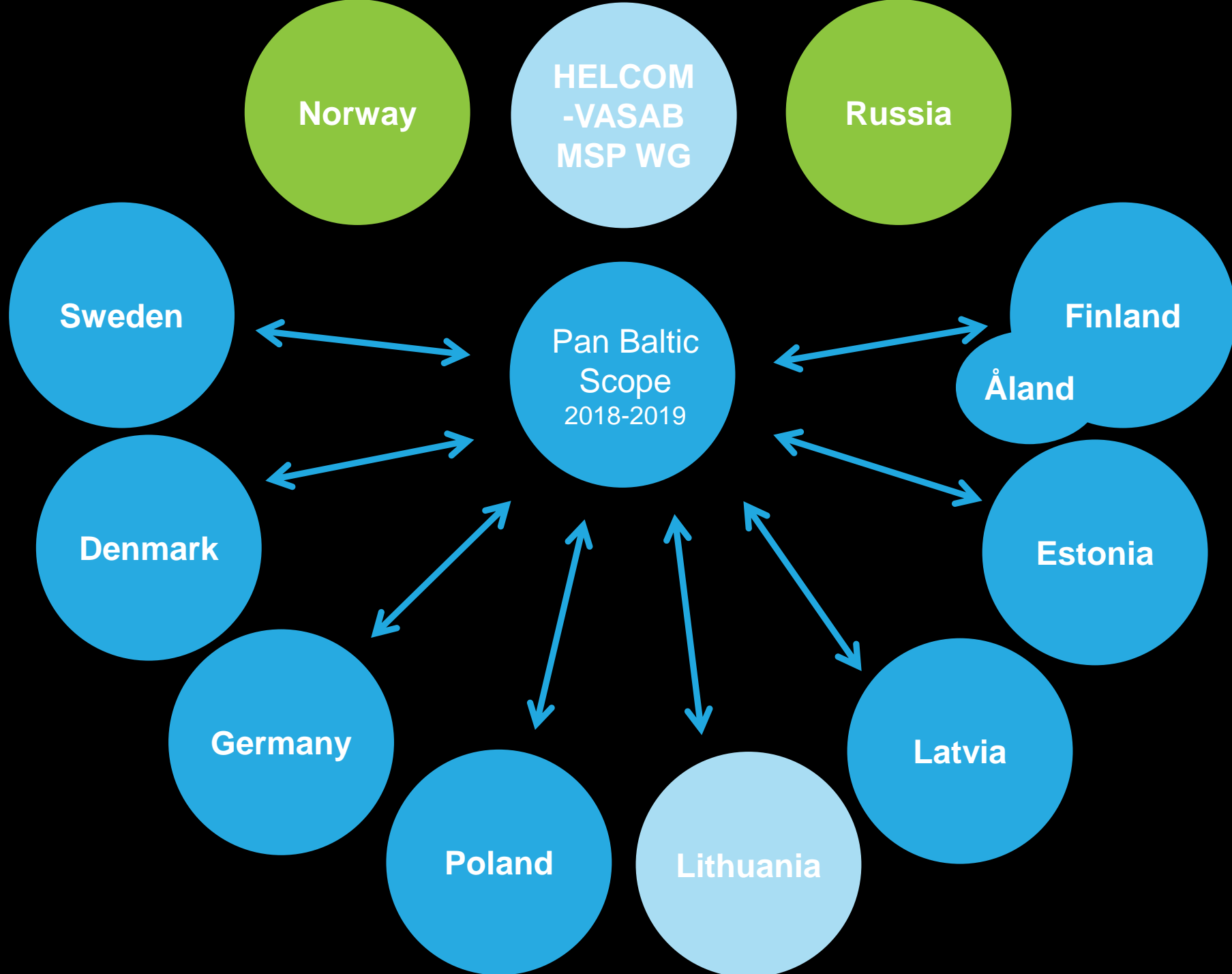


# Example Recommendations

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***







# Together identified

## Some next steps

- **Planning Forum**
- **Advancing the Implementation of the Ecosystem-Based Approach (EBA) and Data Sharing**
  - Ecosystem-Based Toolbox
  - Implementation of ecosystem-based approach in sub-basin environmental assessment
  - Green Infrastructure and Marine Protected Areas network
  - Essential fish habitats
  - Cumulative Impacts of human activities
  - Economic and Social Analyses
  - Future scenarios
  - Data Sharing
- **Land-Sea integration**
- **Lessons learned & Monitoring and Evaluation**
- ....



The background of the slide is a photograph of several smooth, light-colored stones scattered on a sandy surface. Each stone is painted with a different national flag. Visible flags include the Swedish flag (blue with a yellow cross), the Polish flag (white top half, red bottom half), the Estonian flag (blue top half, white middle band, red bottom half), the Latvian flag (blue top half, white middle band, red bottom half), and the Lithuanian flag (green top half, yellow middle band, red bottom half).

# Thanks for your attention!

Curious to get to know more about  
Baltic SCOPE  
Results & Recommendations?

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