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

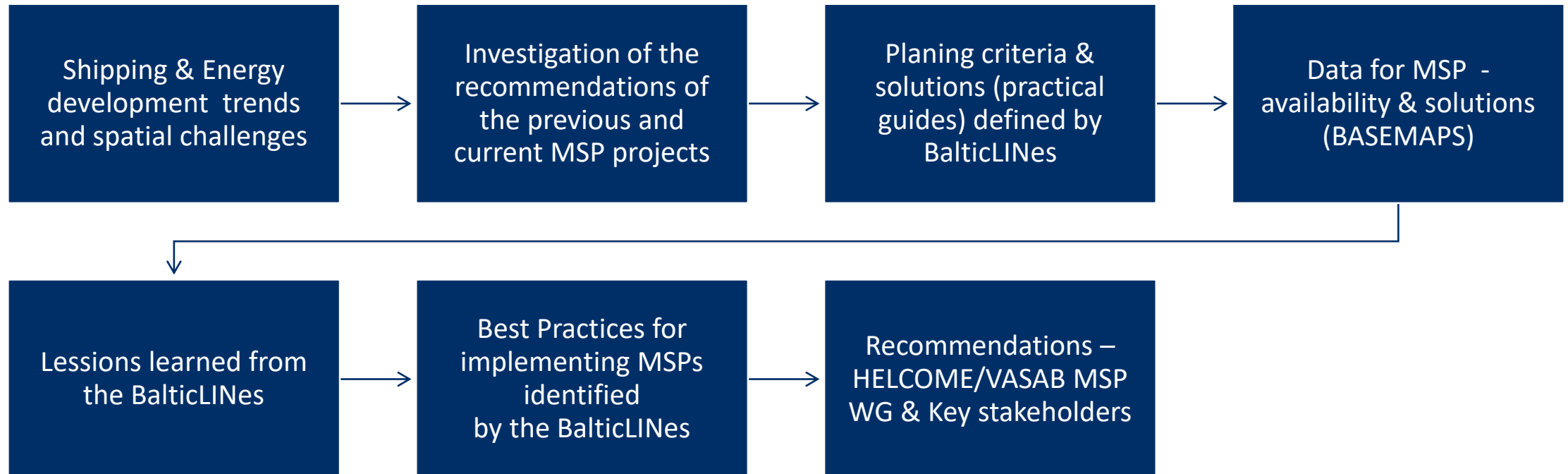
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Modal Concept

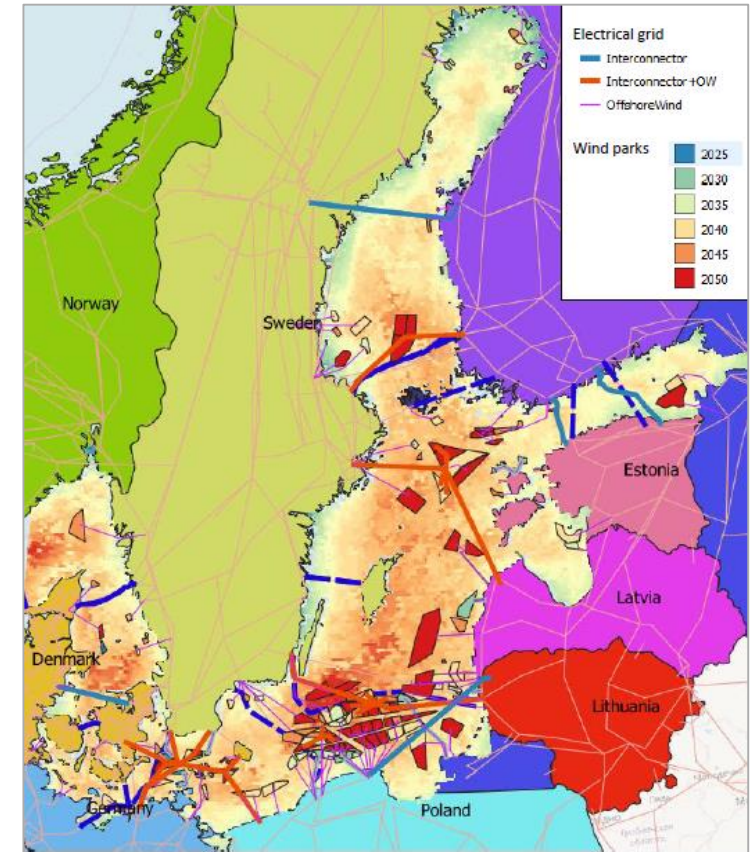


Research process and progress



Energy Sector LESSON LEARNED

- 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

HELCOM/VASAB MSP WP

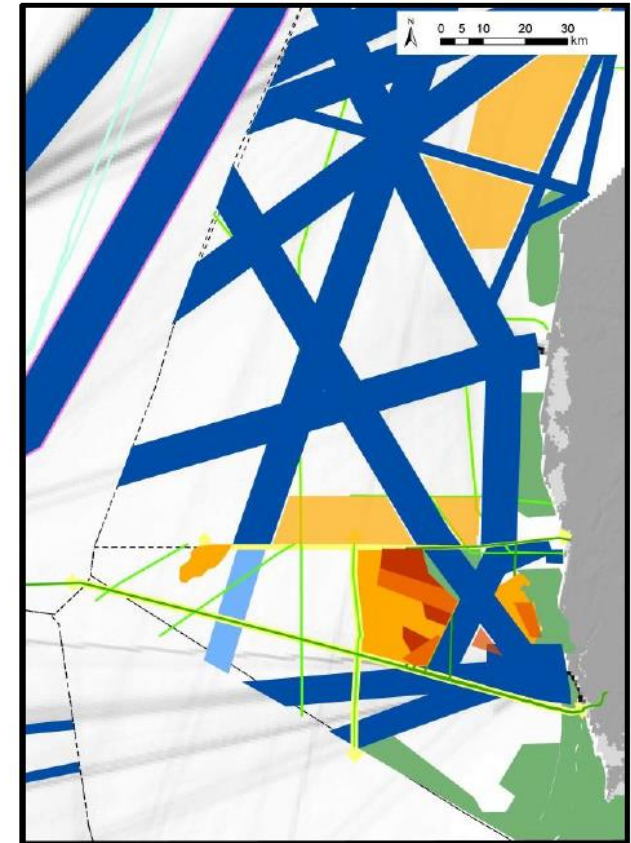
- Create a sub-group under the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG dealing with offshore wind energy and grids developments on the Baltic Sea
- The sub-group should focus on coherent pan-Baltic planning criteria of energy infrastructure

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

Shipping LESSON LEARNED

- 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



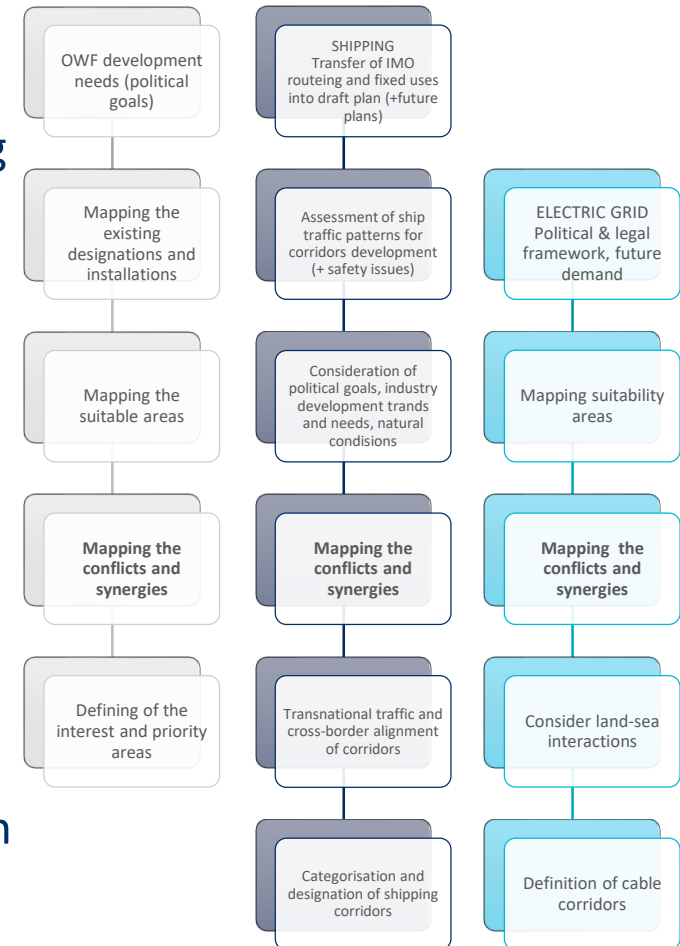
Shipping RECOMMENDATIONS

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

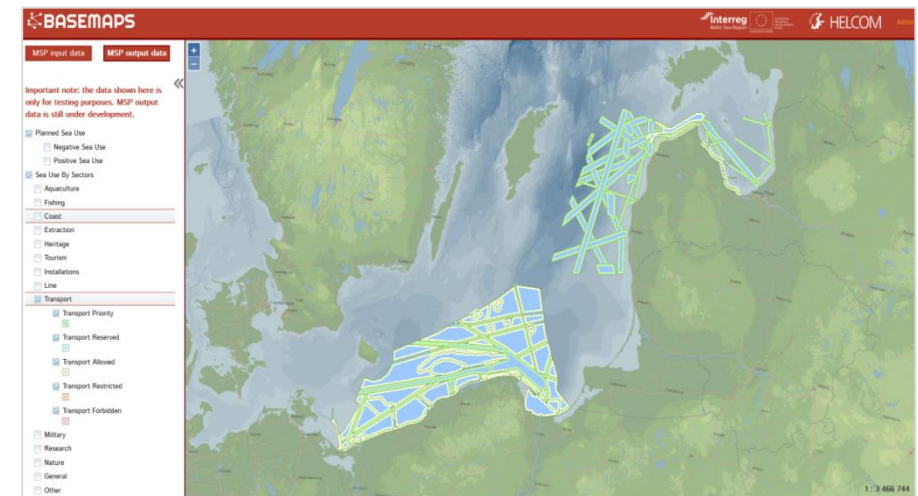
- Limited access to coherent data and information on the spatial development of the Baltic Sea areas
- Lack of a relevant pressure to encourage Member States to enhance their cooperation in the field of delivery of comprehensive data for the MSP
- Stakeholders have limited access to information concerning 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

Data for MSP RECOMMENDATIONS

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)



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Thank you

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