## Metadata report for BALTSPACE: German case study

Title	BALTSPACE German case study: MSP in the Baltic EEZ and in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
General description of dataset	Transcripts of interviews with planners responsible for MSP in the German EEZ and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The aim was to understand the development of MSP in Germany, the lessons learnt from the various planning processes (two in MV), cooperation across state borders and adaptation (MV and EEZ), and the main perceived challenges and benefits. This was one of five BALTSPACE case studies that studied context-specific aspects of cross-scale and transboundary / policy and sector / stakeholder / knowledge integration in MSP in the Baltic Sea Region.
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Related publication(s)	Internal report: BaltSpace Project WP2: CASE STUDY: GERMAN MSP (EEZ AND TW) Draft status report, 22 December 2016
Related project(s)	BONUS BALTSPACE ( <a href="https://www.baltspace.eu">https://www.baltspace.eu</a> ), Work Package 2 (Case studies)
Data type	Transcripts of interviews
Date and/or time span of data collection	July – December 2016
Location/area covered	Northern Germany (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Hamburg)
Unit(s) of observation	Interviews with individuals representing planning authorities, other statutory authorities and NGOs.
Sample size	Ten individuals, interviews with single persons or pairs. One to two interviewers.
Research design and methodology	Semi-structured interviews but relatively open in order to cover as much ground as possible. Interviews were fully transcribed. No statistical analysis was done. Quotes were used in the report to underline arguments. The questionnaire focused on the following issues:  1. The origins of MSP: Drivers, pressures at the initial stages  2. Purpose and objectives of MSP  3. Main content of plans  4. Experiences of stakeholder involvement in the planning process  5. Difficulties experienced in the planning process and lessons learned, and how this has influenced (or might influence) the second planning process/revision of the first plan  6. Alignment and collaboration with neighbours (PL, MV, SH, EEZ, DK)  Respondents were assured that they would not be quoted in a

	manner that would allow them to be identified.
Sampling procedure	All planning authorities in the German Baltic Sea region, plus representatives of other key authorities (nature conservation, water and shipping). NGO representing key interests (nature conservation, fishery) depending on availability.
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Availability and terms of use	Available upon request (in German). The request should be directed to the owner who will forward it to the author. The author will then decide if the data can be used for the given purpose (confidentiality must be safeguarded).
Files	Word documents