

## Metadata pan-Baltic case study

Title	BALTSPACE pan-Baltic case study
General description of dataset	Collection of files (interview summaries/transcripts, meeting observations, internal report) that were produced during the BALTSPACE pan-Baltic case study. This was one of in total five BALTSPACE case studies, that studied context-specific aspects (e.g. challenges and enablers) of cross-scale and transboundary / policy and sector / stakeholder / knowledge integration in MSP of the Baltic Sea Region. The specifics of the pan-Baltic case study included, that it zoomed out beyond the national level, focussing on MSP integration at the international, Baltic Sea-wide level (e.g. formal and informal transboundary communication, international projects, bilateral interaction, international fora on MSP). In a sub-case investigation, the specific process of the establishment of the <i>Guideline for the implementation of the ecosystem-based approach in MSP</i> within the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG was studied in further detail.
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Related project(s)	BONUS BALTSPACE ( <a href="https://www.baltspace.eu">https://www.baltspace.eu</a> ), Work Package 2 (Case studies)
Data type	Interview summaries/transcripts, meeting observations, internal project report
Date and/or time span of data collection	Interview summaries/transcripts: Sep 30 to Dec 18, 2015; Oct 21, 2016; Nov 23 to Nov 25, 2016 Meeting observations: Nov 24 to Nov 25, 2016 Internal project report: Jun 1 to Dec 15, 2016
Location/area covered	Baltic Sea Region
Unit(s) of observation	Members/Participants of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG
Sample size	10 interviews, 2 questionnaires, 1 personal communication, 1 meeting observation
Research design and methodology	The case study mainly analyses political integration processes, roles and functions at the regional MSP level, zooming in on the role of regional institutions and structures in between national decision-making and EU directives/strategies/programmes etc. and relevant international treaties, as well as issues of transboundary consultations. This focus

	<p>allows the project to present this case study as a case of a larger universe of similar cases, i.e. findings of this case study can be of potential relevance for other geographical regions such as the North Sea, the Black Sea and the Mediterranean, where MSP is also on the rise and cross-border cooperation becomes equally important. The priority for research was set on the following issues:</p> <p>a) What are integration challenges in formal transboundary consultation processes?</p> <p>b) What are the roles of voluntary bilateral integration arrangements, international projects and regional working groups?</p> <p>c) How do different forms of integration play out in the work of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (especially during the establishment of the guideline on the implementation of the ecosystem-based approach in MSP in the Baltic Sea area)</p> <p>The research questions were addressed in different ways depending on the specific characteristics of each issue. In most cases research was conducted as desktop studies including literature analysis comprising scientific articles as well as grey literature, and minutes from meetings etc. The analyses also include insights gathered from experts at the BALTSPACE MSP Dialogue Fora. Furthermore, for the research on cross-border integration and on the establishment of the guideline for the implementation of the ecosystem-based approach in MSP (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG) an interview series with members of national MSP agencies and of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG has been completed. This interview series was done in close collaboration with the Baltic Scope project.</p> <p>In cases where data was gained by interviews or questionnaires, interviewees and questionnaire respondents were assured that they will not be quoted in manner that would allow backtracking to a single person as some civil servants persisted on this procedure.</p>
Sampling procedure	Responses were sampled in a way that as far as possible captured all Baltic Sea countries, covered views both from HELCOM and VASAB representatives, and included country representatives, observers, as well as representatives from the working group administration.
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Availability and	Available upon request; the request has to be directed to the

terms of use	owner, who will forward it to the respective author. The author will then decide, if the data can be used for the given purpose (confidentiality must be safeguarded).
Files	2 pdf files (interview summaries/transcripts, internal project report), 1 word file (meeting observations)