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What are the Success Factors and Mechanisms for Cross-Border Cooperation in Achieving Coherent MSP?

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Cross-border cooperation mechanisms in the Baltic Sea Region

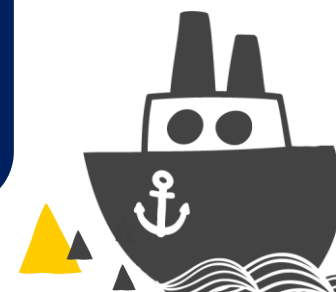
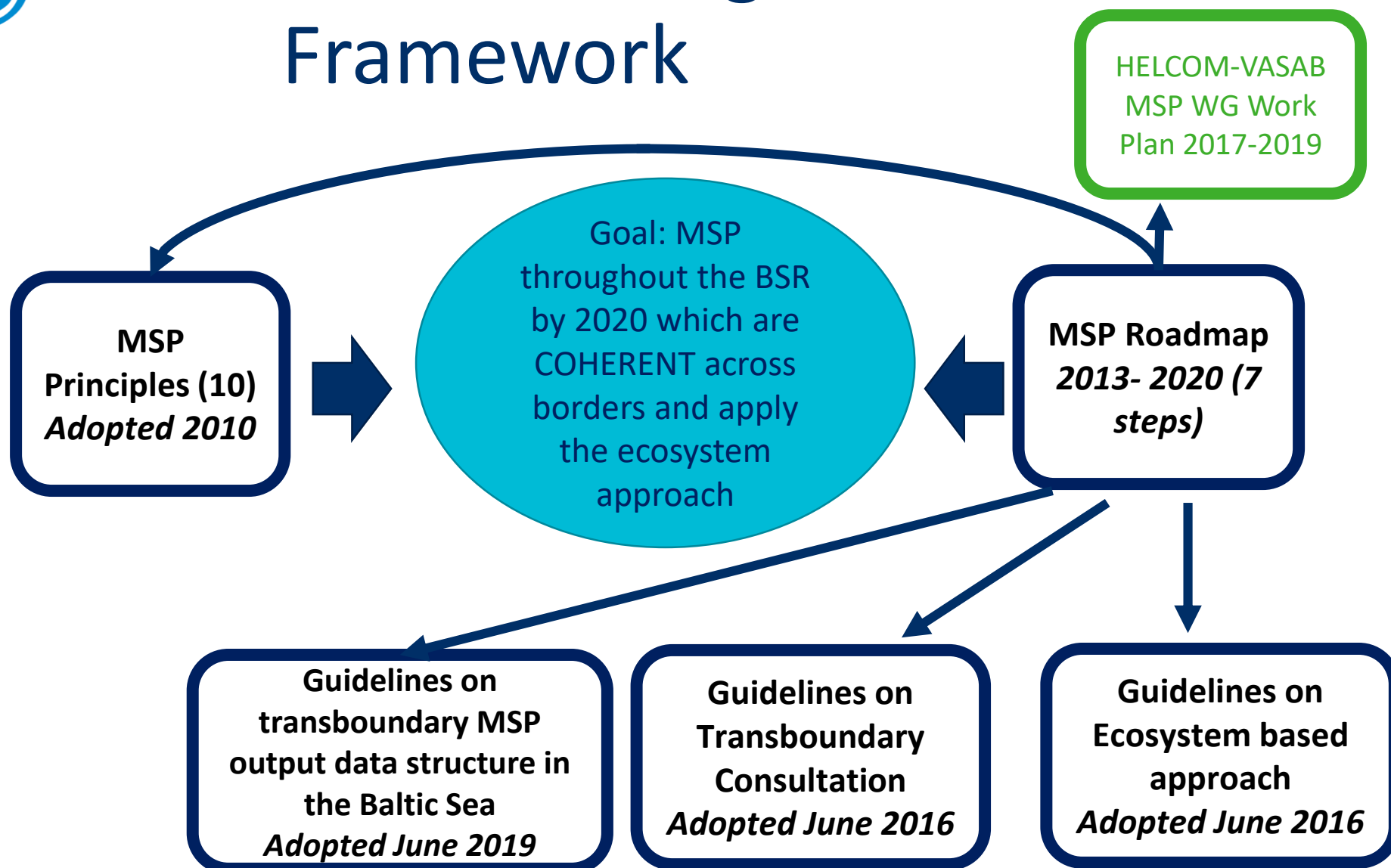
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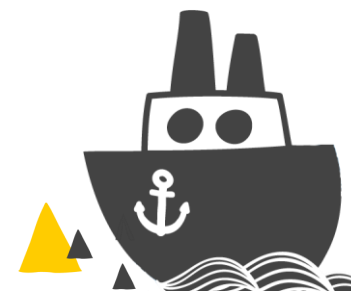
Common Regional MSP Framework





Platforms for collaboration in MSP in the Baltic Sea region

- MSP institutional framework:
HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG incl. the data expert group
- Consultation or dialogue meetings, including ESPOO
- Projects:
 - Pan Baltic SCOPE (Planning Forum) - 2019
 - Capacity4MSP (Planners Forum) 2019-
 - Baltic Lines, Plan for Blue SeaGis, BalticRim and other projects





Spatial planning governance structure





HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG

Functions

- Forum for transboundary and cross-sectoral dialogue enabling common approaches in MSP in the region
- Assisting countries in implementation of
 - the Baltic Sea Action Plan
 - the Long term perspective for the territorial development of the BSR
- Providing the Baltic sea region perspectives in international processes including the EU





HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG

Highlights from work programme (2017-2019)

- Exchange of experiences and good practices in MSP
- Promotion of the creation and sharing of MSP relevant Baltic Sea regional datasets (data expert group)
- Investigation of the possible regional development of concepts such as green infrastructure, blue corridors etc
- Proposals of means and tools to support coherent application of MSP including land-sea interaction
- Follow-up of guidelines (transboundary consultation, ecosystem approach)





Pan Baltic SCOPE (2018-2019)



- Collaboration between 8 MSP authorities, 3 regional organisations , 1 research institute
- Supported implementation of the HELCOM/VASAB MSP Roadmap and EU MSP Directive
- Shared best practices and build new knowledge
- Developed tools, approaches and planning evidence at pan-Baltic level
- Carried out concrete cross-border cooperation that supported national planning solutions
- Established Planning Forum – a central platform for collaboration

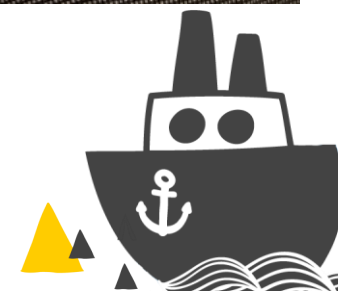




Pan Baltic Scope planning forum



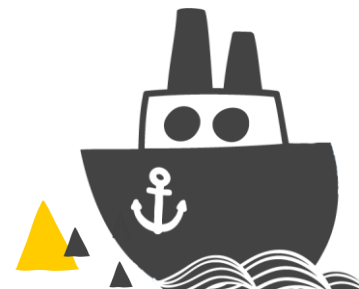
- A platform to collaborate in cross-border planning
 - practical dissemination and collaboration
 - knowledge exchange, think tank
 - discussion on emerging planning issues
- A way to align project outputs with planning needs
 - contribute to and ensure planning perspective
- Organised back-back-to-back to other meetings





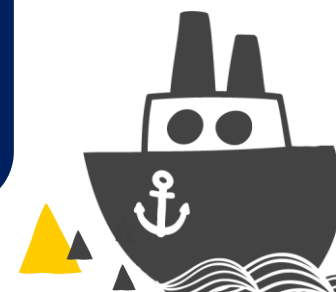
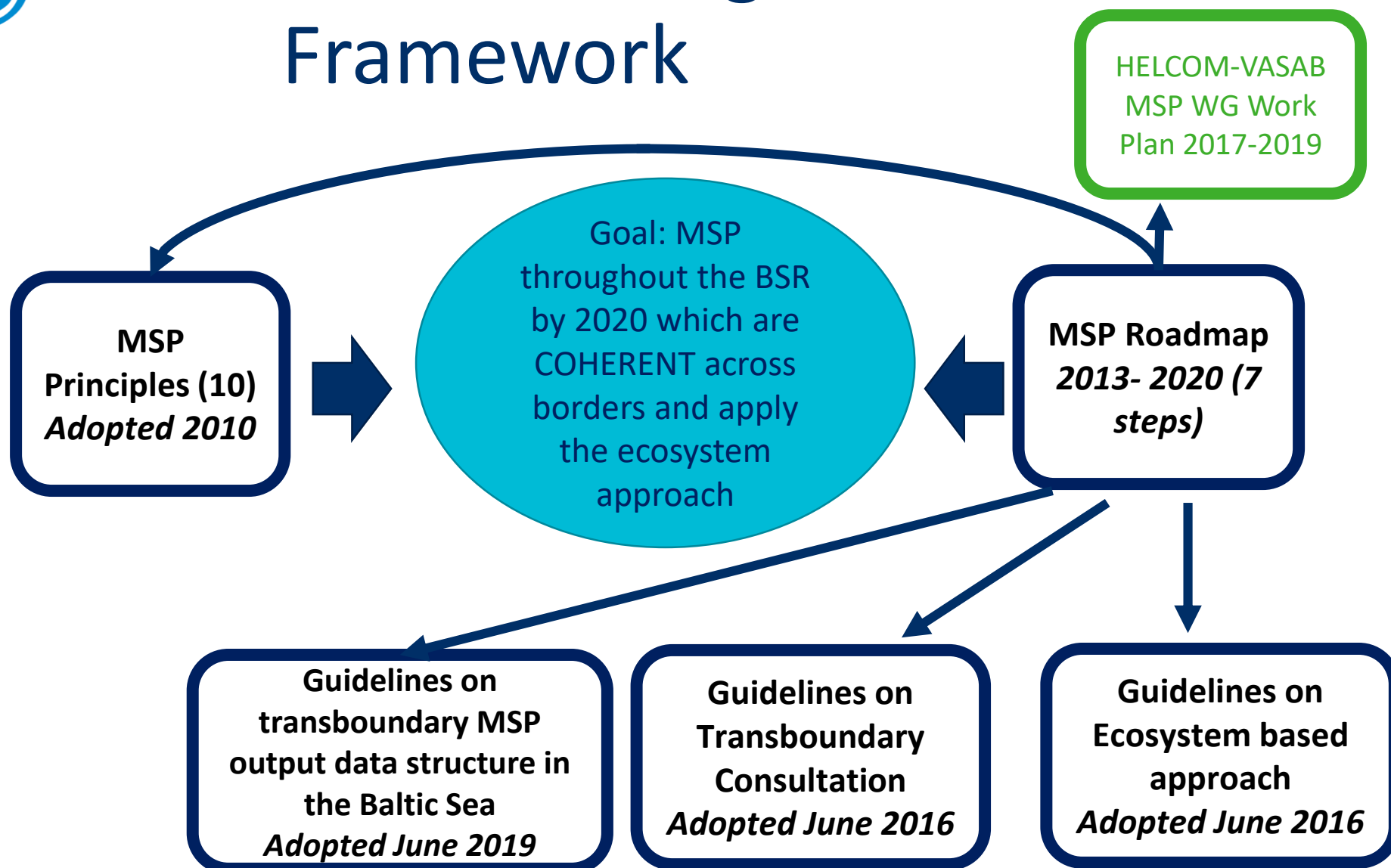
Reflections

- Relevance is important, “what’s in it for me?”
- About sharing and listening
- Linking to policy level is important
- Cooperation in different forms and levels needed: from planners’ to ministerial meetings
- Cooperation takes time and requires resources





Common Regional MSP Framework





THE BALTIC SEA BROAD-SCALE MSP PRINCIPLES

- adopted in 2010 by VASAB and HELCOM
- broad-scale, cross-sectoral, based on the Ecosystem Approach
- principles will provide valuable guidance for achieving better coherence in the development of Maritime Spatial Planning systems in the Baltic Sea Region

Maritime Spatial Planning is an instrument for analysing, coordinating and allocating the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities in marine areas to achieve a balance between economic, environmental, social and any other interests in line with internationally and nationally agreed objectives.





The MSP principles - revisions of the definitions shall be considered

	Baltic Sea MSP principles	Recommended modifications
1.	Sustainable management	To address additional new, emerging issues of sustainable management, e.g. multi-use of space
2.	Ecosystem approach	To emphasise contribution of MSP in achieving GES
3.	Long term perspective and objectives	-
4.	Precautionary Principle	To integrate of the principle with EBA principle
5.	Participation and Transparency	-
6.	High quality data and information basis	Minor revision to «best quality»
7.	Transnational coordination and consultation	-
8.	Coherent terrestrial and maritime spatial planning	To clarify the role of ICZM
9.	Planning adapted to characteristics and special conditions at different areas	-
10.	Continuous planning	To emphasize that planning is a cyclic process





Transboundary consultations, public participation and co-operation (Guidelines)

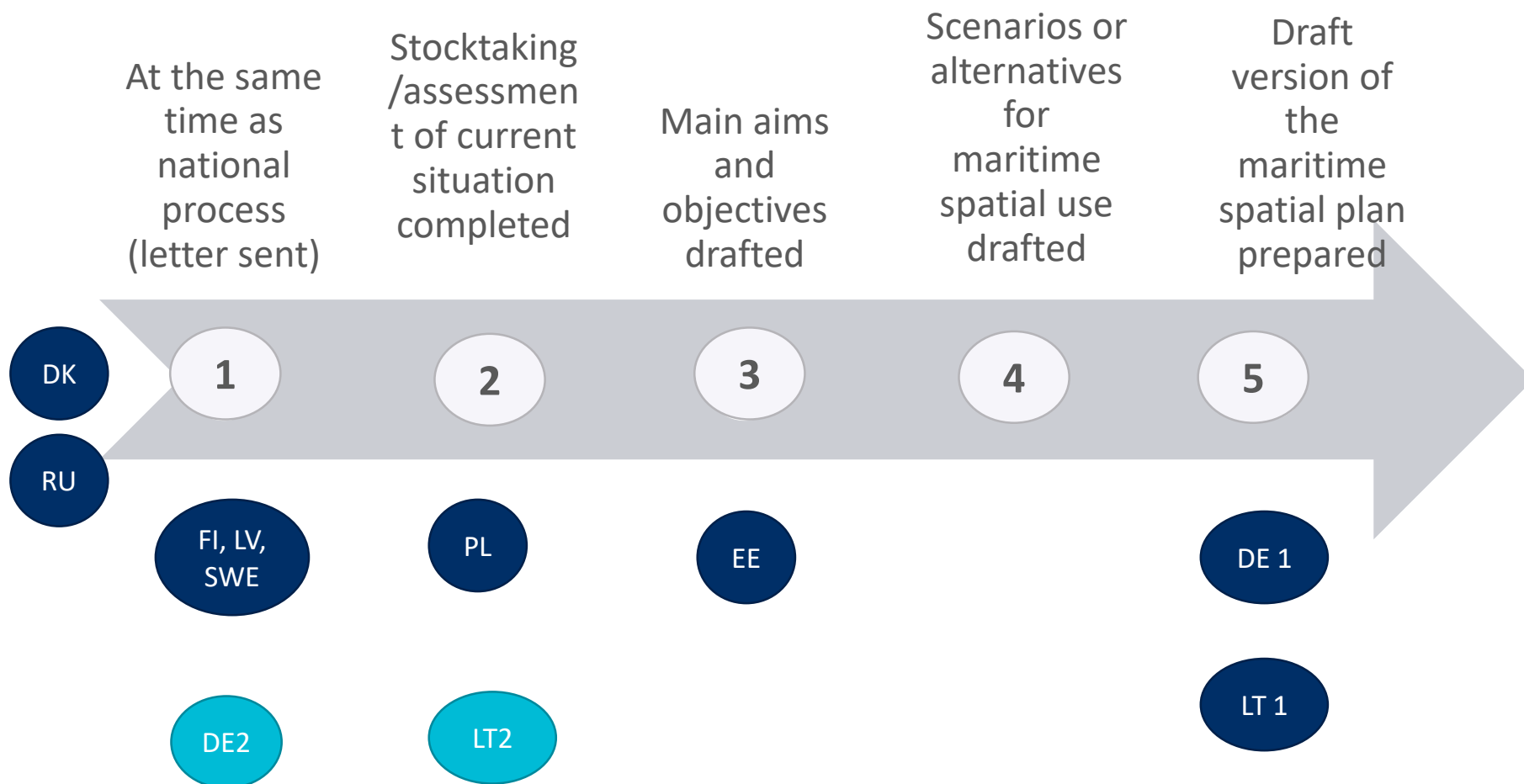
- Establishing a formal process of transboundary information exchange and consultation EARLY in the MSP process
 - inform their neighbouring counterparts of their intention to start the MSP process; in the form of a formal letter/e-mail
 - state the intention and the nature of the maritime spatial plan
 - ask for relevant documents and any other information
 - inform the neighbouring countries, once the stakeholder process begins in order to give the neighbouring country the option of installing a parallel domestic stakeholder process

Not always the case, some countries rather start with internal stocktaking process and only then announce the MSP process





Timing of transboundary consultation



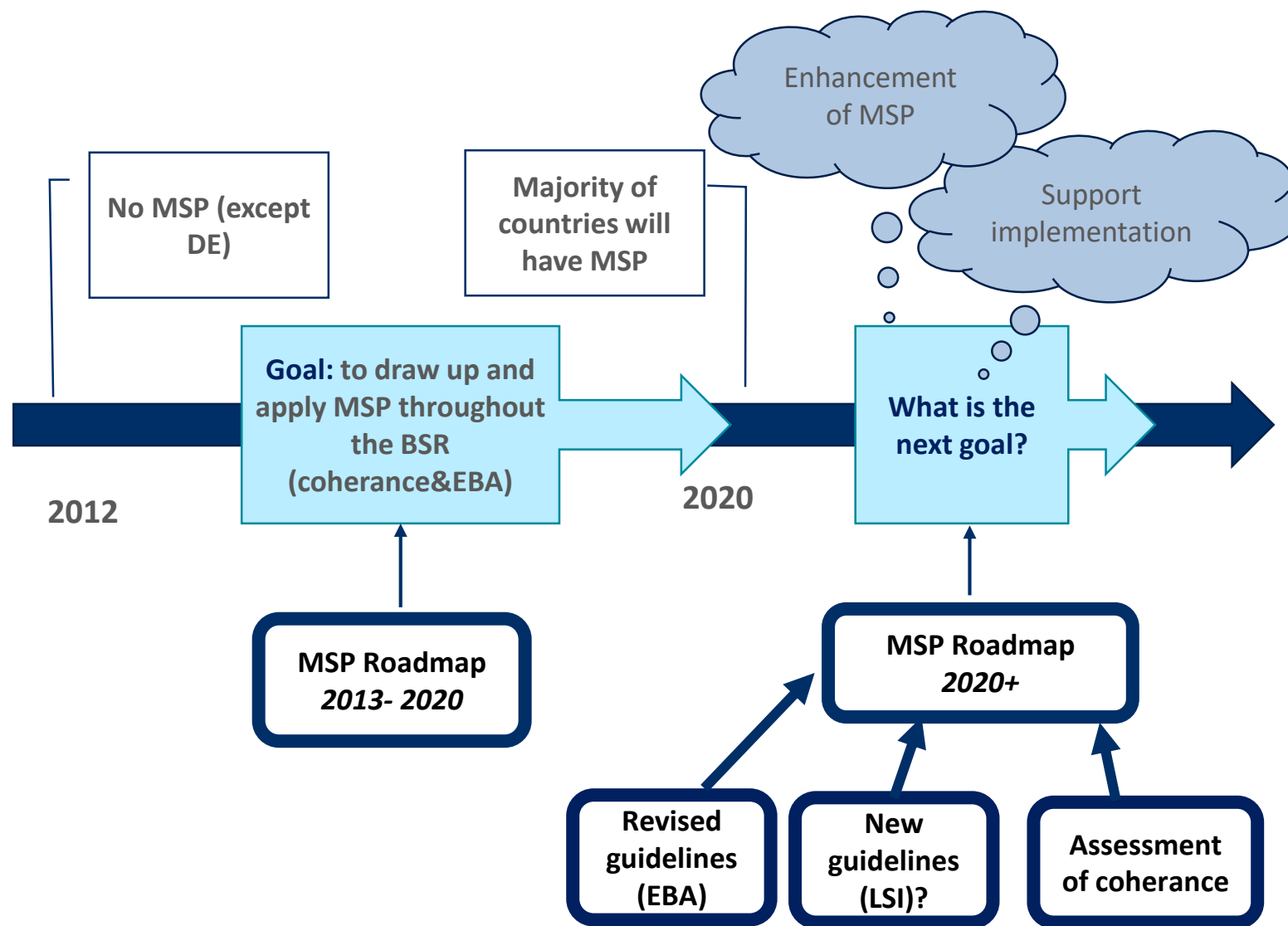


Main challenges and proposals for improvement

- Some countries are experiencing of having too many formal meetings with limited outcomes.
 - In general, informal and links to sectorial cooperation is seen as very important condition. Maybe the official process could go faster if there are more informal meetings, as information has been exchanged and positions negotiated.
- Transparency of the process shall be strengthened; development of a separate and more focused transboundary consultation strategy could support the process



Needs for future regional cooperation



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Transboundary cooperation on MSP in the Mediterranean

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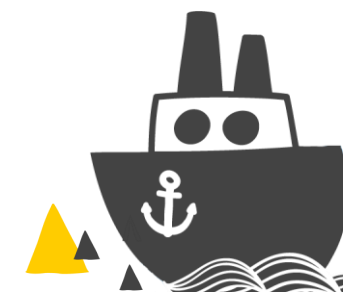
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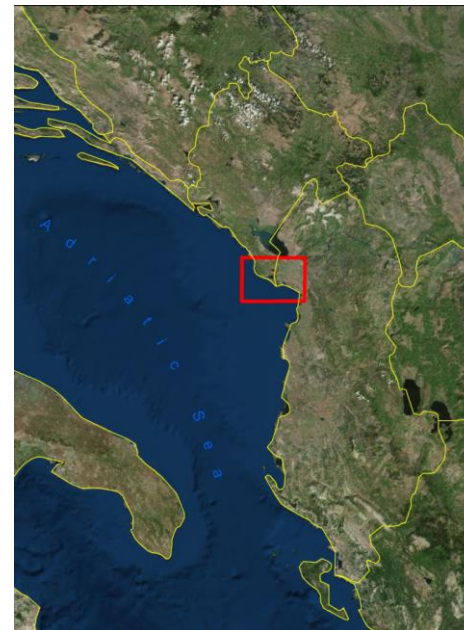


MAP-BC: The Parties





Transboundary Project for Buna/Bojana



- Bringing together IWRM and ICZM
- Includes the River and its catchment, the underlying aquifers and the coastal waters
- Integrating objectives and approaches of partner organisations UNESCO-IHP, GWP-Med, PAP/RAC
- *Transboundary integration*





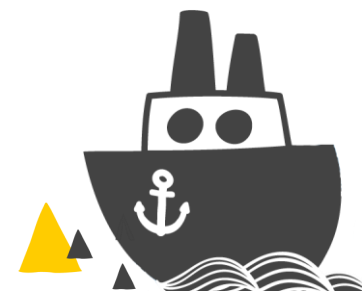


Guiding Documents

- Protocol on ICZM in the Mediterranean
- Common Regional Framework for ICZM
- Conceptual Framework for MSP
- Guidance document for the Adriatic-Ionian cooperation towards MSP

Focus on transboundary cooperation on MSP: common vision, principles, guidelines role of ~~the~~ BC

Cross-border MSP

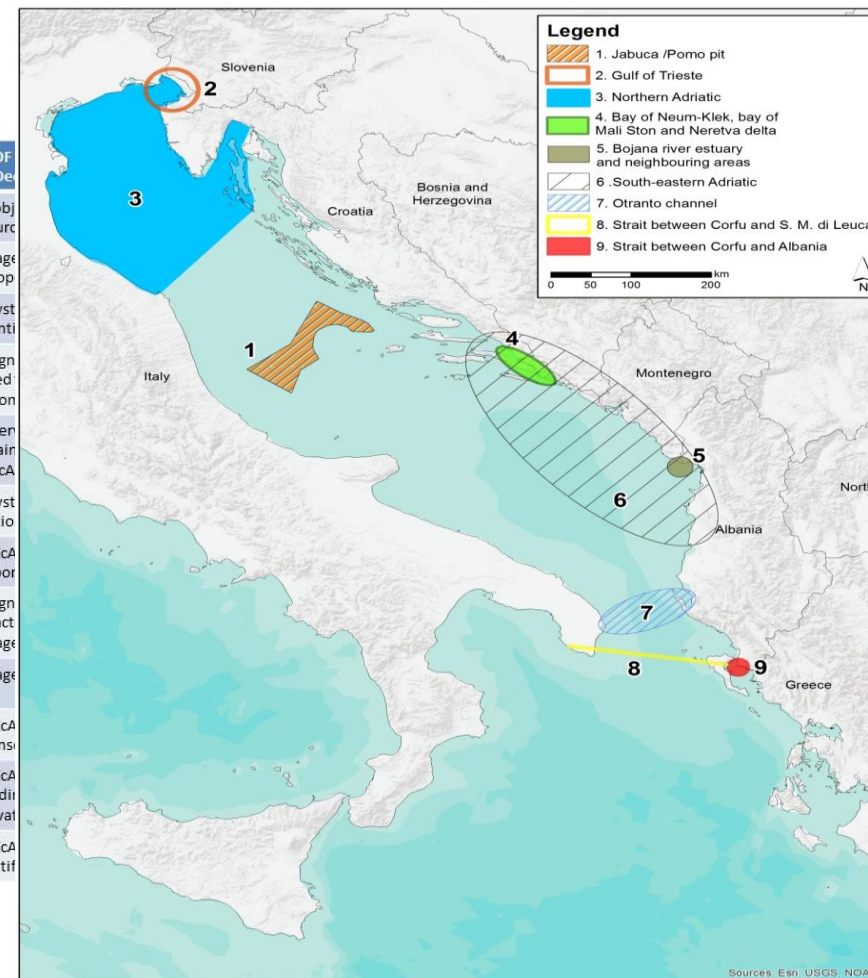




Guiding Principles

- Ecosystem approach
- Sub-regional specificities
- Start with priorities
- Adaptive approach
- Multi-scalar approach

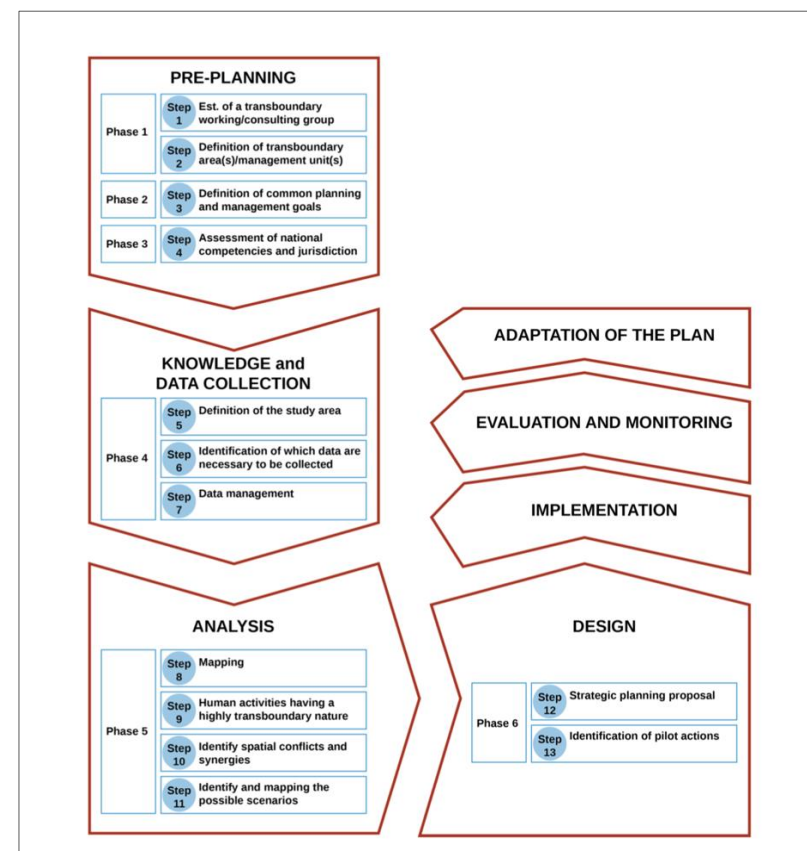
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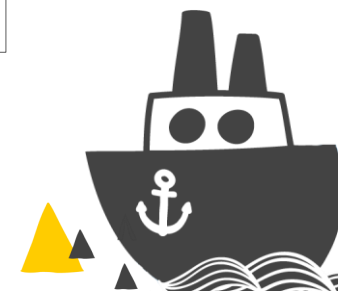


Key elements

- Willingness to get involved in a transboundary/cross-border initiative
- Importance of the pre-planning phase
- Agreement on data alignment and sharing
- Focus on activities having a highly transboundary nature
- Envisage involvement of existing regional cooperation structures



Scheme of the methodological approach for cross-border and transboundary MSP (SUPREME, 2018)





Challenges

- Lack of parity with regard to ratification of international instruments
- Legislation may be inconsistent between states
- National inequalities in terms of power, finance and human and technical capacity
- Language barriers



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