

The eMSP NBSR project addresses the urgent need for learning of maritime authorities and inter-ministerial bodies. It provides a platform that allows maritime spatial planners to jointly develop approaches for MSP implementation in the North and Baltic Sea Regions and beyond, guide them through the MSP implementation phase in five emerging topics, taking on board challenges stemming from the policy developments under the EU Green Deal and other related EU initiatives.

**Community of Practice**  
Five MSP emerging topics – project learning strands



**Ocean governance**

Sharing and exploring MSP solutions and best practices across the North and Baltic Sea Regions in the context of ocean governance.



**Ecosystem-based approach**

Enhancement of application of the ecosystem-based approach in MSP through the development of respective international legal and policy framework for both sea basins.



**Sustainable blue economy**

Sharing knowledge and experience to address blue growth key challenges, for which MSP can be part of the solution.



**Monitoring and evaluation**

Tracing coherence between maritime spatial plans, what is needed to monitor and evaluate these plans and how they address future challenges of climate change and the EU Green Deal.



**Data sharing, information and communication technology serving MSP**

Evaluation of coherence of the MSP data and information available across borders, raising understanding of the MSP plans to the authorities in charge of the maritime surveillance.

**Science-Policy Interface and Policy and Governance Implications**

Work in the project is facilitated by science and policy interface running along the entire project time and through a group of scientists (Scientific Advisory Board), systematically documenting learning process in the project. The overall learning will be distilled into policy briefs and other types of products for specific target groups.



Emerging Ecosystem-based  
Maritime Spatial Planning  
Topics in the North and Baltic  
Sea Regions



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### Overall goals of the eMSP NBSR project:

Support a coherent implementation of marine plans across borders and coherence in overall maritime policy in the North and Baltic Sea Regions.

Develop capacity and capabilities of responsible authorities to make them better equipped to these challenges.

Develop MSP Community of Practice and provide practical solutions and recommendations in relation to the most urgent emerging topics – five project learning strands.

Support continued development of maritime spatial planning (MSP) to identify and address present and future challenges.

Assist Baltic and North Sea countries to establish a structure for cross-border collaboration and learning on these matters.

Identify key future areas of work for MSP.

### Project Partners:

- ✓ Netherlands Enterprise Agency
- ✓ Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands
- ✓ Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of the Netherlands
- ✓ Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency of Germany
- ✓ Gdynia Maritime University
- ✓ Danish Maritime Authority
- ✓ Regional Council of Southwest Finland
- ✓ Government of Åland
- ✓ Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
- ✓ French Naval Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service
- ✓ De Blauwe Cluster
- ✓ HELCOM
- ✓ VASAB Secretariat
- ✓ Nordregio
- ✓ Finnish Environment Institute

### Associated partners:

- ✓ Uni DK
- ✓ Ministry of the Environment, Finland

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