



23-24 NOVEMBER 2016 RIGA, LATVIA

Dear MSP Friends,

WELCOME to the 2nd Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Forum 2016

23-24 November 2016, in Riga, Latvia

VASAB and the Baltic SCOPE project in cooperation with ICES organizes the 2nd Baltic MSP Forum – the biggest regional event of the institutions responsible for maritime spatial planning (MSP).

The Forum serves as a platform for discussions among those involved and affected by maritime spatial planning on how to develop and enhance MSP in the Baltic Sea basin.

The Baltic MSP Forum is about bringing together practitioners and researchers interested in MSP, as well as policy makers and stakeholders involved in marine and coastal activities to see the whole picture of the MSP and create more effective ways for the cross-border cooperation.

The themes of the Forum are relevant and interesting for MSP practitioners from other sea basins as well.

Come and meet your MSP friends, widen your perspective and stay tuned for the latest updates!

See you in Riga!

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The Forum provides opportunity to engage, share and build knowledge, exchange best practice and interact with others involved in MSP and marine issues allowing for comprehensive debates reflecting the voices of various stakeholders from different parts of the region and beyond.

The MODERATOR of the Forum will be **Mr. Axel Wenblad**, Chairman WWF Sweden and Former DG Swedish Board of Fisheries.

One of the KEY SPEAKER will be **Mr. Alejandro Iglesias Campos**, Programme Specialist at Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO who will talking about the **Marine Spatial Planning in support of a sustainable ocean based economy**.

The PANEL DISCUSSION gathering Baltic Sea authorities will highlight the improvements achieved by working together.

90 minutes WORKSHOPS will spotlight the opportunities for exchange of the gained experiences, national case studies and practices on MSP approaches and marine resources management.

You are welcome to contribute with active participation and experience exchange to the topics:

- Pan-Baltic recommendations on maritime spatial planning transboundary aspects
- What are the research needs for planning in 21st century?
- Two past years all over the Europe: case studies
- Defence and maritime spatial planning
- Obstacles and enablers in a transboundary planning collaboration
- Working with culturally significant areas in maritime spatial planning (ICES)
- Introduction to European Union Maritime Spatial Planning Platform
- Catching fish and fisheries in planning
- Applying ecosystem approach (HELCOM-VASAB)
- Towards joint understanding of data exchange
- The role of the maritime spatial planning to safeguard the underwater cultural heritage
- Linking maritime spatial planning with marine protected areas
- Is maritime spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region up to the challenge of coordinating marine activities and policies?
- Master class on maritime spatial development

BACK-TO-BACK MEETINGS

The Forum will be lined up with several back-to-back meetings providing the space also for your own event:

- 21-22 November – Baltic LINes project partner meeting
- 22 November – the 10th meeting of the Member States Expert Group on Maritime Spatial Planning
- 24-25 November – 12th HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group meeting
- 24 November – Baltic SCOPE project partner meeting

EXPO LOUNGE

JOIN for the EXPO LOUNGE where you can showcase your achievements and latest developments to the stakeholders and participants.

This will be the great place for the networking and making new collaborations.

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until 4th November 2016

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