



# Session 5 – Integrating Blue-Green Infrastructure in Maritime Spatial Planning

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# Background

- The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 extends ongoing efforts to promote green and blue infrastructure, emphasizing nature-based solutions to strengthen ecosystem health.
- Maritime and coastal planning are key processes through which the systematic integration of information and knowledge about green infrastructure can be achieved.
- HELCOM-VASAB Regional MSP Roadmap 2030 also recognises the importance of mapping green infrastructure for contributing to ecosystem based approach in marine management and achieving progress towards good environmental status of the Baltic Sea.



# Leading questions for the workshop:

- How to operationalise the blue-green infrastructure concept in MSP for supporting implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy ?
- What are the approaches and measures countries are taking to incorporate the biodiversity and conservation values into their Maritime Spatial Plans and challenges related to it?
- Do these approaches differ across governance levels – national, regional, and local?
- How does MSP support to steer harmful activities away from marine protected and other high nature values areas?

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# Discussion & menti

- How does MSP support to steer harmful activities away from marine protected and other high nature values areas?
- If we have information on the distribution of high-value natural areas, what mechanisms would be most effective for ensuring their protection and management?

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