

# Good practices of cross-border MSP collaboration

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# Meeting – agenda and objectives

- Why cross-border collaboration?
  - Activities, species and impacts cross borders
  - Common identity
- How to collaborate across the border?
- Possible contributions by Plan4Blue



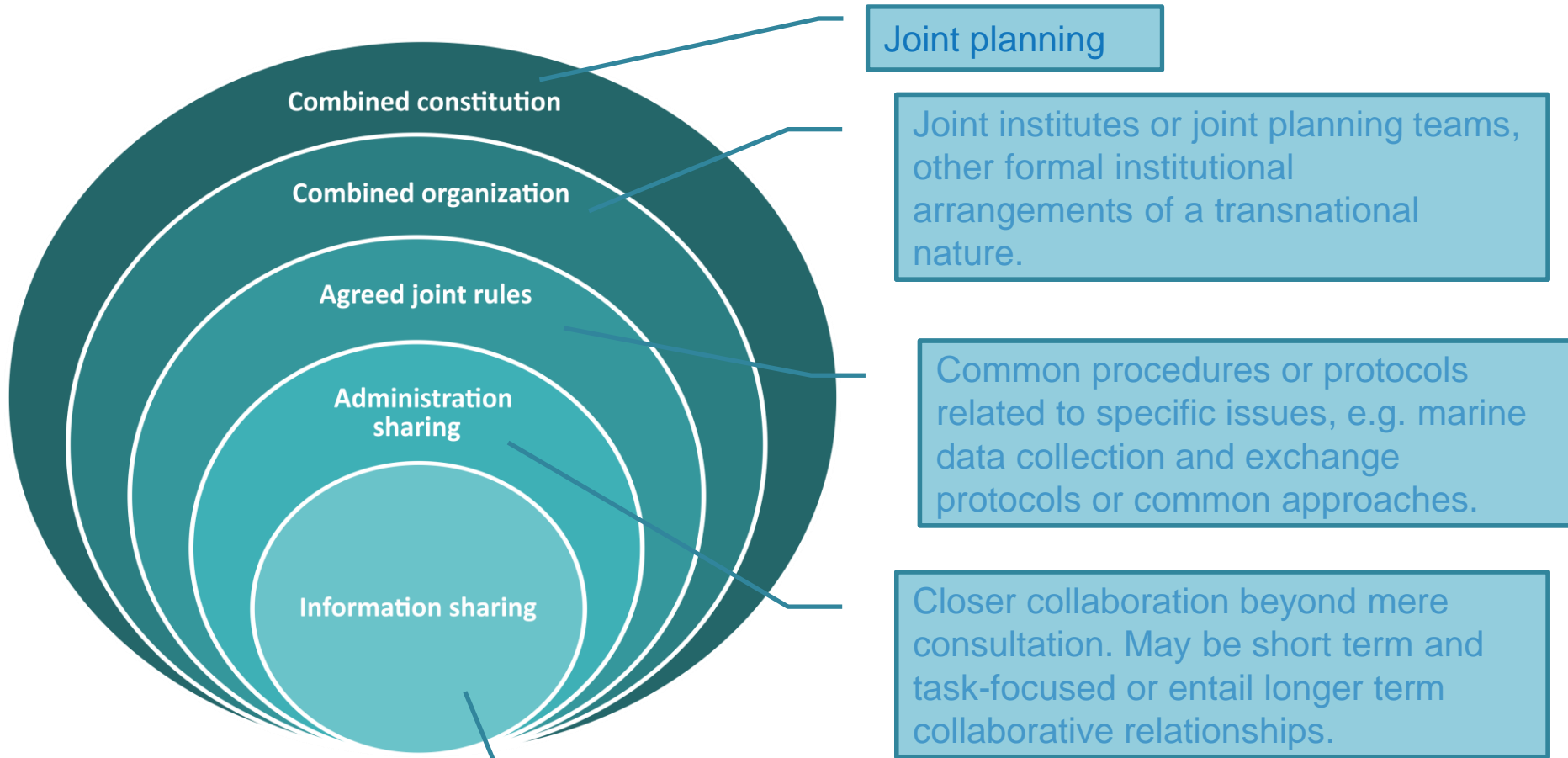
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
10:30	Opening
10:50	MSP processes in Estonia and Finland
12:15	Lunch (at the hotel)
13:15	Plan4Blue results and usability
14:45	Coffee/tea
15:15	Next steps and actions
16:15	End of the meeting



# Literature review on good cross-border practices

- Themes:
  - Institutions
  - Data and maps
  - Stakeholders
  - Coherence of methods
  - Communication
  - **Good practices**
- Different types of cross-border collaboration: from informing the neighbour to alignment of national plans (...to joint planning)
  - **Good practices for which purposes?**





Kidd and McGowan 2013

Developing understanding and trust, improving inter-organisation relations and building capacity



# Institutions

- According to Saunders (2016), different institutional arrangements between countries do not necessarily create incoherence **as long as the goals are compatible**  
**...at least the goals for collaboration**
1. Map most important cross-border activities, issues and hotspots
    - Interest matrix to be aware (Baltic SCOPE example)
    - Map actors (stakeholder analysis methods)
  2. Define the structure of cooperation and coordinate tasks
    - This is what we discuss today
    - Decisions on: responsibilities, resources, need of stakeholder engagement, need of data development, communication



# Typical cross-border issues



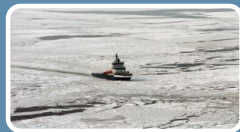
## Healthy environment and connected habitats

- common approach to both ecosystems and human impacts
- emphasizing habitat connectivity
- developing methodology for applying descriptors and indicators



## Coherent energy policy and pan-Baltic energy infrastructure

- planning a long-term picture of renewable energy, including capacity and impacts
- aiming at a pan-Baltic energy infra, bundled pipelines



## Safe and efficient transport and shipping routes

- integrated view for maritime transport planning
- common criteria for safety distances between offshore installations and shipping routes



## Common management policies for fish stocks

- protected areas for spawning defined
- fisheries considered from a dynamic perspective over time and space
- sea basin perspective in mapping and impact assessment

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**Are these the relevant ones for this area?**  
**- also a question for Plan4Blue**



# Data and maps

- Maps are great tools for communication, negotiation, finding synergies and solutions
  - Maps and online map services
- HELCOM-VASAB MSP data expert subgroup already working on the topic
- **If cross-border collaboration is linked to actual planning...**
  - data harmonization makes cooperation easier: INSPIRE is a good start
  - common data infrastructure could be based on a network of data providers





# Stakeholders

- Three levels of stakeholder engagement: information sharing, consultation and collaboration (Gunton 2010)
  - Depends on the level of cross-border collaboration
- HELCOM-VASAB guideline:
  - organise stakeholder involvement mainly at a national level...
  - ...but contact pan-Baltic and other transnational stakeholders



# Coherence

- Set both broad and specific objectives
  - task-force groups for specific objectives
- Build on existing networks and practices
  - HELCOM-VASAB, EU MSP Expert Group
  - Sectoral networks
- Ensure continuity
  - e.g. for planning practitioners to meet regularly



# Communication

- Communication makes the public
- Be aware of the language (native, professional)
- Meet face-to-face
- Informal communication facilitates learning



# Maritime Spatial Planning for Blue Economies Plan4Blue project

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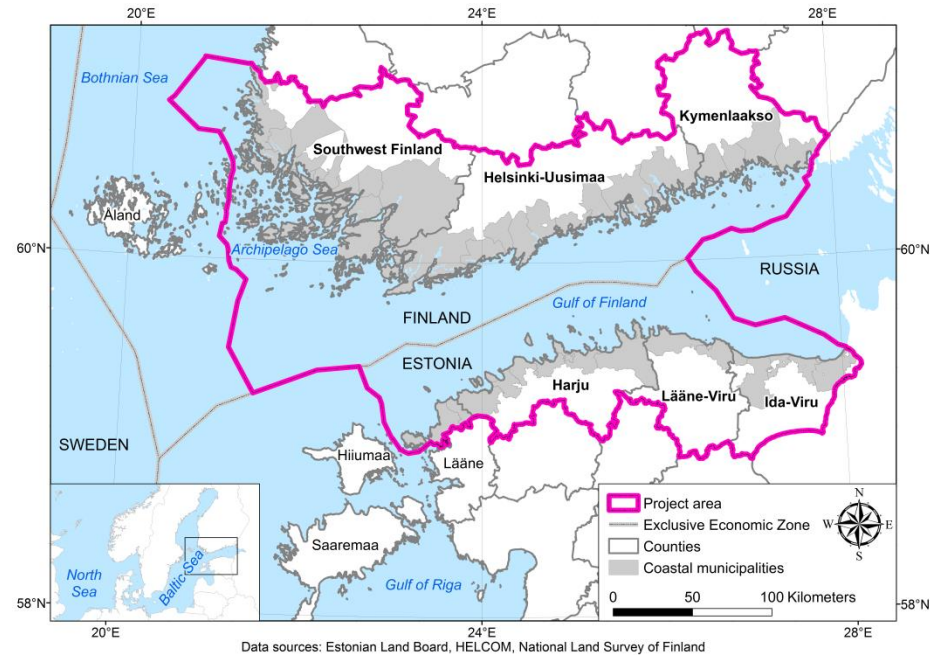
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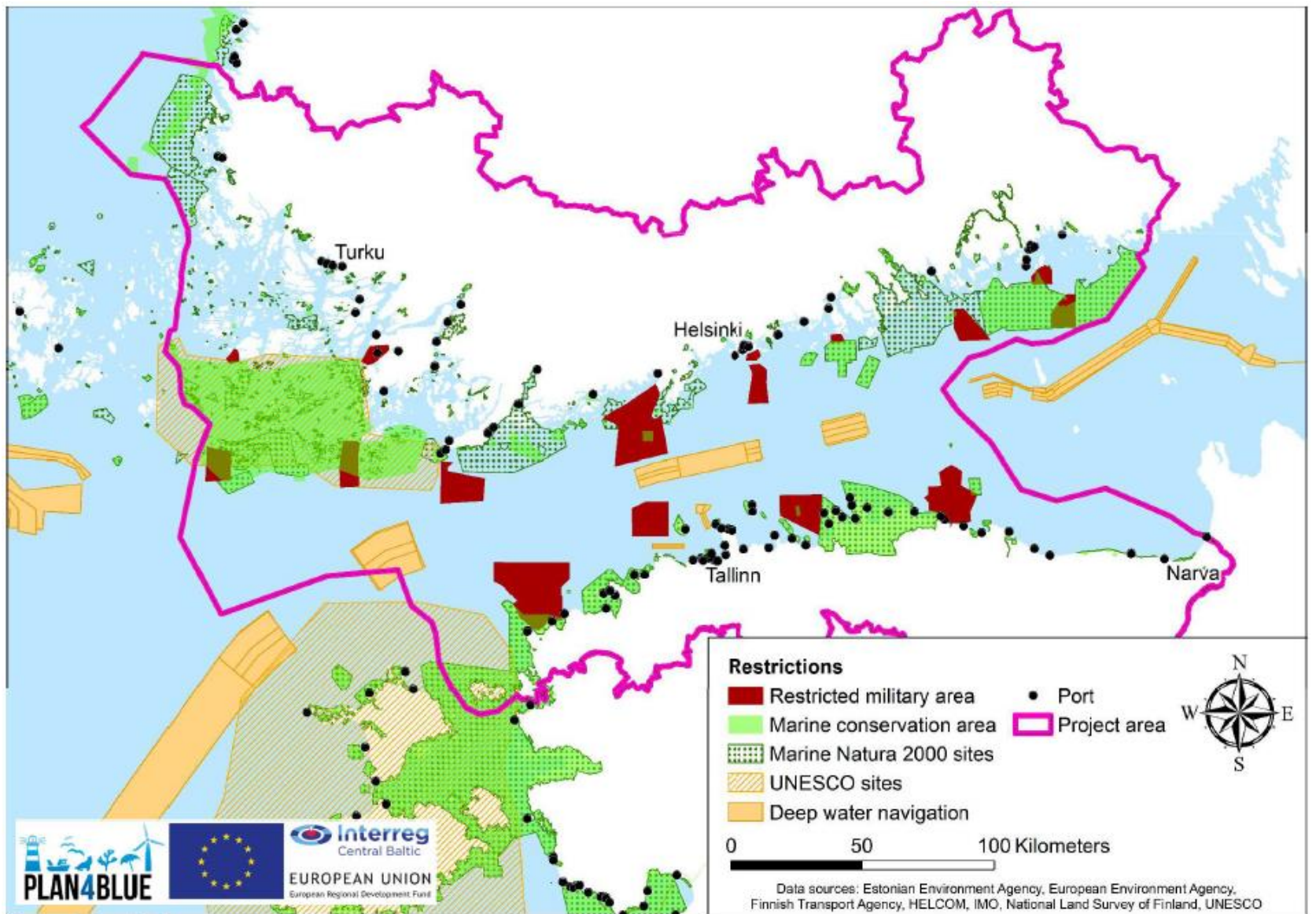
# Gulf of Finland and Archipelago sea

- Home of more than 3 million people
- Home of irreplaceable nature
- More than 100 ships crosses the area every day
- ~40 000 tonnes of herring catch
- Variety of protected areas (e.g. 7000 km<sup>2</sup> Natura 2000)
- Gas pipes, electricity transmission
- Just to name a few of the present features...



+ future potentials





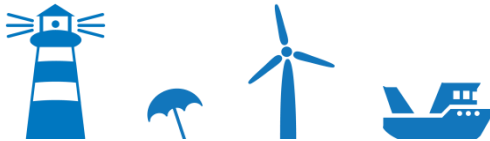
## How do we work in Plan4Blue?



## WP 1 Blue Economy

Riitta Pöntynen, University of Turku

What is the economic potential of blue sectors?  
What are the future scenarios, trends and drivers?



## WP 2 Environmental management

Robert Aps, University of Tartu

What environmental risks stem from the scenarios?  
What are the risk management options?



Change in human activities (WP1)



Change in environmental risks (WP2)





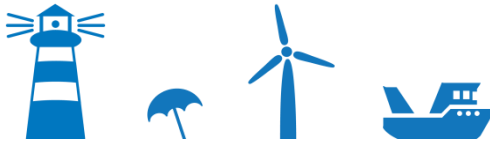
## WP Communication

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### WP4 MSP alternatives

Riku Varjopuro, SYKE

How can MSP support sustainable blue economies?  
What cross-border collaboration forms are needed?



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### WP3 Spatial analysis and map production

Harri Tolvanen, University of Turku



# Key objectives and outputs

- Objectives
  - **Cross-border coherence of MSP** improves in the Gulf of Finland area
  - **Awareness on sustainable use of the resources and planning** of the Gulf of Finland and Archipelago Sea increases among key actors and stakeholders
  - **Capacity of planners, managers and stakeholders** to assess and manage environmental and socio-economic impacts of cross-border marine activities increases in the Gulf of Finland and Archipelago Sea areas
- Outputs
  - Agreements on cross-border Maritime Spatial Planning objectives, alternative planning options and a framework for continuous collaboration
  - Jointly produced Blue Growth scenarios
  - Environmental risk management options
  - Spatial analysis of potentials and risks of blue economy
  - Guidelines for multidisciplinary analyses and stakeholder process to support MSP



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