



Cross-border MSP collaboration

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KEY MESSAGES

Exchange of information is one of the main purposes of cross-border collaboration

Information on:

- MSP procedures (to understand better the neighbour's MSP system)
- Progress and timing of MSP process
- Planning priorities
- Delays, obstacles, limitations
- MSP related R&D projects

The first planning cycle is a learning process

We should utilise the opportunity of sharing experiences and learning from each other.

- Which challenges were met?
- Which solutions developed?
- Learn from evaluations

Planning data platform exchange should be tested

Both countries are developing data portals. We could try sharing data through Web Map Service (WMS) protocol.

Collaborate in formal and informal situations

Utilise existing forums and create new ones.

- HELCOM-VASAB MSP working group
- Espoo consultations
- Informal international consultations
- Project collaboration

Maritime activities are often transnational in nature. Fishing, maritime routes and power grids extend over jurisdictional boundaries. Ecosystems seldom coincide with country borders. Human activities can have various impacts that cross borders, and consequences of planning decisions in one country may have effects beyond borders. Therefore, cross-border cooperation as a part of MSP is needed.

Cross-border cooperation covers issues from marine environment, resources and uses to systems of data management, governance and policy-making, as well as participants and their cultures of exchange.

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