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Registration will remain open until August 27!

However, bear in mind that there will be a maximum capacity of 45 representatives accepted.



## European Green Deal through the eyes of MSP in the Baltic Sea Region: Workshop seminar for stakeholders to engage in discussing recommendations

The **MSP-GREEN** project contributes to align Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) to the ambition of the European Green Deal (EGD) by creating a framework for plans to become marine enablers of the EGD. The framework provides a cross-cutting approach by considering six key topics relevant for marine environment and sustainable transition of blue economy: climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation, sustainable seafood production, marine biodiversity protection, blue circular economy and zero pollution. Recommendations on how to strengthen the EGD ambition of EU MSP plans are one of the main outcomes of the project, drafted by project partners and additional experts (<https://mospgreen.eu/>).

The **Baltic Sea Basin Workshop\*** aims to present and discuss the MSP-GREEN recommendations to reflect on regional specificities and identify relevant topics, actions, and priorities to be taken into consideration. The workshop is organised by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia in collaboration with project's Baltic Sea Region partnership.

**When? 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2024.** Participation is free of charge.

**Where? Riga, Latvia.** Venue: Hilton Garden Inn (Riga Old Town).



### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

11:30 -12:00	Morning coffee, registration
12:00	<b>The 1<sup>st</sup> wave: Opening session</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Opening words from the organisers Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia and HELCOM &amp; VASAB representatives</li><li>Introduction on MSP-GREEN project: Why there is a necessity to align the European Green Deal (EGD) objectives with the national maritime spatial plan (MSP) developments? What actions may be taken?</li><li>MSP&amp;EGD thematic icebreaker activity</li></ul>
12:30	<b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> wave: BSR country perspective on Maritime Spatial Plans</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Presentations on Baltic Sea Region (BSR) MSP status and country context-specific issues</li></ul>
13:15	Lunch
14:00	<b>The 3<sup>rd</sup> wave: Basin identity and regional specificities enabling maritime EGD</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Introductory session on maritime EGD sea basin communication aspects and enabling elements of a green transition in the marine domain (e.g. Regional Roadmaps, existing planning frameworks and strategies)</li><li>Workshop break-out groups with an aim to reflect on regional specificities and identify relevant topics, actions, and priorities to be taken by MSP at Baltic Sea basin level: (1) <i>Maritime geography/biophysical considerations.</i> (2) <i>Governance and politics.</i> (3) <i>Maritime culture and regional communication aspects.</i></li></ul>
15:00	Coffee break
15:20	<b>The 4<sup>th</sup> wave: Adapting MSP-GREEN recommendations to sea basin specificities</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Presentation of the recommendations developed for the EU level</li><li>Break-out Group discussions on the recommendations from a sea basin perspective<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identification of key EGD MSP challenges relevant for the Baltic Sea basin</li><li>Identification of the main recommendations relevant for the Baltic Sea basin</li></ul></li></ul>
16:30 – 17:00	<b>The 5<sup>th</sup> wave: Closing concluding remarks, way forward</b>
18:00 - 20:00	After-event networking with a thematic site visit

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