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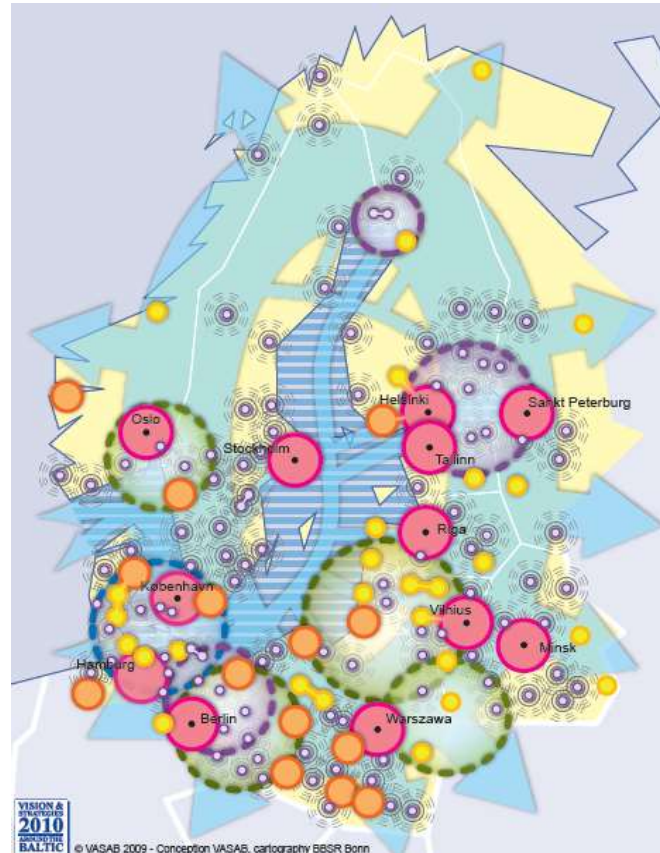
Transboundary MSP cooperation and consultations in the Baltic Sea Region

MSP as a tool for the implementation of ICZM
Protocol in the Mediterranean

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VASAB- Vision and Strategies around the Baltic Sea

- Cooperation of ministers of Baltic Sea Region countries responsible for spatial planning and development
- Intergovernmental network founded in **1992**
- **VASAB Long –Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the BSR**
- **MSP – one of VASAB priorities**



2030: Territorial cohesion perspective

- Functional profile of urban regions and centres ***
- Global gateway with prominent R&D and knowledge intensive business services
 - BSR gateway with well developed R&D and knowledge intensive business services
 - Urban region in process of metropolisation with growing globally linked R&D and knowledge intensive services
 - Regional development centre providing high quality services to residents in the surrounding area
 - Bi-polar and multipolar urban development

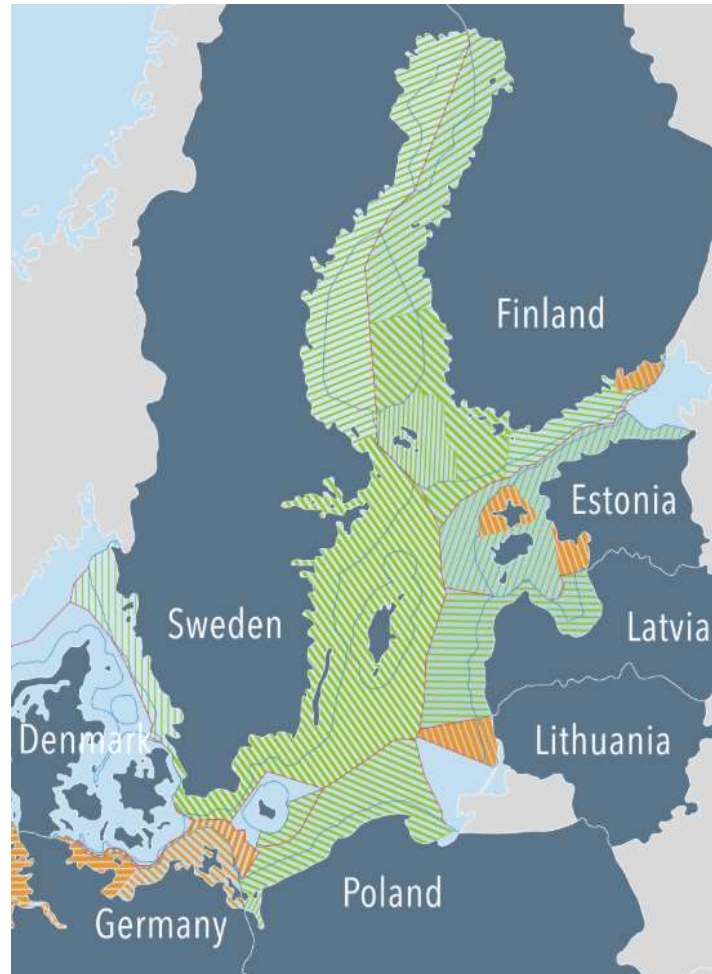
- Cross-border cluster cooperation areas**
- Existing
 - Potential
 - Cross border global integration zone
 - Integrated transport system and international links
 - Integrated maritime spatial planning

* Urban regions as defined in the report "Towards an Integrated Baltic Sea Region", Nordregio, Stockholm 2008

Joint Efforts in MSP

- **Joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG established in October 2010**
- **All countries around the Baltic Sea are represented**
- **Well established rules and procedures on how to work**
- **Guided by Ministerial level decisions**
 - 2018 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting
 - 2014 VASAB Ministerial Conference

Overview on MSP Status in the Baltic Sea



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MSP Platform

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Pan Baltic Scope project Activity 1.1.4.

Follow-up of Common Regional Framework

- **Overall aim:** assess implementation of common regional MSP framework and indicate necessary improvements
- **Main output:** Assessment and evaluation report on MSP Roadmap, MSP Principles and Guidelines on Transboundary Consultation



Principle on Transnational coordination and consultation



- Maritime spatial planning should be developed in a joint pan-Baltic dialogue with coordination and consultation between the Baltic Sea states
- Such dialogue should be conducted in a cross-sectoral context between all coastal countries, interested and competent organizations and stakeholders.
- Whenever possible maritime spatial plans should be developed and amended with the Baltic Sea Region perspective in mind.

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG; Baltic MSP Forums

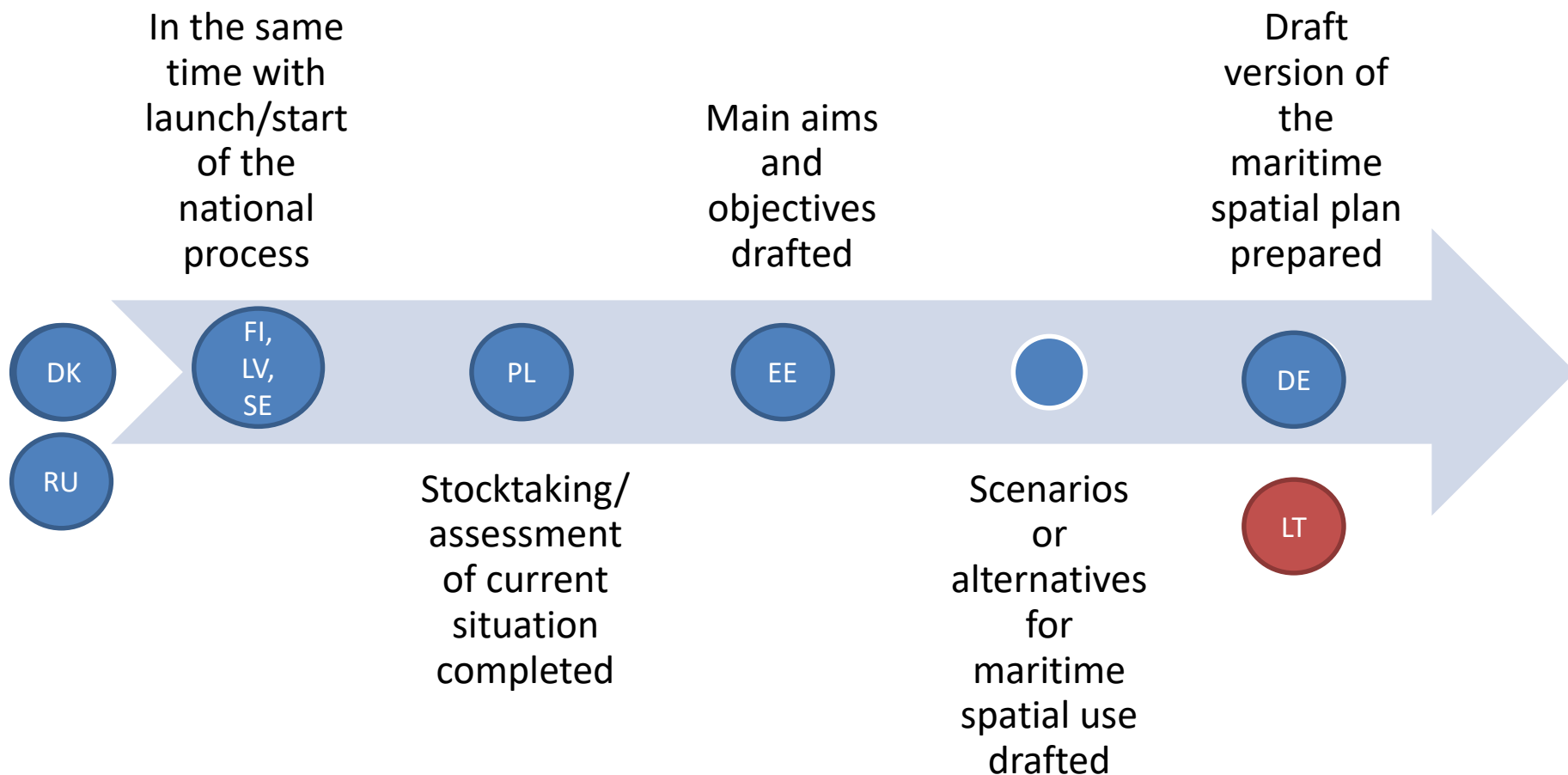
Guidelines on transboundary consultation, public participation and co-operation



Aim - MSP are coherent across Baltic Sea basin, avoid misalignments and negative environmental impacts, promoting synergies

- **Scope** of transboundary consultation
 - Include SEIA and broader range of MSP issues (socio-economic)
- **Timing** - Establish formal process at the early stage of MSP

Timing of the transboundary consultation



Guidelines on transboundary consultation, public participation and co-operation



- **Information and knowledge sharing**

Data Expert Subgroup under HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG

- **Transboundary consultation strategy**

Appropriate formats, direct communication between responsible authorities (National MSP contact points), stakeholders, MSP practitioners, face to face meetings at early stage, language

- **Organizing stakeholder involvement**

Extent, methods

Guidelines on transboundary consultation, public participation and co-operation



- Informal transboundary cooperation

Transnational MSP projects





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