

Maritime Spatial Planning for Sustainable Blue Economies (Plan4Blue)



Programme Priority: P2 Sustainable use of common resources

Programme Specific Objective: 2.2. Sustainably planned and managed marine and coastal areas

Sub-programme: Southern Finland - Estonia

Duration: 01.10.2016 - 31.12.2019

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ERDF funding: 1.563.522 EUR ERDF

Project Summary:

The Plan4Blue project promotes sustainable planning and management of marine and coastal areas of the Gulf of Finland and the Archipelago Sea by developing a Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) capacity. This aim will be achieved by setting up a cross-border collaboration in the field for this area.

The project supports growth of the marine and maritime sectors in a way that emphasizes the need to find a balance between economic, social and environmental goals. Because many of the economic activities cross borders and have cross-border impacts, planning and management requires cross-border collaboration between stakeholders and authorities.

The project responds directly to the programme goals by developing capacity in cross-border MSP in order to ensure a sustainable use of common resources. The project facilitates the collaboration of stakeholders and authorities to find cross-border solutions for sustainable planning and management of marine and coastal areas. The project focuses on cross-border aspects, but addresses also national and county levels as appropriate. The result will help to improve management of Gulf of Finland and its coastal areas.

Map of Partners



Partners

Lead Partner

Suomen ympäristökeskus

Country: FI

www.syke.fi/en-US

Partner budget: 520.807 EUR

Amount of ERDF funding: 390.605 EUR ERDF

Project Partners

Tartu Ülikool

Country: EE

www.ut.ee/en

Partner budget: 453.400 EUR

Amount of ERDF funding: 385.390 EUR ERDF

Turun yliopisto

Country: FI

www.utu.fi

Partner budget: 489.799 EUR

Amount of ERDF funding: 367.349 EUR ERDF

Uudenmaan liitto

Country: FI

www.uudenmaanliitto.fi/englanti

Partner budget: 168.181 EUR

Amount of ERDF funding: 126.136 EUR ERDF

Varsinais-Suomen liitto

Country: FI

www.varsinais-suomi.fi

Partner budget: 167.995 EUR

Amount of ERDF funding: 125.996 EUR ERDF

MTÜ Balti Keskkonnafoorum

Country: EE

www.bef.ee

Partner budget: 197.700 EUR

Amount of ERDF funding: 168.045 EUR ERDF

Associated Partners

Rahandusministeerium

Country: EE

Harju Maavalitsus

Country: EE

Ida-Viru Maavalitsus

Country: EE

Lääne-Viru Maavalitsus

Country: EE

Results

Expected results

The main results are: 1) Collaboratively produced future scenarios for blue economies to support spatial planning; 2) Improved capacity of spatial planning authorities and stakeholders to conduct MSP in cross-border settings; 3) Agreements on cross-border MSP objectives and planning solutions and especially a framework for continuous collaboration to ensure sustainable planning and management of the marine and coastal areas; 4) Improved knowledge on the economic and social potential of the blue growth (e.g. econometric modelling presented spatially); 5) Improved knowledge on the impacts of economic activities on marine and coastal ecosystems and ecosystem services, incl. opportunities to enhance ecosystem services (presented spatially); 6) Methodological guidelines to integrate economic, social and environmental analyses to support MSP and a guideline on the collaborative process in the MSP cycle. These report the methods developed, applied and tailored for the Plan4Blue context, to be used after the project in official MSP processes also outside of the project area; 7) Dissemination material and events to enlarge the project impact (e.g. leaflets, social media and video clips) The project's MSP capacity building activities operate on the levels of existing administrative units for MSP and connects with official MSP processes, which ensures an uptake of project results for improved management of coastal and marine areas. The project addresses a marine area of Gulf of Finland in its cross-border activities. Coastal zones (cf. CB programme manual) addressed in the project are Uusimaa, South West Finland and Kymenlaakso in Finland and Harju, Lääne-Viru and Ida-Viru in Estonia. We will also collaborate with Satakunta region in Finland. The Plan4Blue reports its progress to the HELCOM-VASAB working group on MSP to engage with Baltic Sea collaboration in MSP. The project has already been presented to the HELCOM-VASAB working group and DG MARE of EU Commission.

Achieved results

Project Visibility

Social media links

[Web page & materials](#)

Other media visibility

[UT researchers looking for possibilities for sustainable growth of maritime economy in the Gulf of Finland and the Archipelago S](#)

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