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The new projects Baltic Sea2Land and MSP-GREEN

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- Vidzeme Coastal zone of Gulf of Riga
- Kurzeme Coastal zone of Gulf of Riga
- Northern Kurzeme Coastal zone of Baltic Sea
- Southern Kurzeme Coastal zone of Baltic Sea

Coastal municipalities' cooperation areas for development of specific tourism offer

Priority development sites

Development sites

Main flows of visitors to the coast

- Airports
- Harbours
- Marinas

Development of EuroVelo 13 – Iron Curtain Trail

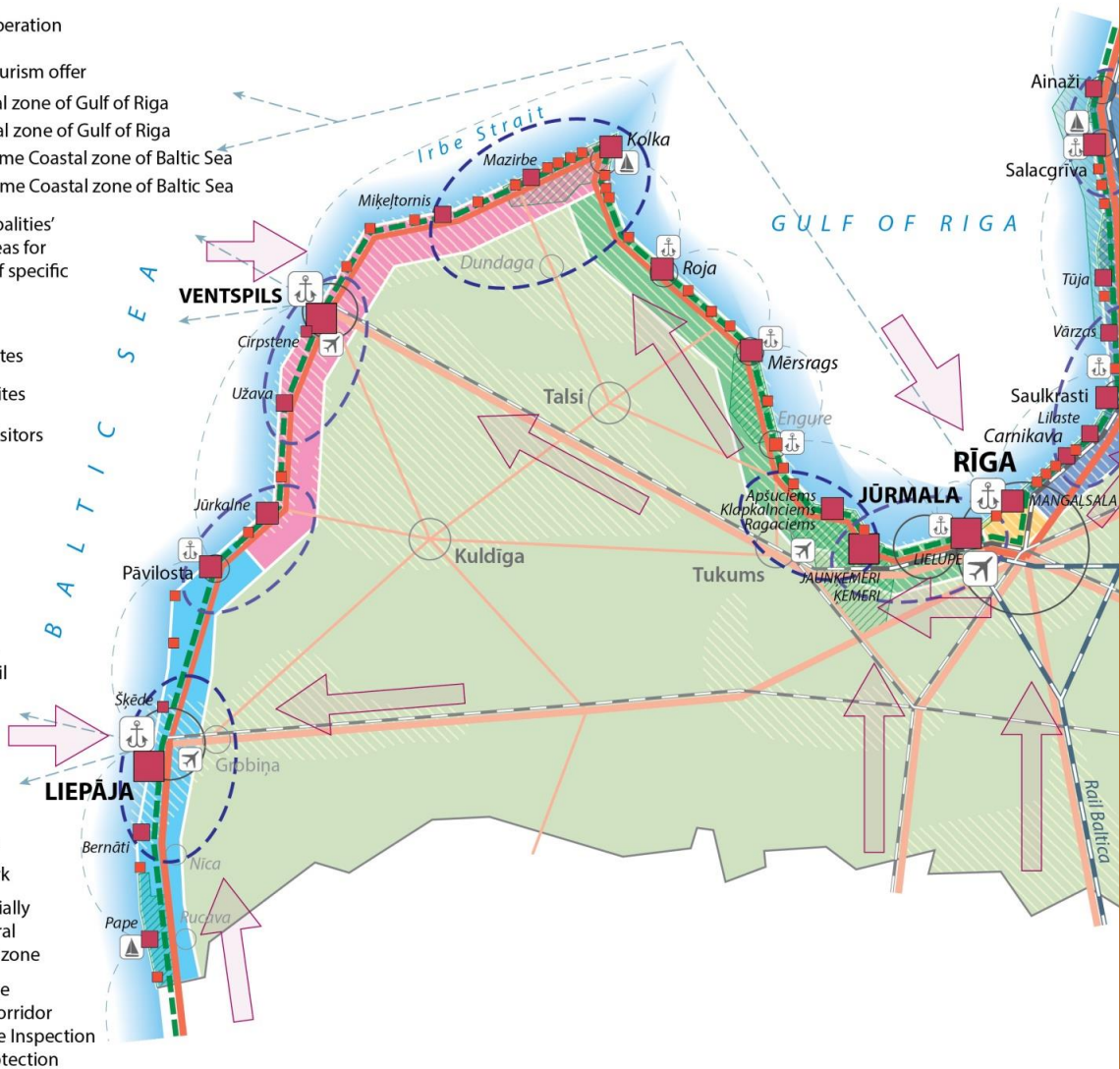
- Railways
- Railway Rail Baltica

Roads

- Ferries network
- Marinas network

Important specially protected natural areas in coastal zone

Cultural heritage development corridor defined by State Inspection for Heritage Protection



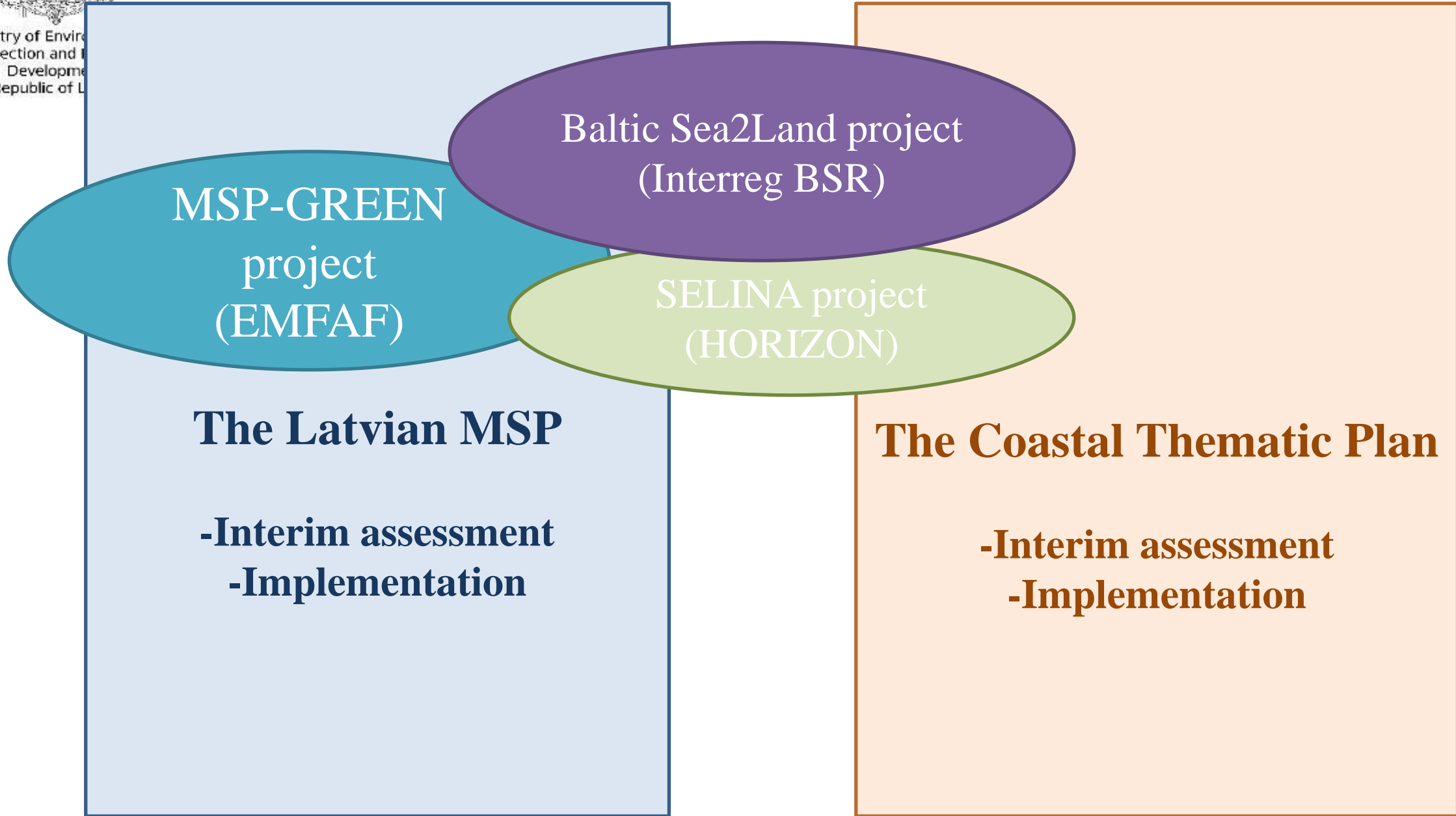
The Coastal Thematic Plan

- Interim assessment
- Implementation



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Project support for MSP and coastal planning





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Baltic Sea2Land project (Interreg BSR)

Title: Fostering integrated governance for the joint sustainable use of human and natural capital in the near shore zone

Interreg Baltic Sea Region programme funded project

Project duration: 3 years (January 2023 – December 2025)

Project budget: 3.4 million EUR

Partners: 13 partners from 6 EU countries – Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Germany, Poland

And 2 transnational organisations – VASAB secretariat & HELCOM secretariat



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Partners: (LP-lead partner)

No.	LP/PP	Organisation (English)	Organisation (Original)	Country	Type of partner
1	LP	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia	Vides aizsardzības un reģionālās attīstības ministrija	LV	National public authority
2	PP	Saaremaa Municipality	Saaremaa Vallavalitsus	EE	Local public authority
3	PP	Tallinn University	Tallinna Ülikool	EE	Higher education and research institution
4	PP	Regional Council of Southwest Finland	Varsinais-Suomen liitto	FI	Regional public authority
5	PP	Baltic Environmental Forum Germany	Baltic Environmental Forum Deutschland e.V.	DE	NGO
6	PP	City of Fehmarn	Stadt Fehmarn	DE	Local public authority
7	PP	Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission	Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission	FI	International governmental organisation
8	PP	Baltic Environmental Forum Latvia	Baltijas Vides Forums	LV	NGO
9	PP	Kurzeme Planning Region	Kurzemes Plānošanas Reģions	LV	Regional public authority
10	PP	Association "Klaipeda Region"	Asociacija "Klaipėdos regionas"	LT	NGO
11	PP	Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences	Instytut Oceanologii Polskiej Akademii Nauk	PL	Higher education and research institution
12	PP	State Regional Development Agency (VASAB)	Valsts reģionālās attīstības aģentūra	LV	International governmental organisation
13	PP	The Association of Sea Cities and Municipalities	Związek Miast i Gmin Morskich	PL	NGO

Associated organisations:

2.1.2 Associated Organisations				
No.	Organisation (English)	Organisation (Original)	Country	Type of Partner
AO 1	Regional Council of Lapland	Lapin liitto	FI	Regional public authority
AO 2	Regional Council of Ostrobothnia	Österbottens Förbund	FI	Regional public authority
AO 3	Regional Council of Kymenlaakso	Kymenlaakson liitto	FI	Regional public authority
AO 4	Council of Oulu Region	Pohjois-Pohjanmaan liitto	FI	Regional public authority
AO 5	Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania	Lietuvos Respublikos aplinkos ministerija	LT	National public authority
AO 6	Ministry of the Environment	Ympäristöministeriö	FI	National public authority



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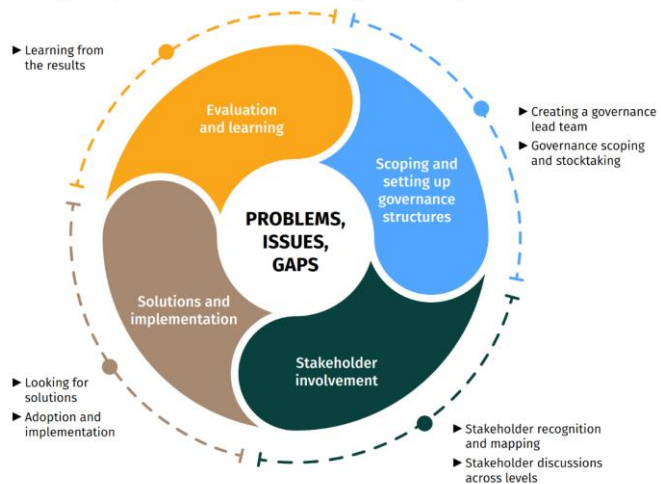
Goal

(1) to **balance the interests** of the Sustainable Blue Economy (SBE) sectors (e.g. tourism, energy, fisheries), nature conservation and local communities to support viable coastal development and the sustainable use of human and natural capital in the BSR and through the project solution



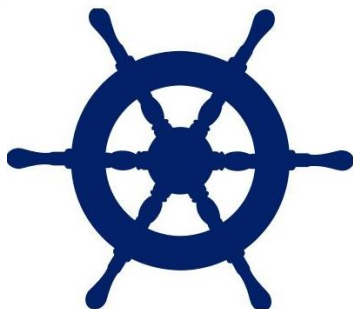
(2) to foster integrated **governance** via multi-dimensional collaborations between different management levels (from local to international), SBE sectors, local communities and other stakeholders

Strategic steps and actions in multi-level government process.





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Main expected results

the **Sea2Land Navigator** –

a solution based on previous project results and tailored guidance and decision making-supporting platform for public authorities and SBE stakeholders

Baltic MSP-forum (most likely 2024)

The project intends

- advancing data harmonization in BSR
- set an updated framework for LSI for BSR



WP1 Preparing
solution



WP2 Piloting
and evaluating
solutions



WP3
Transferring
solutions

WPs and activities

1.1 Tailoring the Multi-level Governance Agenda for Integrated and Sustainable Coastal Development

1.2 Customizing the Spatial Data Infrastructure of the Sea2Land Navigator

1.3 Assembling the Knowledge Hub of the Sea2Land Navigator

1.4 Building Capacity for Piloting the Multi-level Governance Approach and the Sea2Land Navigator

2.1 Piloting the Sea2Land Navigator for Local Level Coastal Governance

2.2 Piloting the Sea2Land Navigator for Regional Level Coastal Governance

2.3 Piloting the Sea2Land Navigator for National Level Coastal Governance

2.4 Evaluating the Implementation of Pilots Using the Sea2Land Navigator

2.5 Landing the Improved Sea2Land Navigator

3.1 Multi-level Dialogue on Land-Sea Interactions and Coastal Governance

3.2 Engaging Target Groups in Using the Sea2Land Navigator and Data Sharing

3.3 Building the Skills of Target Groups to Implement Multi-level Governance in Coastal Areas



Piloting activities on local and regional level

Local level:

EE - Saaremaa – bring the SBE aims of Estonian MSP to the local level by addressing diverse concerns related to coastal landscapes, environmental justice, nature/heritage, cultural values and finding ways to balance co-use of maritime-coastal spaces

DE - Fehmarn – aims to find an acceptable balance in coastal landscape management that would enable the island to become self-sufficient with renewable energy and promote climate-neutral tourism development

PL - Coastal municipalities in Poland - focus on reasons and solutions for relatively large reluctance towards offshore wind energy among certain groups of stakeholders observed during the 1st MSP and recent concerns about the selection process for the “land gates” of offshore installations

Regional level:

FI - Finland the focus will be on collaboration among regional authorities for MSP, MSFD and WFD, municipalities, politicians and maritime sectors to enhance implementation of the recently updated (December 2022) Finnish Coastal Zone Strategy in cohesion with regional and local level plans

LV - developing a regional thematic plan for integrated coastal planning in Kurzeme Planning Region, the Sea2Land Navigator will be tested in the Kurzeme Planning Region to explore the trade-offs of coastal development and balancing the interests of the SBE and growing housing pressures with preserving natural capital, place identity and cultural heritage

LT –MLG approach will be applied for activating the newly developed Klaipeda Region Specialization Strategy 2030 and developing a monitoring system of implementation



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Piloting activities on national level

FI - The National Coastal Zone Strategy implementation document covering the whole Finnish coastal area. The document will support coherence of the regional and national level coastal zone governance solutions with the MSP 2030, and takes note of the characteristics of the several maritime spatial planning areas

LV - Re-evaluation and update of the national level Coastal Thematic plan-in Latvia, including SEA report. It focuses on anthropogenic pressure change in coastal zones, also reflecting and taking in consideration issues which were exacerbated during the pandemic. Also implementation success and needed improvements will be delivered here for SBE and energy sector development on the near shore zone respecting local cultural and nature values



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MSP-GREEN project

Title: Maritime Spatial Planning as enabler of the European GREEN Deal

European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (**EMFAF**) funded project

Project duration: 2 years (November 2022 – November 2024)

Project budget: 1.9 million EUR

Partners: 12 partners from 6 EU countries – Italy, Spain, France, Finland, Bulgaria and Latvia)

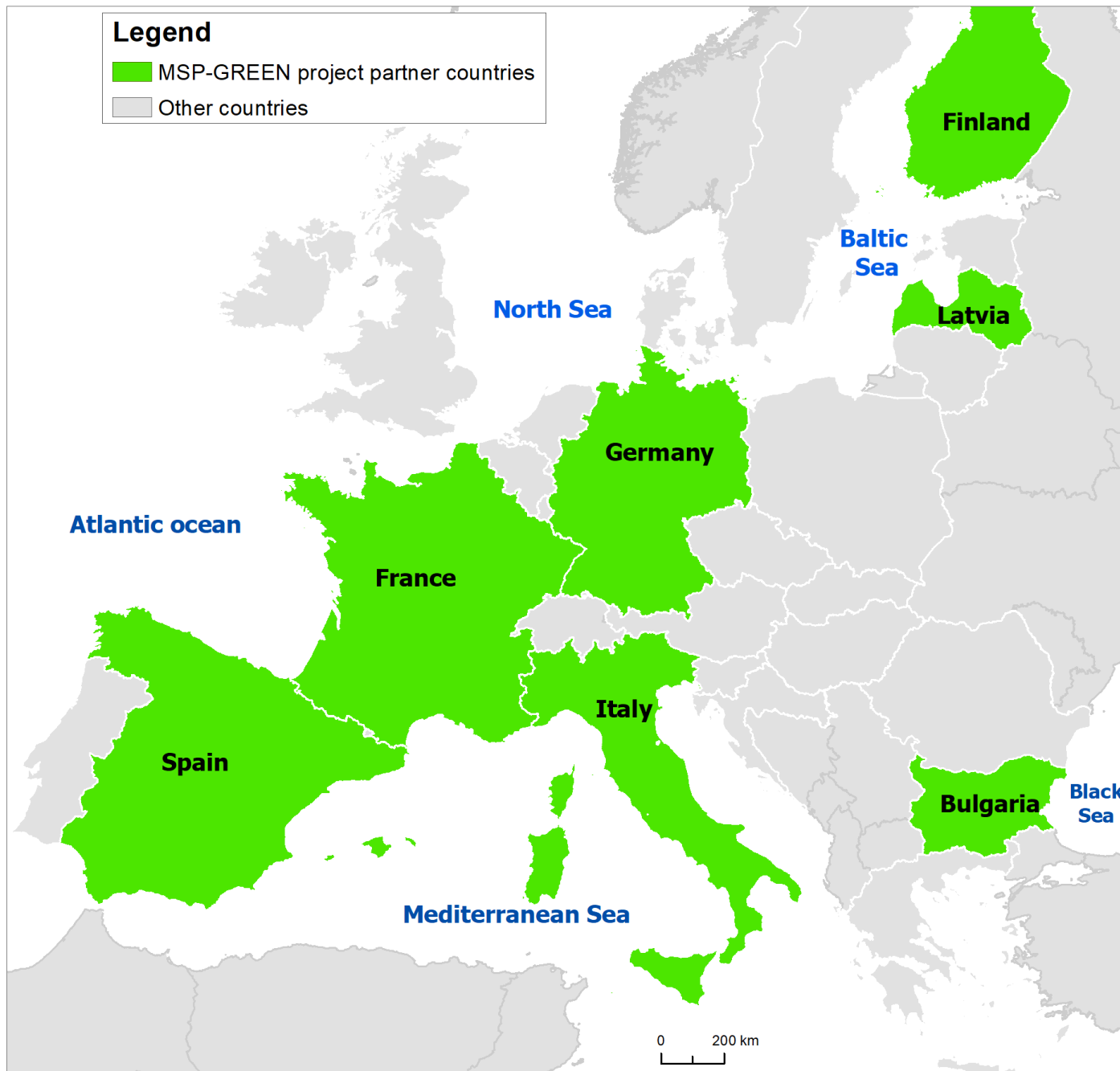


Goals

- Create an EU wide framework for establishing MSP as a constructive Green Deal goal contributor.
- Evaluate the incorporation of Green Deal goals in MSPs.
- Identify key obstacles to Green Deal integration into MSPs.
- Exchange experiences of best practices in Green Deal activities in MSPs.
- Identify additional initiatives to be included in MSPs for further uptake of the Green Deal.
- Disseminate project results within the EU and beyond.



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Partners

Lead- *CORILA - CONSORZIO PER IL COORDINAMENTO DELLE RICERCHE INERENTI AL SISTEMA LAGUNARE DI VENEZIA*

IT: *Universita Iuav Di Venezia
Consiglio Nazionale Delle Ricerche*

FI: *Southwestern Finland Region*

LV: *MoEPRD*

ES: *Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior De Investigaciones Cientificas*

FR: *Centre D'Etudes Et D'Expertise Sur Les Risques L'Environnement La Mobilite Et L'Amenagement*

BG: *Center for Coastal and Marine Studies (CCMS)*

Associated org.:

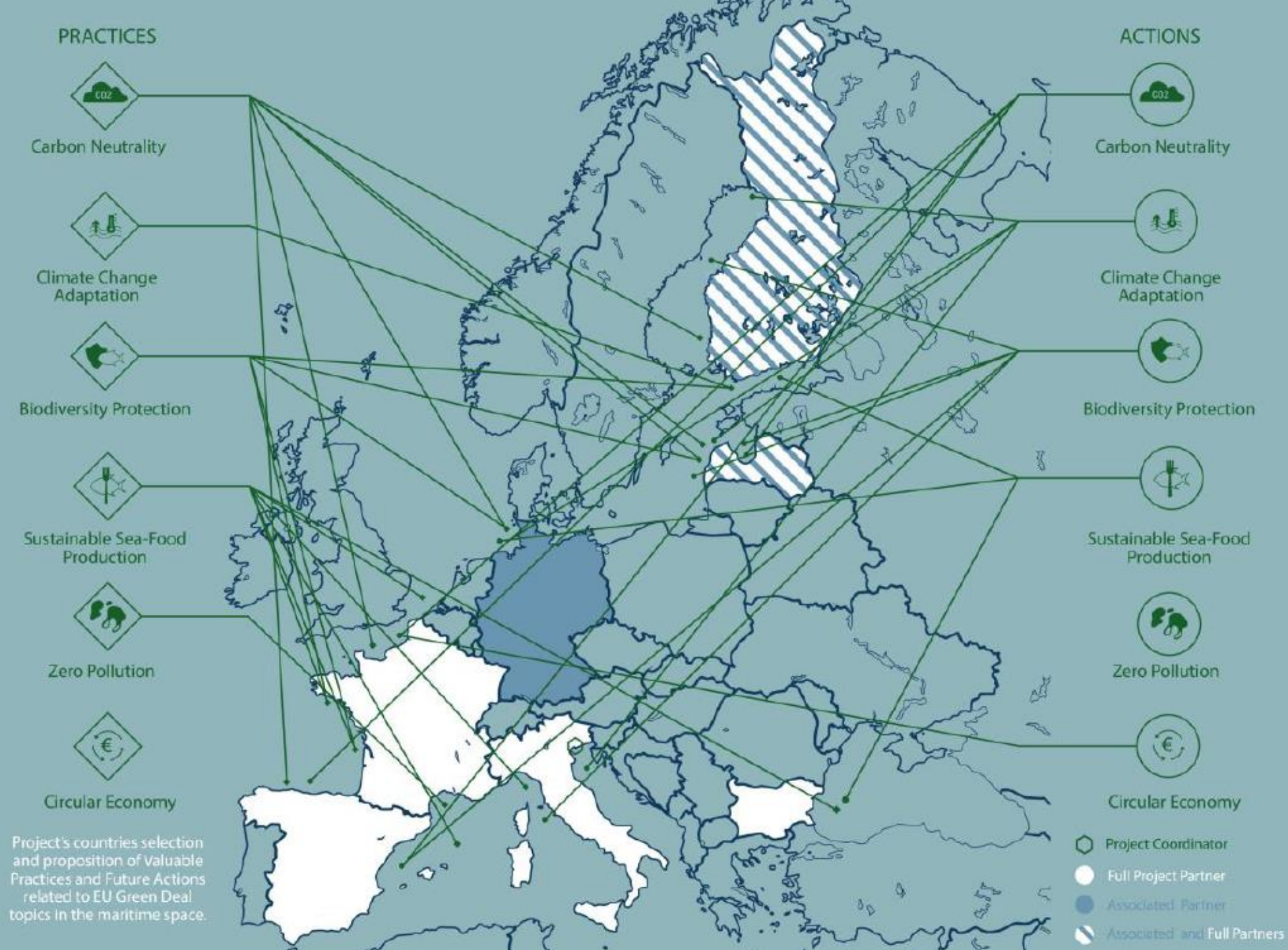
VASAB secretariat

FI - Environmental ministry

DE - BSH



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Work packages and MoEPRD (LV) role

WP1 – Project management and coordination.

WP2 - Analysis and evaluation of Green Deal ambition integration into MSP plans:

- Analysis of the Latvian MSP in context of GD tasks and issues, and identified intersections of different sectors and governance levels.

WP3 - Strengthening MSP contribution to Green Deal:

- Aiding good-practice uptake of Land-Sea-Act project results (pilot project in Dienvidkurzeme on balancing offshore wind energy, tourism development, landscape and environmental protection)

WP4 - Towards a Greener MSP for Europe: scaling-up and innovating:

- Participation in drafting GD uptake recommendations for each involved sea-basin – representing the perspective of the Baltic Sea basin and incorporating Blue Economy goals.

WP5 - Communication and Dissemination:

- Coordination of communication, including active practical usage of online tools.



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Thank you for attention!

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