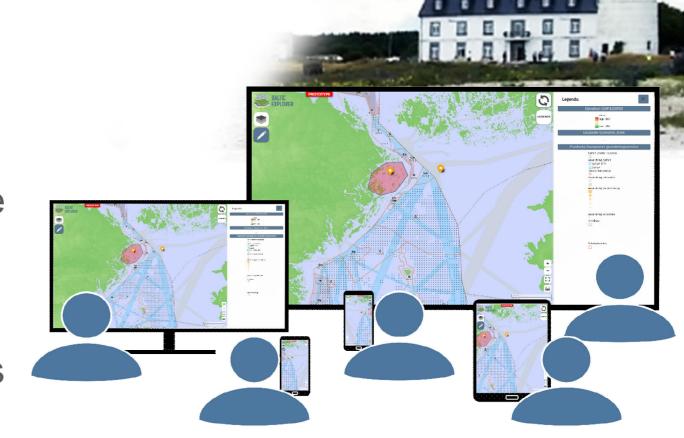# BONUS BASMATI

Baltic Sea Maritime Spatial Planning for Sustainable Ecosystem Services

Integrated and innovative solutions for Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) from local to Baltic Sea scale

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BONUS BASMATI is developing and testing **Baltic Explorer**, an interactive web-map application for facilitating discussions and negotiations in MSP. It enables **collaborative** capture, visualization, exploration and analysis of marine spatial data available in the Baltic Sea region. Its intuitive interface adapts to **a variety of devices** from smartphones to large multi-touch displays. The Baltic Explorer utilizes open source web technologies. The Baltic Explorer prototype is published at *balticexplorer.eu*, and continuously developed in user tests.

The **MSP governance structures**, especially stakeholder integration and cross-border planning, are studied to build a **conceptual framework** for understanding and analyzing **conflicts and synergies** between stakeholder groups. The project reviews how frameworks, scenarios, and tools, such as the Baltic Explorer, facilitate **the involvement of stakeholders** at different stages of the MSP process.

MSP is studied on the practical level at various spatial scales in **three case studies**. The case studies examine economic development and protection of marine habitats, focusing on **aquaculture** (SW Baltic), **marine protected areas** (Latvia), and **business perceptions** (pan-Baltic). The case studies support **ecosystem service concept integration** in MSP, and **functionality of stakeholder involvement** in Baltic Explorer.

Governance & Maritime Spatial Planning
Sustainable allocation of marine space

Case Studies
Stakeholder involvement

Ecosystem Services and pressures
Collection, production and supply of data

Impact Assesment Framework
Integrating Marine Ecosystem Services

Baltic Explorer
Maritime Spatial Planning Information System

The project promotes **data availability**, based on the identification of current data gaps, stakeholder requirements, and the ecosystem service framework. Emphasis is put on **defining data standards/ minimum requirements** for MSP, and producing and acquiring data on ecosystem services, as well as on anthropogenic pressures. **The data produced in the case studies are published**, and utilized in e.g. the Baltic Explorer.

A framework for sustainability assessment of MSP scenarios was developed. It combines the DPSIR model with ecosystem service cascade frameworks, allowing the **comparison of benefits and beneficiaries** between a baseline and a scenario. The framework is tested in local contexts as a tool assisting the **conceptualization of planning issues**, and it it can be assisted by the Baltic Explorer visualization tools.

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