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Methodology for maritime spatial planning

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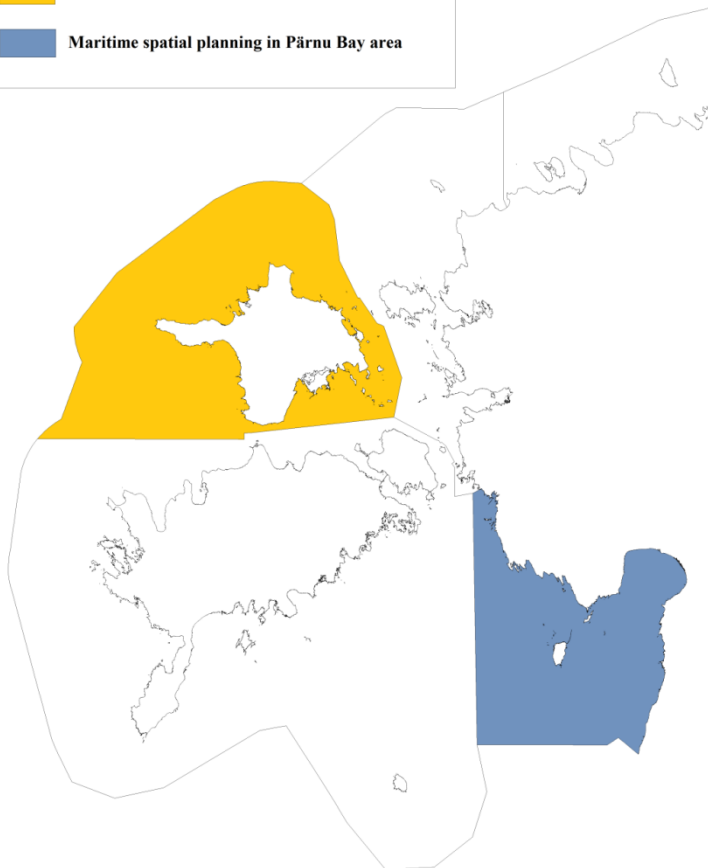
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Maritime spatial planning in Estonia

-  Maritime spatial planning around Hiiu county
-  Maritime spatial planning in Pärnu Bay area



October 2012 – initiation of Hiiu and Pärnu MSP pilot projects in Estonia.

Methodology for MSP based on Hiiu and Pärnu MSP pilot projects.

Necessity:

- Increasing use of marine areas;
- Difference from terrestrial planning;
- MSP directive.



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Objectives of the methodology:

- Instructions for building up MSP process – initiation, cooperation, public participation, stakeholder involvement etc;
- Guidelines on the content of the plan – marine use scenarios, conditions for different sea uses;
- Guidelines for participants – government institutions, wider public and stakeholders.

Changes of the Planning Act = changes in the methodology.

Methodology is based on county plans, but the results are universal and can be used for maritime spatial planning on national level.



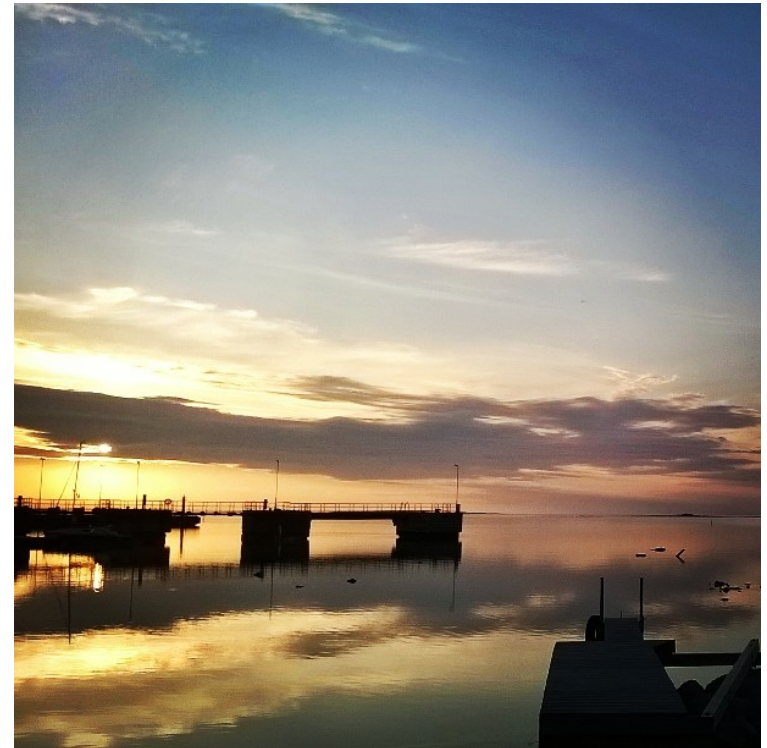
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Results:

- Lead role of the central government – MSP as a national level plan.
- MSP as a supporting tool for blue growth.
- Taking the special conditions of marine areas (dynamics, cross-border effects and international interests, no private property and wide public interests) into account in the planning process.
- Place-based approach.
- Bringing different sectors (possibly conflicting) around the same table.
- Finding synergies, not solving conflicts.
- Emphasis on implementation – MSP as a bases for decision making.





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Thank you!

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