

GES-REG

Good Environmental status through regional coordination and capacity building

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INTERREG IV A
PROGRAMME
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ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTMENT
CENTRE

Project aim

The main aim of the project is **to support coherent and coordinated** implementation of Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC) in the central and north-eastern sub-regions of the Baltic Sea – in the Gulf of Finland, northern part of the Baltic Proper and Gulf of Riga

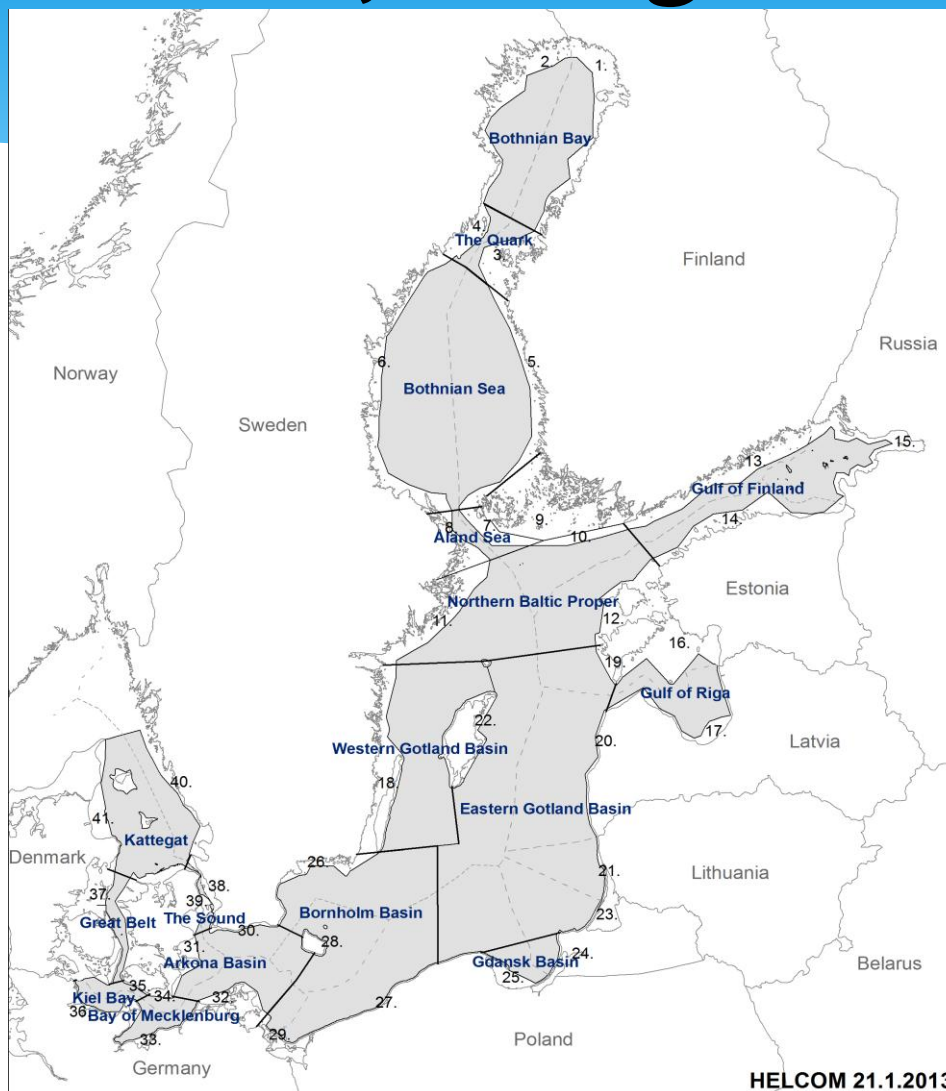
GES-REG supports implementation of MSFD in all participating countries and gives input to the parallel work in HELCOM

Duration – 1 June 2011 – 31 December 2013

Budget – 1 472 648 €, including 1 137 446 € ERDF funding

Web site: <http://gesreg.msi.ttu.ee/en>

Project region



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Gulf of Finland

Northern
Baltic Proper

Gulf of Riga

Project partners

Partners:

Tallinn University of Technology, Marine Systems Institute (**MSI**) - LP
University of Tartu, Estonian Marine Institute (**EMI**)
Ministry of the Environment of Estonia (**MoE-Est**)
Estonian Institute for Sustainable Development/Stockholm Environment
Institute Tallinn Centre (**SEIT**)
Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology (**LHEI**)
Finnish Environment Institute (**SYKE**)
Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute (**RKTL**)

Associated Partners:

MTT Agrifood Research Finland (**MTT**)
Stockholm University, Stockholm Resilience Centre, BalticSTERN Secretariat
(**SRC**)

Work packages

WP1 – Project management and coordination – to guarantee high quality administration, management and communication

WP2 – Analysis of initial assessments – to perform detailed analysis of initial assessments for coherence and gaps

WP3 – Advance knowledge base to support assessment of GES – guidance for harmonised use of descriptors, criteria and indicators

WP4 – Sound and cost effective joint monitoring and assessment scheme

WP5 – Economic and social analysis

WP3 – Advance knowledge base to support assessment of GES (MSFD Article 9); responsible partner – SYKE, involved partners – MSI, EMI, LHEI, RKTL

Content – Analyses of methodologies will be conducted for descriptors: **non-indigenous species, food webs, marine litter and underwater noise. Seminars and small-scale pilot studies** in will be carried out to contribute to the capacity building

Planned results – **Reports** summarising and analysing the information on **methodologies** that can be used to develop further the science base for **GES descriptors, criteria and indicators** as well as defining need for **capacity building**

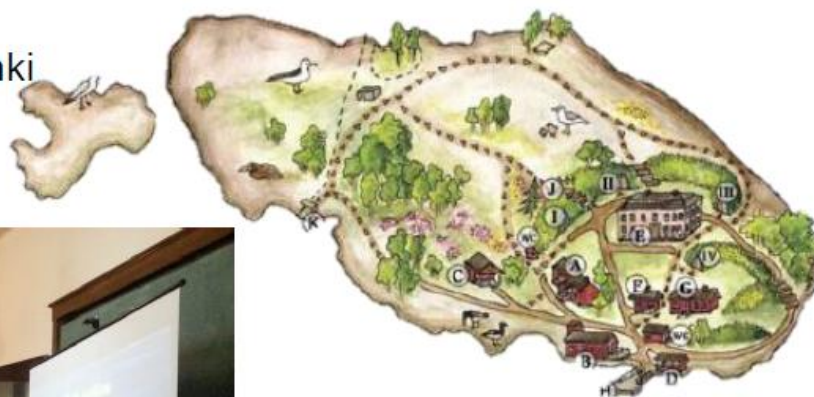


Seminar in August 2012

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3. Seminar on food webs and non-indigenous species

- August 2012 in Helsinki
- 5 speakers
- 29 participants



Seminar on marine litter and underwater noise, 24-25 Jan 2013

Structure of the seminar:

First day – marine litter. Second day – underwater noise

Lectures and presentations by invited speakers and by project partners (results of pilot studies)

Workshop/panel discussion – the aim is to answer questions, such as – what are the most important issues to focus on (regarding marine litter), next steps to initiate monitoring and assessment, priorities for capacity building