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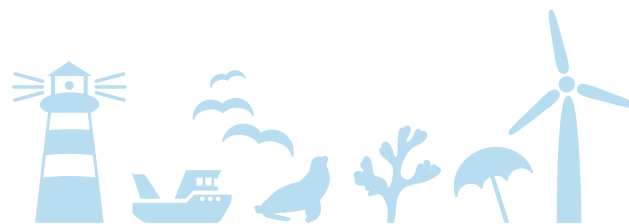
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## OBJECTIVES

The Plan4Blue project supports sustainable use of sea and Blue Growth in the Gulf of Finland and Archipelago Sea areas by seeking a balance between economic, social and environmental goals.

For this purpose the Plan4Blue focuses on developing Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) methods and capacity in the region.

The project concentrates especially on cross-border human activities, on the benefits of cross-border collaboration and on cross-border implications of economic activities.



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## THE PROJECT'S MAIN OUTPUTS

1. Joint understanding of cross-border maritime spatial planning objectives, framework for continuous collaboration and overview of maritime spatial planning cross-border effects
2. Jointly produced Blue Growth scenarios
3. Spatial analysis of potentials and risks of Blue Growth
4. Guidelines for multidisciplinary analyses and stakeholder process to support Maritime Spatial Planning



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## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Plan4Blue brings together the key Blue Growth and Maritime Spatial Planning actors to identify pathways to sustainable use of the sea areas and resources.

The collaborative process is supported by analysing economic potential of the scenarios and identifying environmental risks and management options to ensure sustainable growth.

A spatial analysis combines the project results and presents them in ways that are usable for spatial planning. The project also facilitates interaction between spatial planning authorities and key stakeholders.



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