

Maritime Spatial Planning for Blue Economies

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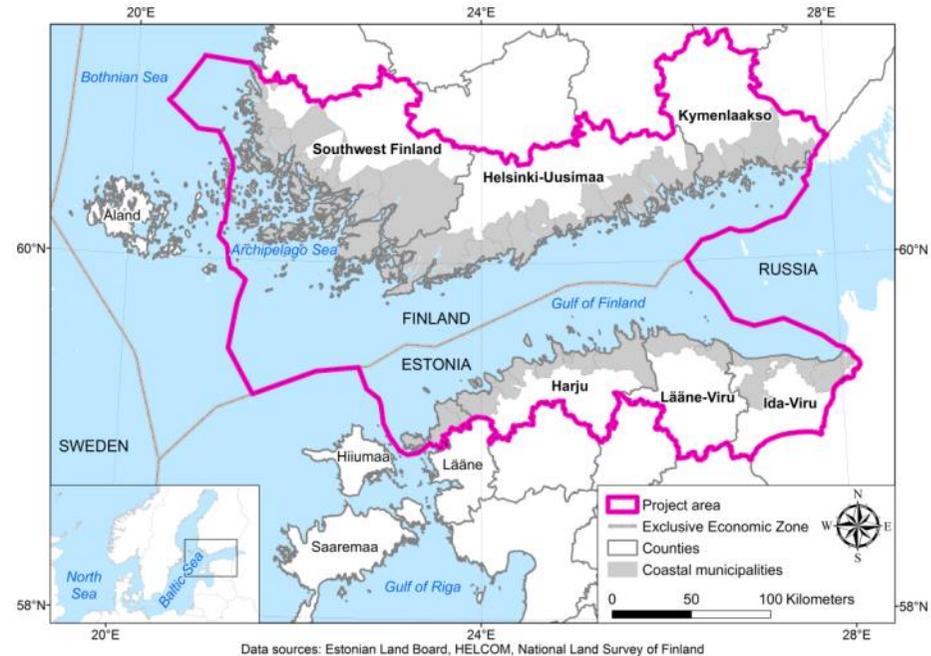


**MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING FOR
SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMIES**



Gulf of Finland and Archipelago sea

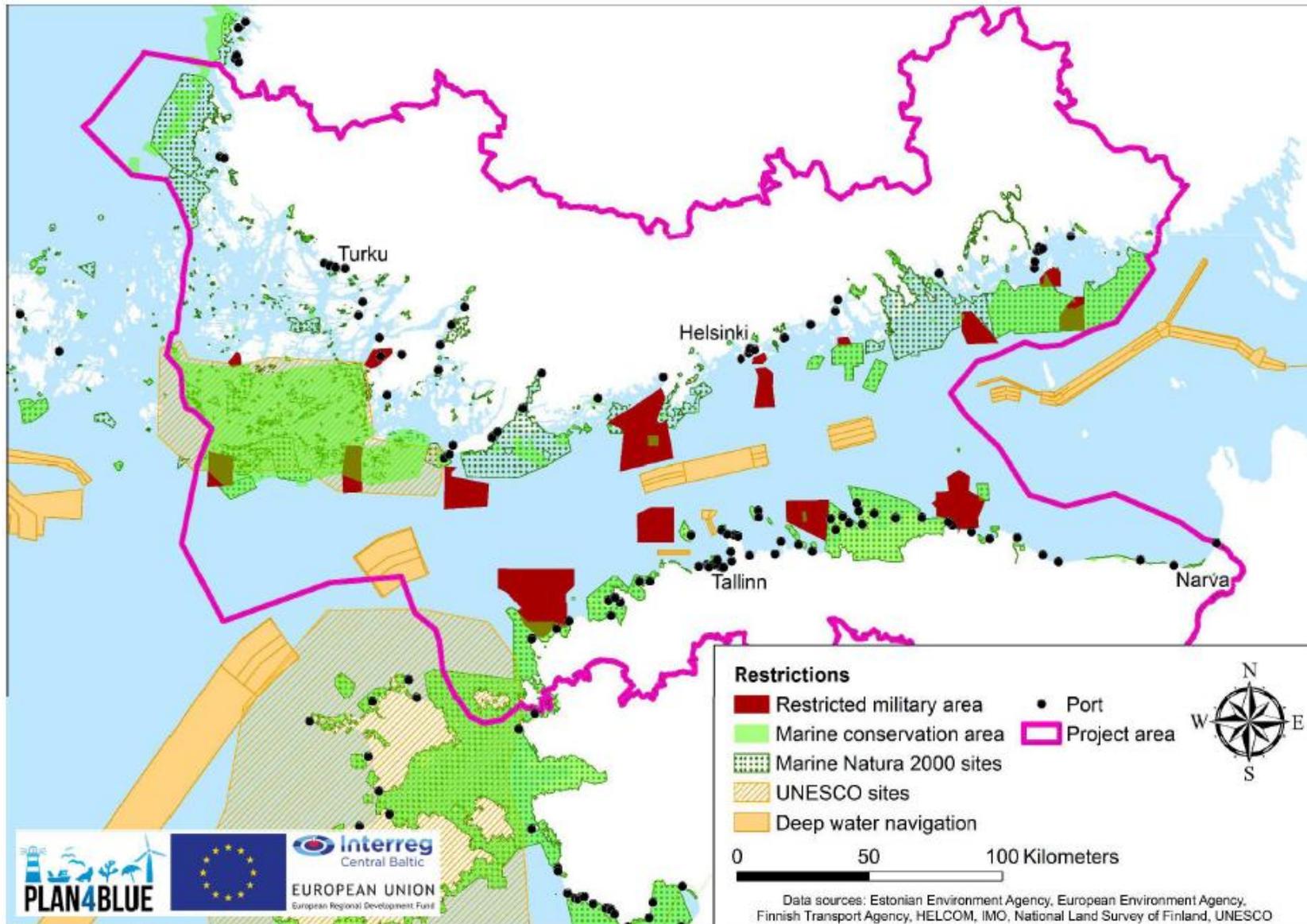
- Home of more than 3 million people
- Home of irreplaceable nature
- More than 100 ships crosses the area every day
- ~40 000 tonnes of herring catch
- Variety of protected areas (e.g. 7000 km² Natura 2000)
- Gas pipes, electricity transmission
- Just to name a few of the present features...

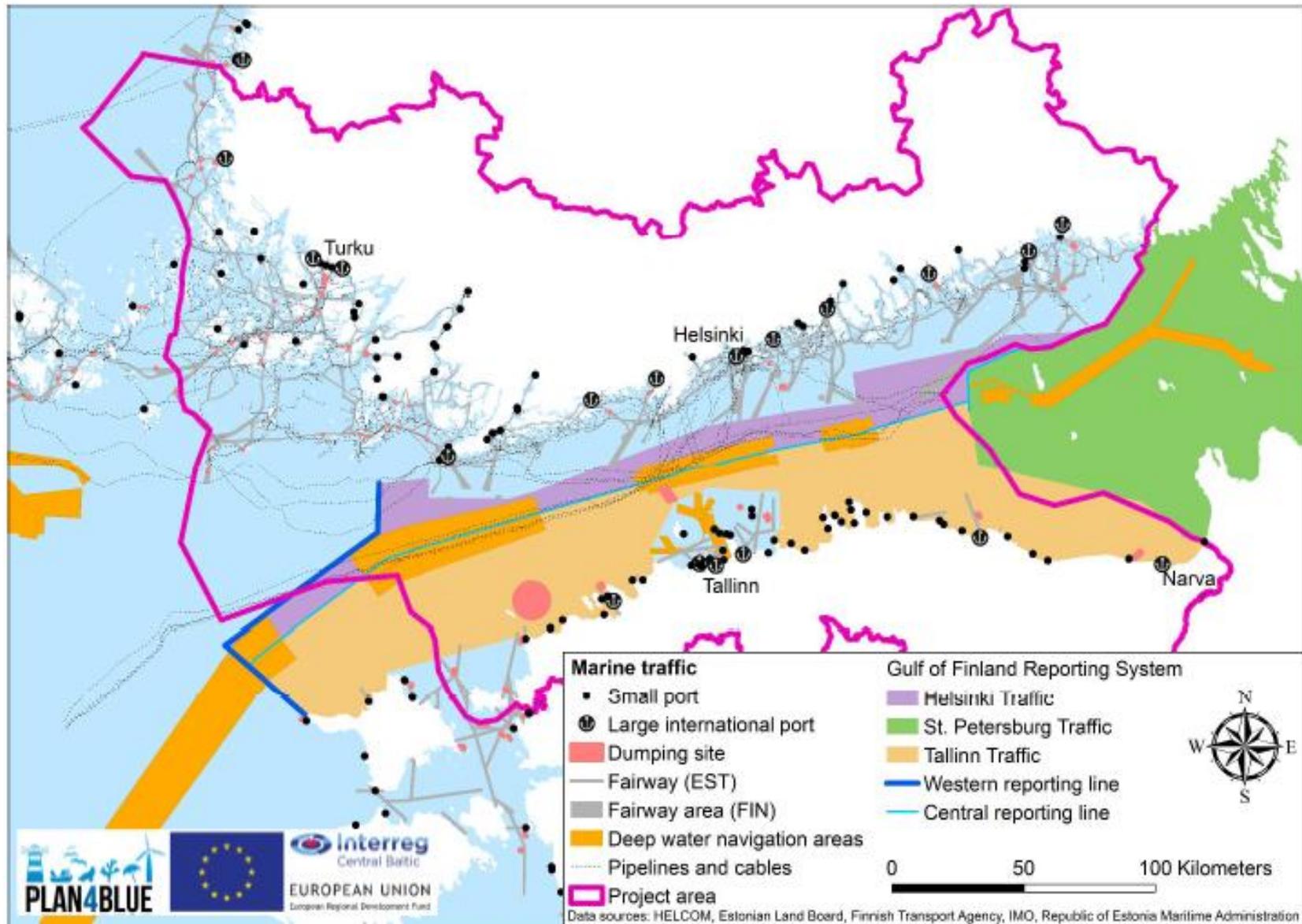


+ future potentials

This is the topic
of today

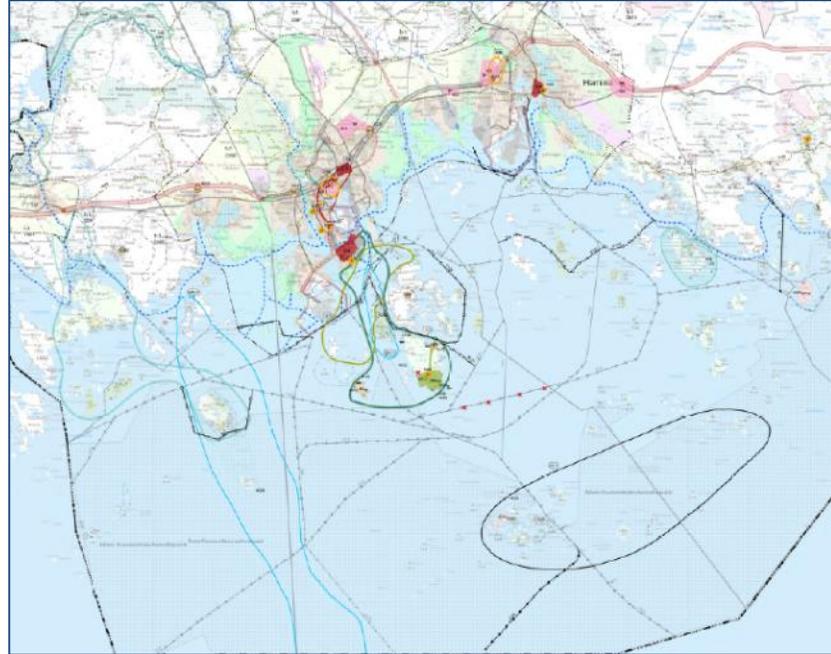






Maritime Spatial Planning - MSP

- MSP aims to:
 - Promote sustainable growth of maritime and marine sectors
 - Preserve marine ecosystems
 - Mitigate conflicts between uses
- MSP processes are:
 - Strategic, forward looking
 - Evidence-based
 - Participatory



Kymenlaakso regional spatial plan

+ coordinated between neighbouring countries



MSP processes in Estonia and Finland

Process in Estonia



Process in Finland



- MSP regulations
 - EU **framework** directive in 2014
 - National legislation in Finland and Estonia
- Two MSPs for the project area in Finland
- One national MSP for Estonia



How do we work in Plan4Blue?



WP Communication

Vilma Hakala, SYKE and Cairit Eit, BEF Estonia

WP 1 Blue Economy

Riitta Pöntynen, University of Turku

What is the economic potential of blue sectors?
What are the future scenarios, trends and drivers?



WP4 MSP alternatives

Riku Varjopuro, SYKE

How can MSP support sustainable
blue economies?
What cross-border collaboration
forms are needed?



WP 2 Environmental management

Robert Aps, University of Tartu

What environmental risks stem from the scenarios?
What are the risk management options?



WP3 Spatial analysis and map production

Harri Tolvanen, University of Turku



Key objectives and outputs

- Objectives
 - Cross-border coherence of MSP improves in the Gulf of Finland area
 - Awareness on sustainable use of the resources and planning of the Gulf of Finland and Archipelago Sea increases among key actors and stakeholders
 - Capacity of planners, managers and stakeholders to assess and manage environmental and socio-economic impacts of cross-border marine activities increases in the Gulf of Finland and Archipelago Sea areas
- Outputs
 - Agreements on cross-border Maritime Spatial Planning objectives, alternative planning options and a framework for continuous collaboration
 - Jointly produced Blue Growth scenarios
 - Environmental risk management options
 - Spatial analysis of potentials and risks of blue economy
 - Guidelines for multidisciplinary analyses and stakeholder process to support MSP



MSP processes in Estonia and Finland

Process in Estonia



Process in Finland



Contributions to MSP processes

- Steering group: representatives of project partners and other MSP authorities
- Communication: events, newsletter, website, social media
- Collaboration with other projects: Sustain Baltic, SmartSea, Baltic LINes and Pan-Baltic SCOPE



Partners



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Thank you!

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