

# United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment

## **IDENTIFICATION OF SYNERGIES AND POSSIBLE COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN MARINE REGIONS**

**Initial joint meeting between representatives of the Espoo Convention  
and its Protocol on SEA and interested regional seas conventions**

**19 November 2021, 9–11.30 a.m. (CET/Geneva time)**

**Online, via WebEx**

Language: English

### **Participants:**

Representatives of:

- The Barcelona Convention secretariat
- The Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA secretariat
- The Helsinki Convention secretariat
- The Ospar Convention secretariat
- The Tehran Convention secretariat
- Interested Parties (Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain etc.)

### **Aims:**

- Introduce and kick off the activity
- Present and discuss the initial elements of the draft assessment report on synergies and possible cooperation activities in marine regions
- Present experience in the application of SEA and transboundary EIA in marine regions
- Discuss the way forward: next steps in 2022 and beyond

## Draft agenda

Indicative timing	Item
09:00	Opening (Tea Aulavuo, UNECE, Secretary to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment)
09:05	Self-introductions (Meeting participants)
09:10	Recap of the key provisions of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol (Tea Aulavuo, UNECE)
09:20	Introduction to the activity for identifying synergies and cooperation opportunities in the marine regions (Anna-Maria Maggiore, Italy, Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea)
09:30	The role of SEA in maritime spatial planning; experience from the Baltic Sea region (Joanna Adamowicz, Poland, General Directorate for Environmental Protection) + Q&A
09:50	Initial elements of the draft assessment report on synergies and possible cooperation activities in marine regions (Jiří Dusík, consultant to UNECE)
10:05	Feedback from each of the regional sea conventions/bodies on opportunities and constraints for cooperation with the Espoo Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barcelona Convention</li><li>• Helsinki Convention</li><li>• Bucharest Convention</li><li>• Tehran Convention</li><li>• Ospar Convention</li></ul>
10:50	Discussion on the way forward: next steps in 2022 and beyond (Presentation and discussion facilitated by Jiří Dusík)
11:15	Closing remarks and observations (Tea Aulavuo, Secretary to the Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA)
11:20	End of the meeting