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Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context

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on Environmental Impact Assessment in
a Transboundary Context serving as the
Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on
Strategic Environmental Assessment

Identification of synergies and possible cooperation activities in marine regions

Report of the third joint technical meeting

Online, 16 May 2023

Summary

The present document provides a report on the third joint technical meeting between representatives of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention), its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, and five regional seas conventions and their protocols for the identification of synergies and possible cooperation activities in marine regions (Online, 16 May 2022). It was prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the participants.

The report briefly summarizes the key points arising from the interventions made and discussions held during the informal meeting. The document lists activities, proposals and recommendations for possible cooperation activities in marine regions, as updated based on the feedback from the meeting participants from previous meetings. Annex I contains the agenda of the meeting.

I. Introduction

1. The third joint technical meeting on cooperation on strategic environmental assessment and transboundary environmental impact assessment in marine regions between the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment and the regional seas conventions, bodies, and the interested contracting Parties to these instruments was held online on 16 May 2023¹. The first and second joint technical meetings were held on 19 November 2021² and 16 June 2022,³ respectively. The meeting was organized by the secretariat to the Espoo Convention and its Protocol, and moderated by the Secretary to these two instruments.

2. The meeting was held in accordance with the joint workplan for 2021–2023 of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol,⁴ which foresees mapping out of synergies and possible future cooperation activities between these two legal instruments and interested regional seas conventions that are located fully or partly in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region. This workplan activity is funded by Italy. It involved the preparation of draft report with proposals for cooperation, the organization of three joint meetings to discuss them, and the collection and compilation of good practice case studies in the application of transboundary environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment to projects and plans in marine regions.⁵ The activity aims to also contribute to enhancing contacts with non-ECE countries.

3. The meeting was attended by representatives of secretariats/bodies to the following five regional seas conventions: the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention) and its seven Protocols; the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (Bucharest Convention) and its three Protocols; the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area (Helsinki Convention) and the Baltic Sea Action Plan; the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR Convention); the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea (Tehran Convention) and its four Protocols. The meeting was also attended by the representatives of Azerbaijan, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden. Representatives from the following organizations attended: International Council for the Exploration of the Sea and the United Nations Development Programme (see the attached list of participants in Annex II).

II. Key discussion points

A. Introductory session

4. The Secretary to the Espoo Convention and its Protocol, Ms. Tea Aulavuo, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. She introduced the purpose of the meeting and briefly presented the work carried out so far, thanking again Italy for funding the activity. She pointed to, the draft report on synergies and possible cooperation activities in marine regions, which incorporated past inputs from the regional sea convention secretariats, and which had been sent to the registered participants for their review and any additional comments and updates. The draft report was also being translated into French and Russian. The participants were also invited to comment and complement the Bureau's selection of the proposed cooperation activities for inclusion to the treaties' draft workplan for 2024–2026. As a next step, prior to their submission to the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and

¹ The agenda, presentations and relevant documents are available at:

<https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Environmental-Impact-Assessment/events/376908>.

² <https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Environmental-Impact-Assessment/events/361987>.

³ <https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Environmental-Impact-Assessment/events/368518>.

⁴ ECE/MP.EIA/30/Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13/Add.1, decision VIII/2–IV/2, annex I.

⁵ ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2023/9 available at: <https://unece.org/environment/documents/2023/04/session-documents/draft-report-synergies-and-possible-cooperation>.

the Protocol, at their next sessions (Geneva, 12–15 December 2023), the draft report, the accompanying draft decision and the draft workplan would be considered by the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment (Geneva, 13–15 June 2023).⁶ The Secretary presented the draft decision by the Meeting of the Parties, which affirmed the need for cooperation within and between marine regions and a transboundary/regional approach to the protection of marine and coastal areas from the growing environmental pressures; highlighted the benefits of the application of the Convention and the Protocol; and called on Parties and invited also relevant intergovernmental organizations to implement the related cooperation activities. The importance of the recent adoption of the BBNJ treaty on the Law of the Sea was also flagged.

5. The opening was followed by an introductory statement by a representative of the donor country for the activity, Italy, Ms. Anna Maria Maggiore welcomed participants to the third and final Joint Technical meeting on cooperation in marine regions. She noted that Italy had funded these activities because subregional marine cooperation is a priority for the country. Conducting a strategic environmental assessment on plans and programs with significant environmental effects was emphasized to promote sustainable development and environmental protection. The importance of early assessment and management of negative environmental impacts in a transboundary context was also highlighted, along with exploring cooperation opportunities. Under the draft workplan for 2024–2026, Italy had offered to host a first subregional cooperation meeting for the Mediterranean area in 2024 and invited other Mediterranean countries to support and host subsequent meetings. Such regular informal meetings had been held among the focal points in the Baltic Sea region for two decades and had proved useful in promoting cooperation and informal exchanges on ongoing and planned assessment procedures of plans and projects of relevance. She highlighted the need to establish a link between the Convention of Barcelona and the Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA, as well as with non-Party countries, will become increasingly important, especially, considering the upcoming global opening of the Espoo Convention allowing also non-UNECE countries to accede to the Convention. (The Protocol on SEA is already a global instrument). The presentation of experiences from other regional sea conventions during these meetings would also be welcomed.

B. Presentation of activities and possible cooperation opportunities for Environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context and Strategic environmental assessment – in national and transboundary contexts - in the respective marine regions

6. Mr. Jiří Dusík (UNDP) presented a recap of the priority proposals for possible cooperation activities in marine regions related to environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context in the draft report. He highlighted that the focus areas for future cooperation include information-sharing, collection and dissemination of good environmental assessment practices in marine and coastal areas, strengthening implementation of existing environmental assessment provisions, pilot projects, and information sharing on cumulative impacts. Subregional cooperation was proposed in the Mediterranean region and in the Baltic Sea subregion. The collection and dissemination of good practices were also emphasized, citing examples such as Saare Wind Energy and the maritime spatial plan of Polish sea areas. Recommendations and guidelines from regional sea conventions are seen as valuable to disseminate. Information sharing was highlighted as a key area, the UNECE website will serve as a practical platform for sharing developments and opportunities. The legal regime was also considered important, particularly the application of transboundary environmental impact assessment, implementation monitoring under the Barcelona and Helsinki Conventions, as was the establishment of a monitoring and reporting system. Pilot projects in marine regions, including pipelines and offshore wind power, are mentioned in the draft report as demonstrations of practical applications. The importance of regional or subregional scale assessments and strategic plans, particularly for protected areas,

⁶ <https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Environmental-Impact-Assessment/events/364361>.

was highlighted. There is a need for coordinated efforts between regional sea conventions as an ambitious objective, with a certain degree of harmonization between them.

7. Ms. Aulavuo thanked Mr. Dusík and then gave an update on how these proposals are currently reflected in the draft workplan for the period 2024-2026. Aside from the above mentioned subregional meetings in the Baltic Sea and the Mediterranean regions to be hosted by Parties (see para. 5 above), the draft workplan proposed the preparation of further good practice fact sheets and the creation of a dedicated webpage on the marine regions; as well as legislative assistance and capacity building support in implementing transboundary environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment procedures to be provided through bilateral donor arrangements by Parties or donor organizations.. She stated the Secretariat would keep the regional sea conventions updated on the development of these proposals and the workplan.

8. A representative from the Barcelona Convention secretariat, Mr. Stavros Antoniadis, presented the work of the Convention related to environmental impact assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment in the Mediterranean region. Bilateral agreements have been established with the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security, and specific actions are being supported in the context of the Barcelona Convention during the 2022-2023 period. A regional consultation meeting is planned which aims is to introduce environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment in the Mediterranean regions, involving all Parties of the Barcelona Convention and the Espoo Secretariat. The program of work for the next biennium includes a component on wind farms, an assessment of wind farms, and guidelines on sustainable development this is in preparation for the Conference of the Parties (COP) in Slovenia. The assessment mentioned is still in the consultation phase, the expert handling the assessment has been contracted and a regional consultation with national bodies is foreseen, the plan is to finish the activity by December 2023.

9. A representative from the Bucharest Convention (Black Sea Commission) secretariat, Ms. Iryna Makarenko, presented updates on Commission which has been inactive since the war in Ukraine began, but there were ideas to hold meetings in October of last year. The Commission requires consensus to adopt decisions, which is why they have not yet properly informed the involved parties. However, as the secretariat have taken some steps: there is a large project in the Black Sea, implemented by UNDP and UNESCO, will involve Georgia, Ukraine, and another undisclosed party. The project is scheduled to start in December 2023. The team is currently working on finalizing the project documents and will include dedicated chapters on activities on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). It is also planned to introduce all relevant tools, including the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment. Cooperation with UNEP is ongoing, including high-level meetings to discuss jurisdictional matters. They aim to develop marine spatial planning (MSP) and will also involve Espoo Convention in these efforts. The next regular meeting is planned for October 2023, where they hope to facilitate discussions and provide updates on the Black Sea region.

10. A representative from the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (Helsinki Commission, HELCOM), Ms. Lotta Ruokanen, provided updates since the last technical meeting and on the draft report. She noted that HELCOM is having the strategic pause and all the formal meetings of HELCOM bodies have been postponed. However, informal consultation sessions (IC) among the European Union and its member state contracting parties without Russian participation are discussing and recommending ways forward to progress HELCOM work. There were IC of the heads of delegation in December 2022, where heads of delegation took note of the October draft report and IC of HELCOM in March 2023 where the Commission recommended to revise the Recommendation 17/3 (mentioned as a good practice in the draft report) to clarify the procedures of information sharing also relevant to Article 7 of the Convention (related to focus area 3). The joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG)⁷ workplan 2022-24 approved, including under task 3.2 to “Develop a Baltic SEA-framework” in the marine regions cooperation under Espoo Convention is mentioned separately, by 2025. In the upcoming HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG informal consultation on 24-25 October 2023 the collaboration with the Espoo Convention and the proposals on

⁷ <https://helcom.fi/helcom-at-work/groups/helcom-vasab-maritime-spatial-planning-working-group/>.

the draft workplan for 2024-2026 of the could be presented, maybe by the Espoo Convention Secretariat (focus area 2). The revision process for the regional Guidelines for ecosystem based approach in the MSP starting during 2023, including considerations on cumulative impacts e.g. of offshore wind (focus area 5), also regional NGOs (HELCOM Observers) have presented proposals related to the matter. A workshop will be organized in 13-15 June 2023⁸ by eMSP and MSP4Bio projects on strengthening ecosystem-based approach in MSP and supporting sustainable blue economy, with MPA and Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures considerations.

11. A representative from the OSPAR Convention, Mr. Philip Stamp, informed the delegates that OSPAR Parties are working on implementing the objective S5.O3 as part of their North-East Atlantic Environment Strategy 2030: By 2024, OSPAR will establish a mechanism to provide that where Contracting Parties are authorising human activities under their jurisdiction or control that may conflict with the conservation objectives of OSPAR marine protected areas in the Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, these activities are subjected to an environmental impact assessment or Strategic Environmental Assessment. Some first steps that are being considered by OSPAR heads of delegations are to analyze the Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) agreement provisions on environmental impact assessment and their implications for OSPAR and then assess options for developing a regional mechanism for environmental impact assessment, consistent with the BBNJ Agreement. It may be helpful to draw on Espoo Convention knowledge and experience in order to specify the details of the mechanism which should as a minimum comply with the BBNJ Agreement.

12. A representative from the Tehran Convention, Mr. Mateusz Benko, informed the meeting that the Tehran Convention held their COP in October 2022 in Baku, where the draft report was submitted report for consideration of the Parties, the Parties took note of the draft report. He reminded the participants, the Convention had not yet entered into force, and he would keep the participants inform on the status and other activities. He also noted that it is difficult to say when final ratification will be completed.

13. A representative of Sweden, Dr. Jessica Nilsson, provided an update on the activities in the Arctic region. She gave a presentation which can be found on the meeting webpage, that discussed the Swedish Arctic 2021-2025 Workplan, which includes assessments of the fishery free zone in the Central Arctic Ocean, and protected areas in the Arctic. She highlighted that the Arctic Ocean is divided into different areas, and due to significant ice melting, there is a focus on preventing unregulated high seas fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean. The increase in human activities in the Arctic region is also noted, for example with a rise in the distance sailed in millions of nautical miles. Projects in various Arctic regions aim to assess the ecological status, human impacts, and management of these areas and legal agreements, such as the agreement for the central Arctic Ocean. Each Arctic State implements their own regulations and measures to regulate activities in their own region. The sources of marine litter, for example, in the Arctic are identified as a concern, and efforts are being made to address this issue. Additionally, there are numerous MPAs established in the Arctic region aiming to safeguard the ecological integrity. These MPAs are implemented by each coastal state.

14. Several member State representatives took the floor and made the following interventions:

- Ms. Aysel Rzayeva (Azerbaijan) expressed the importance of cooperation in the Caspian Sea region for her country that was Party to both the Espoo and Tehran Conventions, involving information exchanges with other regional sea conventions, sub-regional meetings or workshops and also through active communication between the treaties' focal points. Mr. Benko thanked Ms. Rzayeva for her intervention and stated that in the past the Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context in the Caspian Sea Region⁹ were developed together with the

⁸ <https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/events/emsp-nbsr-community-practice-ecosystem-based-approach-jointly-community-sustainable>.

⁹ https://unece.org/DAM/env/eia/documents/CaspianGuidelines/Guidelines_en.pdf.

Espoo Convention. The Guidelines require an update in light of the signing of the EIA Protocol to Tehran Convention which could be a joint initiative under Espoo and Tehran Convention.

- Ms. Vesna Kolar Planinsic (Slovenia) expressed her appreciation for the exchange of good practice and positive experiences in the marine regions. She affirmed that Slovenia supported the holding of regular meetings in the Mediterranean region for informal exchanges on transboundary issues which were highly necessary. She thanked Italy for offering to host the first meeting in 2024, and committed to hosting a second meeting in Slovenia in 2025 (or 2026).
- Mr. Mehdi Khnissi (France) and Ms. Virginia Estévez (Spain) also thanked Italy for its leadership and funding for promoting cooperation in Mediterranean sea region. They both expressed their interest in participating in the informal subregional meetings to be held in that region the next intersessional period 2024- 2026, considering such exchanges as helpful for countries around the Mediterranean Sea.

15. Mr. Dusík mentioned the Global Environment Facility as an important instrument which is funding many activities in marine regions, like development of blue economy strategies, specific marine spatial planning processes, and other good-practice pilot projects which present good opportunities for undertaking EIA and SEA in both domestic and transboundary contexts. UNDP has already integrated basic provisions for SEAs and transboundary consultation that broadly respect the principles of UNECE SEA Protocol into new UNDP project for the Black Sea and they can in the future show examples of how environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment is carried out in marine regions. He can notify the Espoo Secretariat if similar projects get prepared in other marine regions and foster their cooperation with the Espoo Convention and its Protocol.

C. Presentation of good practices

16. Mr. Dusík presented a good practice example of Transboundary EIA of the Saare Wind Energy offshore wind farm - Estonia. He described the Saare wind energy offshore located in the Baltic sea, located 10 km from the coast with a sea depth is 20-35 meters. The procedure based on national environmental impact assessment, screening and scoping process, main potential transboundary impacts, the notification of affected Parties, documentation, and benefits of interesting features.

17. Ms. Maggiore presented a good practice examples of the application of SEA and the related transboundary consultations for the Italian Maritime Spatial Planning. She further described the notification process which included the scoping phase, consultation with environment authorities, notification of countries took three months, where they had 45 days to reply to the notification. There was a public consultation in Italy, 20 days after which the documentation sent to other countries which extending the timing to 2.5 months. In parallel there were meetings with other competent authorities (Ministry for Transport and Infrastructure) for the planning, to share with them the MSP, the financing the of the Strategic Environmental Assessment. She also noted that the notification to other countries was done in English.

18. Both case study presentations can be found on the meeting webpage.¹⁰

D. Closing remarks

19. Ms. Aulavuo summarized the steps taken and the next steps to be taken before Meeting of the Parties (12-15 December 2023), and their time-schedule. She highlighted that, as an activity under the joint workplan of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol for 2020–2023, its implementation was regularly monitored by the Bureau and the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment. The outcomes of the work would be presented for consideration of the Meetings of the Parties under the

¹⁰ <https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/events/376908>.

two treaties at their next sessions in December 2023, including for the Parties to confirm which of the proposed cooperation activities should be included in the next intersessional workplan 2024–2026, also ensuring the availability of resources for their implementation.

20. During the meeting, participants reiterated their support for the proposed cooperation activities in marine regions including information exchange, and exchange of good practice, consolidating the networks within and between the regions and conventions for facilitating interactions. Follow-up meetings were already being planned in the Mediterranean Sea region, with Italy offering to host a meeting in 2024 and Slovenia offering to host another one in 2025. France and Spain committed to actively participating in these meetings, and invitations will be extended to the Barcelona Convention and other regional sea conventions. Two case studies on Estonia and Italy were noted during the meeting. The assessment report, the related draft decision by the Meetings of the Parties and the draft workplan for 2024–2026, as commented by the Working Group’s meeting in June would be released mid-September 2023, and the Secretariat would share it with the participants. Ultimately, these documents would be submitted for consideration and welcomed/adopted by the Meeting of the Parties in December 2023.

21. Participants were asked to send their written contributions to create summary report from the meeting and consolidated minutes at the latest developments by 19 May 2023.

Annex I

Meeting agenda

Identification of Synergies and Possible Cooperation Activities in Marine Regions

Second joint technical meeting

16 May 2023 (CET/Geneva time)

Online (via WebEx)

Language: English

Participants:

Representatives of secretariats and Parties/member states from:

- The Barcelona Convention and its Protocols
- The Bucharest Convention and its Protocols
- The Espoo Convention and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
- The Helsinki Convention and the Baltic Sea Action Plan
- The Ospar Convention
- The Tehran Convention and its Protocols
- International Council for the Exploration of the Sea

Aims:

- Discuss and further elaborate on the previously agreed proposals for possible cooperation activities to promote the effective application of strategic environmental assessment and transboundary environmental impact assessment in marine regions – with a focus on activities for 2024–2026¹¹
- Present and consider updates on relevant ongoing and foreseen activities under the regional sea conventions and commissions, as well as feedback received this far on the proposed cooperation activities by their respective contracting Parties
- Discuss any further recommendations, proposals, further steps to be proposed to the Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention (9th session) and Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on SEA (5th session) on 12 - 15 December 2023
- Present selected example(s) of good practice in the application of the Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA in marine regions

¹¹ See: Draft report on synergies and possible cooperation activities in marine regions ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2023/9, section IV; and an excerpt from the draft workplan for 2024–2026 under the Espoo Convention and its Protocol ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2023/3 to be considered by the Working Group on EIA and SEA at its next meeting (Geneva, 13–15 June 2023).

Agenda

16 May 2023

Indicative timing	Item
08:30–09:00	<i>Testing of the online (WebEx) connections</i>
09:00–09:20	I. Introductory session
09:00–09:10	Opening <i>Tea Aulavuo</i> , Secretary to the (Espoo) Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, UNECE
09:10–9:20	Introductory statement by the donor country, Italy <i>Anna Maria Maggiore</i> , Head of sector, Ministry of Environment and Energy Security
09:20–10:50	II. Environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context in the respective marine regions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief summary of a good practice example: Transboundary EIA of the Saare Wind Energy offshore wind farm - Estonia • Recap of the priority proposals for possible cooperation activities in marine regions related to EIA in a transboundary context, also addressing opportunities/benefits as well as challenges and possible solutions regarding the application of transboundary EIA • Tour-de-table and discussion: updates on relevant activities under the regional sea conventions and commissions, as well as on feedback received on the proposed cooperation activities from their respective contracting Parties
10:50–11:00	Short break
11:00–12:30	III. Strategic environmental assessment – in national and transboundary contexts - in the respective marine regions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brief summary of good practice example: SEA of the Italian Maritime Spatial Planning – Italy • Recap on the priority proposals for possible cooperation activities in marine regions related to SEA in marine regions both in national and transboundary context • Tour-de-table and discussion: updates on relevant activities under the regional sea conventions and commissions, as well as on feedback received on the proposed cooperation activities from their respective contracting Parties
12:30–12:55	IV. Recommendations, proposals, further steps to be proposed to the next Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention and its Protocol
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap on the key suggestions and points made under the sessions II and III above • Next steps before the MOP (UNECE Secretariat)
12:55–13:00	Closing Remarks and end of the meeting

Annex II:

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