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## **Business Game «Maritime Spatial Planning. If I am a Decision-maker»**

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

between

**Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat**

**Closed Joint Stock Company «International centre for social and economic research «Leontief Centre»**

**ErmakNW**

**Coalition Clean Baltic**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets for the terms and understanding between the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat (CBSS), Closed Joint Stock Company «International centre for social and economic research «Leontief Centre» (Leontief Centre), ErmakNW and Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB) regarding the development, ownership and dissemination of the “Maritime Spatial Planning Game – You are the decision maker!”.

#### **1. Background**

Managing marine resources and maritime spatial planning entails a complex system of governance that involves a variety of stakeholders in both national and transnational settings. Water resources, particularly the Baltic Sea and its basins, require concerted actions to ensure the good ecological status of the marine ecosystems, as well as prosperity of the coastal regions through a sustainable management of resources and blue economy. The workshop will engage participants in a role game, which will enable them to explore this multi-faceted system of governance, and to identify solutions to conflicts of interest among stakeholder groups and countries.



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## 2. Objective

Through the adaptation of the Maritime Spatial Planning Game to the Baltic Sea Region context, and its translation from Russian into English language, the agreeing parties will be able to raise awareness and achieve wider public and stakeholder engagement in ecosystem-based maritime spatial planning (MSP) processes, and at the same time increase their visibility in the region. The game will thus be able to be adapted to different stakeholder groups, and a particular target are young people in the region. Stakeholders engaging with the Maritime Spatial Planning Game will gain a better understanding of how to apply the 2030 Agenda framework and the MSP process in practice, and will understand the importance of transnational cooperation to achieve the common objective of saving the sea and increasing prosperity. The improved game will therefore also contribute to the common objectives defined in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and to the implementation of the Baltic 2030 Action Plan, by engaging stakeholders in a creative capacity building exercise of systemic thinking and problem solving based on realistic scenarios.

## 3. Role of the parties

The parties agree to the following distribution of tasks, in order to accomplish the activities stipulated in paragraph 4:

- a) The CBSS, the CCB and the Leontief Centre commit to promote the Maritime Spatial Planning Game in the Baltic Sea Region context and to replicate it in several fora, upon availability of funding.
- b) ErmakNW commits to support with the necessary expertise further developments of the game, including adaptation of maps and other contents and material to the specificity of the event.

## 4. Activities

This Memorandum of Understanding stipulates the agreement of the aforementioned parties in the accomplishment of the objectives defined in paragraph 2 by means of the following activities:

- a) Adapting the Maritime Spatial Planning Game to the BSR context - ErmakNW with the support of CCB, Leontief Centre and the CBSS
- b) Translating the material of the Maritime Spatial Planning Game to English - ErmakNW with the support of Leontief Centre, CCB and the CBSS
- c) Organizing training and game sessions for the youth and representatives of relevant networks in the Baltic Sea Region, for example in the context of the BSR Youth Camp

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2019 – ErmakNW preparation of the training, with the support of CCB, Leontief Centre and CBSS

- d) Preparation of the certificates – ErmakNW, with the support of Leontief Centre, CCB and CBSS

**5. Safeguarding of rights**

Without prejudice to the visibility of primary donors of the aforementioned activities, the parties share the ownership and property rights of the translated printed and electronic materials, which shall contain respective logos: CBSS, Baltic 2030, CCB, Leontief Centre, ErmakNW, including as needed the logos of other funders.

**6. Funding**

The costs of each individual event related to the business game has to be agreed upon, before taking any financial commitments.

**7. Resolution of disputes**

Disputes arising concerning the interpretation or application of this agreement or any other relevant contracts between the parties shall be first attempted to be resolved amicably. In case no amicable solution can be reached within reasonable time, either party has the right to request mediation. The language used in the arbitral proceedings shall be English. The arbitrator shall decide the division of costs for the arbitration procedure; however, the costs for external legal help shall be borne by the party using such help.

**8. Duration**

This Memorandum of Understanding is at-will and is based on mutual consent of authorized officials from CBSS, Leontief Centre, ErmakNW, and CCB. This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from all the partners and will remain in effect until the parties will agree to terminate the cooperation, or the terms of the agreement will cease to exist.



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