



Terms of Reference: 3.2 Stakeholder Dialogue

Background and rationale for the dialogues

National and macro-regional climate change adaptation strategies need to recognize differences in local/regional conditions. There are thus no one-size-fits-all solutions for specific sectors. Involvement of local/regional authorities and sector organizations in the development of macro-regional adaptation strategies are crucial in order to ensure that strategies are built on acknowledgement of regional differences and realities. Differences in societal as well as in natural conditions need to be recognized, as well as obstacles on the sectorial/local level for implementation of strategies. In order to identify this, there is a need for climate change experts and local authorities and sector organisations from various regions around the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) to meet and address these issues together.

Design of the Baltadapt Stakeholder dialogues

AIM

The aim of the Baltadapt Stakeholder dialogues with local stakeholders in WP 3.2 is to achieve local expert input to the BSR macro-regional climate change adaptation strategy. The dialogues aim to capture the heterogeneity in local/regional realities that need to be acknowledged in the macro-regional adaptation strategy.

LINKS TO OTHER BALTADAPT ACTIVITIES

The ToR is based on outcomes of the review of climate adaptation projects with a stakeholder participation component (Alberth et al. 2011, internal Baltadapt report).

WP4: The stakeholder dialogue will merge participant's knowledge and experiences with their response on relevant climate change information provided from fact sheets and assessments reports WP4. If the stakeholder workshop participants identify missing information, this will be forwarded to WP4 with requests to provide additional information to the next round of stakeholder meetings (in line with the discussion paper from WP4 distributed before the Helsinki partner meeting).

WP3: The report compiled as a background paper for the first policy forum will also be used as a background paper for the first set of stakeholder dialogues. Questions will be formulated for the first Policy Forum to get answers that can feed in to the first round of stakeholder dialogues. Results from the stakeholder dialogues will then feed into the second BSR-wide Policy Forum for Climate Change Adaptation to ensure that the results from the workshops are communicated to and responded to by high-level policy makers participating in the policy forums.

WP 3.4: The stakeholder dialogues, complemented with responses from the BSR wide Policy Forum for Climate Change Adaptation (after each set of two workshops) and informal discussions with KOM DG Region, DG Environment, and DG Climate will feed in to the BSR Strategy for Climate Change (WP 3.4).

WP 5.2: The stakeholder dialogues will, when relevant, be coordinated with task 5.2 (Action Plan for implementing the BSR Strategy for Climate Change Adaptation) with focus on their activity 2: *“Meetings to discuss actions and organize coordination: involvement of local and regional stakeholders”*

TARGET GROUPS

Following the decision at the Baltadapt partner meeting in Tallinn in June 2011, workshops will be targeted towards:

1. The food supply sector (including fisheries, biodiversity, aquaculture and agriculture).
2. Coastal tourism

The two groups will have two meeting each, i.e. only two target groups will be formed. Members of the target groups will be selected with the following criteria.

- ✓ The participants should represent the sector, either in their role as local/regional authority representative or as representative for a sectorial interest organisation (preferably participants from both fields) or in some role in which they represent their sector on a regional level.
- ✓ Preferably, there should be two, at least one representative from each coastal BSR country represented in each stakeholder dialogue meeting (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Sweden)

It has to be emphasised that the countries in the BSR have different administrative structures. The geographical scale of vulnerability to climate change is most likely pertaining to a functional region; whereas adaptation response may operate more smoothly following administrative structures. The scale matter will be elaborated in the synthesising of the results. During the stakeholder meetings, participants will be entitled to make their own definition of spatial extension of regions.

ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUES

FIRST SET OF DIALOGUES (MAY 2012)

In connection with the invitations, participants will be provided with information regarding the aim of Baltadapt - to develop a strategy for adaptation to climate change in the BSR, as well as a rationale for why their participation in the workshop is important. This information should define their role in the work with the strategy.

This will be based on the rationale that:

- (i) Climate change adaptation needs to be integrated with other issues that shape the future of a sector. For agriculture this includes, e.g., impacts of EU policies, economic development, and resource scarcity related to population growth, access to mineral phosphorus, land and energy. For tourism this includes, e.g., trends in requirements from potential tourists, impacts of changes in biodiversity/water quality).
- (ii) Climate change might influence the impact a sector has on the environment, i.e. the needs for environmental concerns within a sector might be changed as a consequence of climate change

The following tasks will be carried out by participants of the workshops, in accordance with the concept drafted by IÖW, partner consultant of UBA, Germany, and further elaborated by all involved partners (c.f. Table 1):

- ✓ Identification of long-term goals for the sectors in various parts of the region (10 and 50 years) with emphasis on opportunities and challenges in reaching these goals
 - Common opportunities and challenges related to the development of the sector within the BSR
 - Regional differences
 - Climate change impacts that might have an effect on the development of the sector (e.g. as a question to the participants)
 - Specific concern on changes of the environmental impact as a consequence of climate change
 - The impact from sector activities
 - The impact on sector activities
- ✓ Identification of missing information needed to make the assessments above – to be communicated back to Baltadapt and if possible compiled before the next set of workshops (in 2013).
- ✓ Identification of issues that are recommended to be included in the Strategy
 - What of your needs have to be politically addressed and what are the priority areas for political action?
 - Which measures could help to reduce sectoral risks?
 - Which factors hamper or support the implementation of adaptation measures in the sector / field?
 - How could the identified obstacles/challenges be overcome?

SECOND SET OF DIALOGUES (JAN-MAY 2013)

The second set of dialogues will be held with the same two groups, and preferably the same individuals that participated in the first set of dialogues.

The outputs from the second policy forum and communications with DG Regio will be communicated, with focus on their responses on the presentation of the outcomes from the first set of stakeholder dialogues. It will also be shown how the outcomes from the stakeholder dialogues have been included in the draft version of the strategy.

Background information identified as missing during the first set of workshops will be presented and the way this information might alter the conclusions from the first workshop will be discussed.

The draft version of the strategy will be analysed, with focus on what parts that need to be strengthen in order to ensure that the workshop participants perceives the document to be a good basis for macro-regional climate change adaptation policies, with special emphasis on the sectors they represent.

The results from the first workshops will meanwhile be transferred to other WPs of the project and reflected. These reflections (from Policy Forum, from project partners, from other stakeholder dialogues) will be incorporated into the concept and content of the second workshop set.

TENTATIVE WORK-PLAN FOR THE STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUES

Target group: “Food sector”

Focus: Farming in river basins draining to the Baltic Sea and its impact on water quality and biodiversity

Rationales to focus on farming:

- (i) the present natural and economic conditions for the sector differs significantly around the BSR
- (ii) the development of the sector, as well as the impact of climate change on the sector can be hypothesised to vary significantly around the BSR
- (iii) is a major contributor to nutrient emissions from land to the Baltic Sea – where emissions can be foreseen to change both as an impact of climate change and as an impact of agricultural policies etc.

Suggested cooperation with other projects in order to define participants:

Farm advisers are a possible target group for participation in the workshops, since they are the intermediate level between authorities and the farmers themselves. One possibility is to cooperate with the EU flagship Baltic Deal (www.balticdeal.eu) with the aim to engage on participant from each of their participating organisations that is:

Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre (LRATC), Latvia

The Federation of Swedish Farmers (LRF International), Sweden

Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK), Finland

Rural Development Foundation (MES), Estonia

Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service (LAAS), Lithuania

Agricultural Advisory Centre in Brwinow Branch Office in Radom (CDR), Poland

The Knowledge Centre for Agriculture (VFL), Denmark

If this list is used for invitations, there is a need to identify participants from Germany and Russia. CBSS will support in the identification of these partners. Also relevant authorities have to be invited. CBSS are closely working with the Baltic Deal coordinator and can thus assist in coordination. Also the Baltic Compass and Baltic Manure projects are relevant to contact. Another suggestion is to invite the Baltic Green Public Procurement.

Preferably, there should be one authority and one farming union/farm advice representative from each country.

Suggested work-plan for the first meeting

The first meeting is suggested to take place in the decision theatre in the Visualization Centre C in Norrköping, Sweden (www.visualiseringscenter.se).

to be prepared before the workshop:

- ✓ detailed design of the workshops (incl. their documentation in a format that is adapted for dissemination to DG Regio, Policy Forum and the Baltadapt strategy)
- ✓ coordinate with Baltadapt WP5.2 stakeholder workshops
- ✓ invitations, including information regarding the aim of (the same information as used for the first policy forum), as well as a rationale for why stakeholder participation in the workshop is important
- ✓ concept: of how output from the workshop will be used in the second policy for a and in the development of the strategy
- ✓ economic issues (partly financed by common baltadapt resources in line with agreement in Tallinn)
- ✓ logistics in Norrköping
- ✓ compilation of relevant information from the WP4.1-4.3 factsheets and (if ready) WP4.4 vulnerability assessment
- ✓ concept of integration of second set of workshop
- ✓ update of the visualisation “Baltic Vision” that illustrates linkages between agriculture, climate and eutrophication in the BSR

to be followed up after the workshop:

- ✓ inform WP4 of identified needs of additional information
- ✓ present outputs to Baltadapt Partners, EU-KOM DG Regio and to the Policy Forum
- ✓ compile outputs, incl. response from DG Regio and Policy Forum as an input to the strategy (incl. design of methodology for this).

Table 1. Tasks, deadlines, responsibilities and involved Workshop 1.1: Agriculture

| Task | Deadline | Responsible | Involved |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|---|
| Coordinate with Baltadapt WP 5.2 Stakeholder workshops | 31 st Jan 2012 | SMHI | BMU, Ecologic |
| Concept for workshop design and documentation design ready; rationale for why participation is interesting ready, suggestions for possible participating institutions and a concept for how to link to the second stakeholder workshop | 31 st Jan 2012 | UBA, IÖW | CBSS (with emphasis on filling gaps in invitations) |
| Final agreement of design of workshops and on who to invite. | 28 th Feb 2012 | SMHI | CBSS, UBA, DMI, BMU, IOW, LU, BEF, SYKE, EMI |
| Economic issues need to be discussed and principles agreed upon at the partner meeting in Helsinki (steering group). | 28 th Feb | SMHI | Steering group |

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| Invitations sent out, including aim of Baltadapt (report compiled for the first policy forum) and rationale for stakeholder dialogues | 15 th March 2012 | SMHI | BMU, BEF, CBSS, LU |
| Compilation of relevant info from WP4 | 30 th March 2012 | SMHI | BEF |
| Update of "Baltic Vision" | 30 th April 2012 | SMHI | |
| Workshop carried out – incl. logistics in Norrköping | 31 th May 2012 | SMHI | SYKE , CBSS |
| Inform WP4 of additional needs | 30th June 2012 | SMHI | DMI |
| Report to Baltadapt partners. Feed into the 2 nd policy forum. Results will be presented to KOM DG Region, DG Environment, and DG Climate during the 2 nd policy forum or before the forum if they not can participate. | Oct/November 2012 | SMHI | CBSS |

Suggested design of second meeting (Workshop 1.2)

In order to limit the costs involved, the second workshop will if possible be arranged back-back with a Baltic Deal (if the cooperation with Baltic Deal is agreed upon) meeting. ***In August 2012, this ToR will be updated with a detailed work-plan for the second workshop (as the one above for the first workshop).***

to be prepared before the workshop:

- ✓ compilation of information defined as missing by participants during the first workshop, including the vulnerability assessment (in cooperation with WP4)
- ✓ agree on possibility with back-back meeting with Baltic Deal (or other project)

- ✓ coordinate with Baltadapt 5.2 stakeholder workshops
- ✓ economic issues (partly financed by common baltadapt resources in line with agreement in Tallinn)
- ✓ invitations, including information regarding the aim of (the same information as used for the first policy forum), as well as a rationale for why stakeholder participation in the workshop is important
- ✓ economic issues
- ✓ logistics for meeting
- ✓ integration of results out of i) first set of meetings, ii) policy forum, iii) WP5 Workshops
- ✓ detailed design of the workshops (incl. their documentation in a format that is adapted for dissemination to DG Regio, Policy Forum and the strategy).

to be followed up after the workshop:

- ✓ present outputs to Baltadapt partners, DG Regio and to the Policy Forum
- ✓ compile outputs, incl. response from DG Regio and Policy Forum as an input to the strategy
- ✓ include identified needs of updates in the final version of the strategy

Target group: “Coastal tourism”

Suggested focus: Tourism in BSR coastal regions.

Rationales:

- (iv) the present natural and economic conditions for the sector differs significantly around the BSR
- (v) the development of the sector, as well as the impact of climate change on the sector can be hypothesised to vary significantly around the BSR
- (vi) environmental impacts of climate change is hypothesised to have a major impact on tourism since environmental change (e.g. increased eutrophication) might have a major impact on tourism.

Suggested support for setting up and conduction the workshops:

The tourism focused workshops are suggested to be arranged with support by the priority area coordinator for EUSBSR 12 – Tourism (contact: Mr Wolf Born through Maxi Nachtigall, CBSS). Mr Born has expressed his support to this idea. Preferably there should be one authority and one tourism organisation partner from each country.

Suggested work-plan of first meeting

Location of the meeting will be agreed on in cooperation with EUSBR 12 – Tourism if Mr Born still is supportive of this idea. If not, this plan has to be revisited, and a possible other suggestion is cooperation with RADOST.

to be prepared before the workshop:

- ✓ detailed design of the workshops (incl. their documentation in a format that is adapted for dissemination to DG Reggio, Policy Forum and the strategy)
- ✓ coordinate with EUSBR 12 (Wolfgang Born) – or as a backup plan with RADOST
- ✓ compilation of information regarding the aim of, as well as a rationale for why stakeholder participation in the workshop is important and how output from the workshop will be used in the development of the strategy
- ✓ invitations (incl. the document described above)
- ✓ economic issues
- ✓ logistics
- ✓ compilation of relevant information from WP4.1-4.3 factsheets and (if ready) WP4.4 vulnerability assessment

to be followed up after the workshop:

- ✓ inform WP4 of identified need of additional information
- ✓ present outputs to DG Reggio and to the Policy Forum
- ✓ compile outputs, incl. response from DG Reggio and Policy Forum as an input to the strategy

Table 2. Tasks, deadlines, responsibilities and involved Workshop 2.1: Tourism

| Task | Deadline | Responsible | Involved |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|---|
| Coordinate with Baltadapt WP 5.2 Stakeholder workshops | 31 st Jan 2012 | SMHI | BMU, Ecologic |
| Concept for workshop design and documentation design ready; rationale for why participation is interesting ready, suggestions for possible participating institutions and a concept for how to link to the second stakeholder workshop | 31 st Jan 2012 | UBA, IÖW | CBSS (with emphasis on filling gaps in invitations) |

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| Coordinate with EUSBR 12 (Wolfgang Born) – or as a backup plan with RADOST | 31 st Jan 2012 | SMHI | CBSS, BMU, Ecologic |
| Final agreement of design of workshops and on who to invite. | 28 th Feb 2012 | SMHI | UBA, DMI, BMU, IOW, LU, BEF, SYKE, EMI, CBSS |
| Economic issues need to be discussed and principles agreed upon at the partner meeting in Helsinki (steering group). | 28 th Feb | SMHI | |
| Invitations sent out, including aim of Baltadapt (report compiled for the first policy forum) and rationale for stakeholder dialogues | 15 th March 2012 | SMHI | IOW, BEF, CBSS, LU |
| Compilation of relevant info from WP4 | 30 th March 2012 | SMHI | IOW, Ecologic |
| Workshop carried out – incl. logistics in (to be decided, suggestion: the Baltic Sea tourism conference in Warnemunde 3-4 May) | 31 th May 2012 | SMHI | IOW, Ecologic, BEF |
| Inform WP4 of additional needs | 30 th June 2012 | SMHI | DMI |

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| Report to Baltadapt partners. Feed into the 2nd policy forum. Results will be presented to KOM DG Region, DG Environment, and DG Climate during the 2nd policy forum or before the forum if they not can participate. | Oct/November 2012 | SMHI | CBSS |
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Suggested work-plan for the second meeting

to be prepared before the workshop:

- ✓ compilation of information defined as missing by participants during the first workshop, including the vulnerability assessment (in cooperation with WP4)
- ✓ agree with ESR12-Tourism (or RADOST) on time and place for the workshop
- ✓ detailed design of the workshops (incl. their documentation in a format that is adapted for dissemination to DG Reggio, Policy Forum and the strategy).
- ✓ coordinate with Baltadapt 5.2 stakeholder workshops
- ✓ economic issues
- ✓ invitations
- ✓ logistics for meeting

to be followed up after the workshop:

- ✓ present outputs to DG Reggio and to the Policy Forum
- ✓ compile outputs, incl. response from DG Reggio and Policy Forum as an input to the strategy
- ✓ include identified need of updates in the final version of the strategy