

PROJECT INFORMATION

Environmentally Sound Concepts for Spatial Use in the Baltic Sea Coastal Area of the Russian Federation (Phase 2)



Sankt-Petersburg, waterfront of
the river Neva

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Background

Maritime spatial planning is an important instrument to ensure the sustainable and integrated development of the European seas and particularly for coastal waters and the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of individual states. The basic concept is to balance the increasing economic and social demands on the sea and coastal waters with their environmental functions. The Russian Federation has begun drawing up a Federal Law "On Maritime Spatial Planning". By this step, the Russian government aims to support the coordination of different types of use in marine areas. Further stages of the legal and planning process intend to include German experience and methodological principles.

Project details

The project helped to support Russian ministries and agencies on their way towards the implementation of an ecosystem approach in marine spatial planning. In phase 1 of the project, a first exchange of information on the current situation of marine spatial planning in both countries has been conducted by the German and Russian side. In phase 2, a detailed description of legal, organizational and planning aspects, including the determination of the pilot region, covering the sea and land side (Russian part of the Gulf of Finland and the neighbouring coast line) has been carried out. Additionally, an utilisation concept for the marine area has been worked out. The recommendations and guidelines will support the legal process and the establishment of marine spatial planning in Russian Federation.

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