

Ministry of Environmental  
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Republic of Latvia

## **EU Mission for Ocean and waters – state of play and National initiatives. Latvia**

Webinar **Restore our waters – Baltic Sea Region perspective.**

**EU Mission “Restore our ocean and waters”**

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## Research to support Marine and Water protection policy in Latvia

### EU Integrated Maritime Policy >> MSFD & MSPD >> national legislation

- ❖ **Ministry of Education and Science** - development and implementation of science policy; organizing funding for scientific institutions
  - **Latvian Council of Science** - National Contact-Point for all EU RDI programmes
  - **Scientific institutions**
    - ☐ marine research: Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology (LIAE)
- ❖ **Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development** – development of marine and water protection policy; spatial development planning, incl. Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) & coastal planning



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- **BlueMissionBANOS** - supporting the Mission Ocean Lighthouse in the Baltic and the North Sea basins (01/12/2022 - 30/11/2025)

Aim: To act as an efficient facilitator and knowledge broker as to inspire, engage, and support stakeholders from politics, industry, science and the public across BANOS area to channel resources effectively towards the Mission Ocean objectives.

- **AquaINFRA** - Infrastructure for Marine and Inland Water Research (01/01/2023 - 31/12/2026)

Aim: To develop a virtual environment equipped with FAIR multi-disciplinary data and services to support marine and freshwater scientists and stakeholders restoring healthy oceans, seas, coastal and inland waters.



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- **SELINA** - Science for Evidence-based and sustainable decisions about Natural capital (Duration:07.2022 – 30.06.2027 )

Aims: **Provide** robust **information** that supports the protection, restoration and sustainable use of ecosystems and their services in the EU by 2030

**Integrate** the different MAES components (ecosystem types & condition; ecosystem services; ecosystem accounting) **to enable uptake of ecosystem services** in **decision making**, incl. in **MSP**



Consortium: 50 partner organisations, incl. two from **Latvia**:

- ❑ Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (MEPRD),
- ❑ Baltic Environmental Forum - Latvia (BEF-Latvia)

<https://project-selina.eu/>

# SELINA Demo: MSP & thematic planning of coastal public infrastructure in Latvia

## ➤ Partners involved:

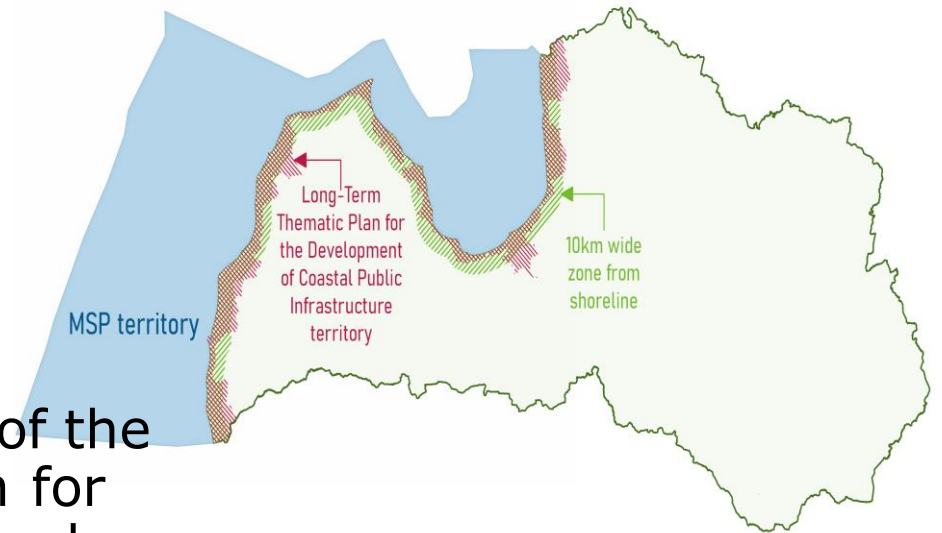
- ❑ **MEPRD** Spatial Planning Department
- ❑ **BEF-Latvia**

## ➤ Type of decision-making process and key Ecosystem Services (ES):

- ❑ Supporting the interim assessment and update of the **MSP** of Latvia and the Long-Term Thematic Plan for the Development of **Coastal** Public Infrastructure by uptake of latest information on marine and coastal ES

## ➤ Expected added value:

- ❑ **Consolidation of the recent research results** on marine and coastal ES in Latvia (e.g. MAREA project), and contributing to the **national MAES process development**





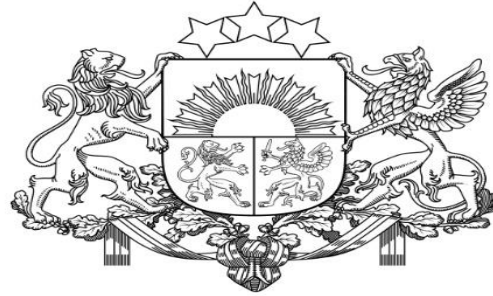
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### Further research needs:

- Climate change impacts
- Marine ecosystem – biodiversity
- Pollution – cumulative impact assessment
- Economic and social analysis – development of decision-support tools; assessment modelling tools



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Thank you for your attention!

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