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# Project activity 2.2. Research for Maritime Spatial Planning

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# Organisation

- MEPRD Spatial Planning Department
- Baltic Environmental Forum – planning consultancy joined by experts team in maritime research
- Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology – technical assistant for data acquisition and peer-review for ecosystem approach
- external experts commissioned by MEPRD (energy and legal issues)

# Outcomes

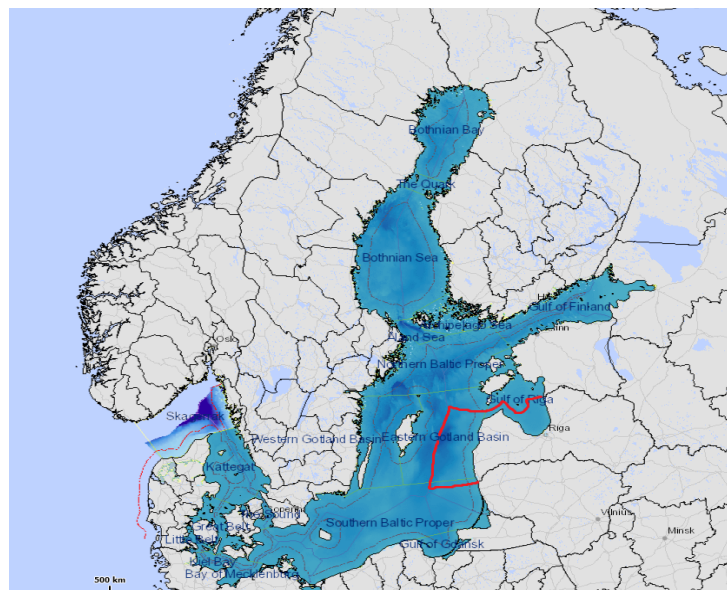
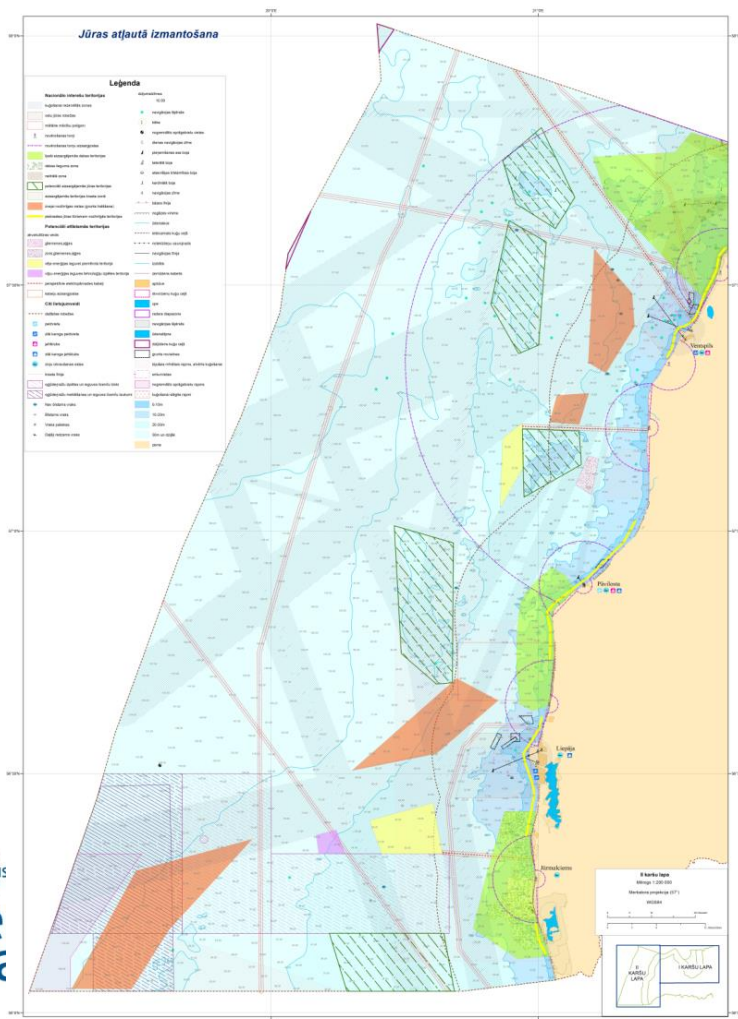
1. Three interim reports (March 2015, June 2015, Dec 2015)
2. Final report – DRAFT Maritime Spatial Plan and Environmental Impact Assessment (April 2016)



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# Maritime Spatial Plan

- National long-term spatial planning document
- The plan will cover Latvian part of the Baltic Sea
- Define permitted marine use and conditions
- MSP is being developed for the first time in LV





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# MSP components

## Analysis

Trends and current status on nature, environment and economic sectors related to sea uses

## Strategy

Long term development vision on the use of the sea, priorities, strategic goals and tasks

## Uses and management

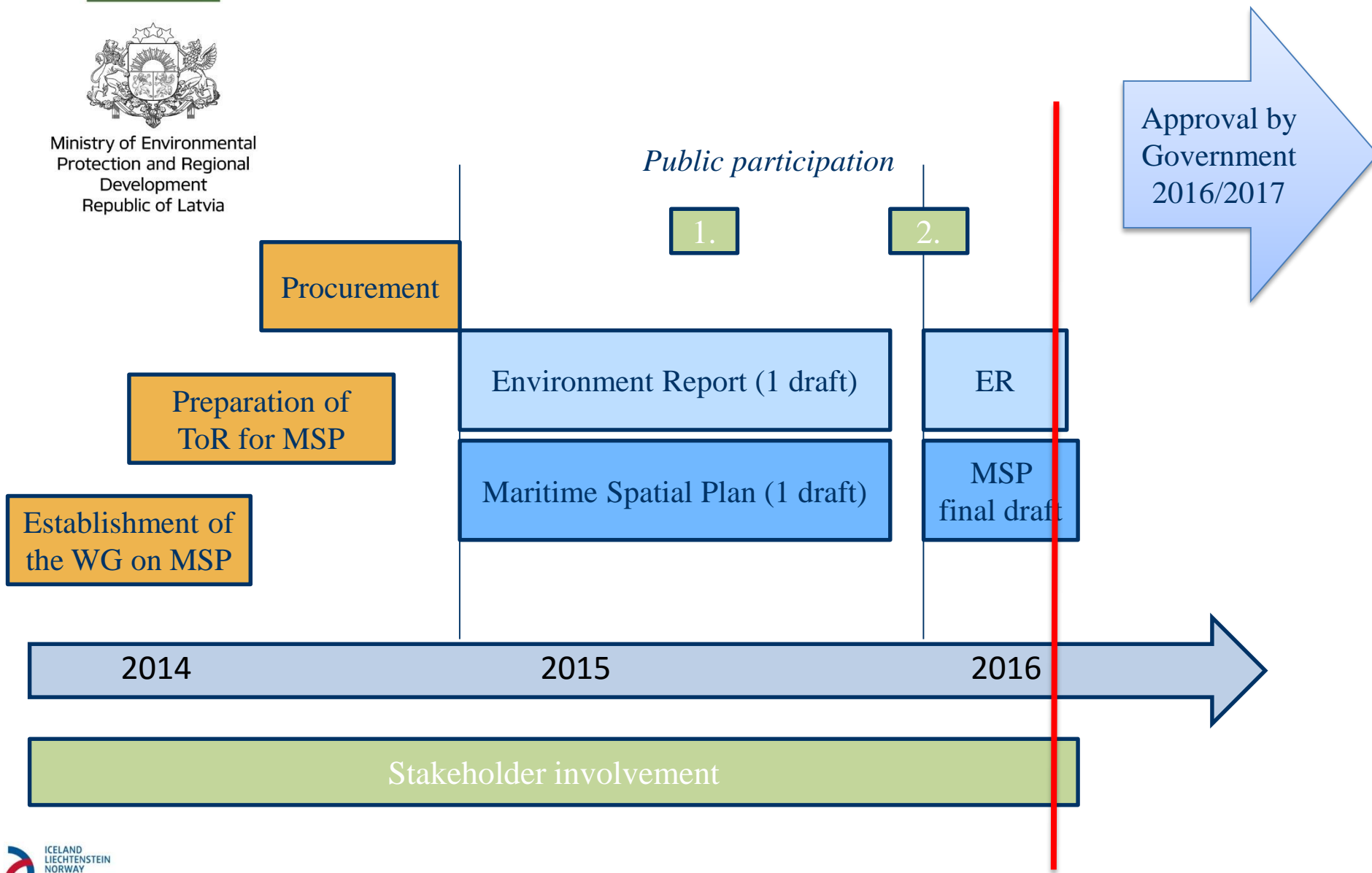
Description and designation of the permitted sea use; spatial and legal solutions

## Maps

Current status, permitted sea uses, thematic maps and schemes



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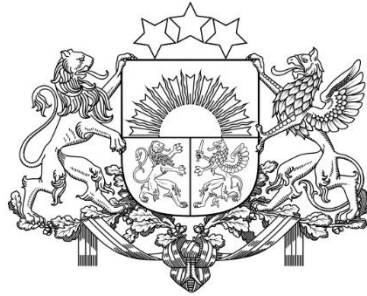




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## Next steps

1. Finishing the draft Maritime Spatial plan and Environmental Impact Assessment (April 2016)
2. Legal expertise (April-May 2016)
3. Workshop on MSP implementation LV+NOR (Sept 2016)



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