

Implementation of the MSFD in Latvia

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**Stakeholder workshop “Stakeholders as important
actors in Marine Strategy Framework Directive
implementation: from decision makers to general public”**

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Institutional set-up for the implementation of the MSFD in Latvia

Legal basis: Marine Environment Protection and Management Law (28.10.2010)

Institutions responsible:

- **Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development**
- **Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology**
 - **Competent Authorities**
 - **in HELCOM groups, MSFD CIS**



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Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology:

- performs Initial Assessment
- develops criteria of good marine environmental status
- develops marine environment targets and indicators
 - Reports to the European Commission
- Approval by the **Minister** for environmental protection and regional development



Institutions and stakeholders involved

- **Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology**
 - **Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development**
1. **Transposion of the MSFD, development of legislation**
 2. **Development of Initial Assessment, GES and targets – public hearing (web page, workshops); WG for implementation of the EU IMP; Marine Environment Council.**



Implementation of the next steps

Monitoring programme:

- co-ordination and organisation:

Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology

- approval by the **Minister** for environmental protection and regional development

Programme of measures:

- **Ministry** of Environmental Protection and Regional Development
- Approval by the **Cabinet of Ministers**



Involvement of stakeholders in development of measures

Marine Environment Council

for co-ordination of development and implementation of the marine strategy.

Cabinet regulation sets the By-law and the

Composition: State administration (sectoral ministries, agencies), coastal self-governments, associations and foundations (environmental and sectoral);

Personnel: approved by the Minister for environmental protection and regional development



Thank you!

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