

20 years of VASAB 2010

**Side event to the 8th VASAB Conference of Ministers
Responsible for Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region
Tallinn Teachers House
September 25, 2014**

This year VASAB celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the first VASAB common strategic document – *Vision and Strategies around the Baltic Sea 2010*, agreed at the 3rd Ministerial Conference in 1994 in Tallinn. The document has played significant role for the spatial development of the whole Baltic Sea Region.

Programme

13:00 – 13:30 Registration and networking

13:30 – 15:00 Welcome speeches, presentations and discussion

Opening

- Leif Kalev, Secretary General of the Estonian Ministry of the Interior
- Talis Linkaits, Head of VASAB Secretariat

Presentations / discussions

- Whom to blame for spatial planning
- Bo Löwendahl, the first VASAB secretary, 1993-1995 – How did the VASAB start?
- VASAB over the years
- Talis Linkaits – presentation of VASAB since 2009
- Reflections, discussions

15:00 – 15:45 Coffee break

VASAB family photo

15:45 – 17:25 Speeches, discussions and group work

Jacek Zaucha, Magdalena Matczak – Maritime Spatial Planning as one of the core themes for VASAB current and future work

Message to the VASAB Ministers

17:25 – 17:40 Conclusion