

Invitation to VASAB stakeholder meeting „Creating synergies for a well-integrated and coherent Baltic Sea Region”

12 December 2013, Helsinki
09:00 – 16:00

The purpose of the workshop is to:

- **Bring together** policy makers and experts from various sectors and governance levels interested in spatial planning and regional development concepts for the Baltic Sea Region,
- **Make an overview** of how the actions of pan-Baltic organisations and projects contribute to the VASAB Long-Term Perspective,
- **Summarise** the current implementation **status** of the VASAB Long-Term Perspective in the three pillars of the territorial development (urban networking and urban-rural cooperation; internal and external accessibility; and maritime spatial planning),
- **Discuss ways** to carry out a harmonised **stakeholder dialogue** towards a well-integrated and coherent macroregion,
- **Come up** with interesting **ideas** on the monitoring and evaluation of the territorial development in the Baltic Sea Region,
- **Contribute** to the upcoming **VASAB Ministerial conference** by supporting policy development and devising new approaches towards territorial cohesion in the Region

The three interactive sessions will take into account conclusions stemming from: the draft progress report on the VASAB Long-Term Perspective (LTP), the work of several pan-Baltic organisations dealing with the thematic aspects addressed in the LTP document, outcomes of the relevant territorial cooperation initiatives, and results of the ESPON Programme projects addressing territorial development processes in the Baltic Sea Region.

The workshop will be moderated by Dr Wiktor Szydarowski.

Participants: 30-40 representatives of the Baltic Sea Region pan-Baltic organizations, PACs/HALs/NCPs of the EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy, VASAB cooperation partners and flagship project partners.

The event is financed out of Technical Assistance grant of the EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy.

More information and registration:

www.vasab.org



Part-financed by the
European Union