

# What will demographic changes bring to BSR accessibility?

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Time: Thursday, 13 June 2019, 13:15 - 14:45

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<b>13:15</b>	<b>Opening of the Workshop</b>
	<p>Welcoming words by <b>Thomas Erlandson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Collaboration of HA Spatial Planning and PA Transport</li> <li>✓ BSR Access towards policy building</li> </ul>
<b>13:20</b>	<b>Setting the Scene</b>
	<p>Introduction to the VASAB perspective on the accessibility issues by <b>Liene Stikane</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ VASAB City Development Study - what grows &amp; shrinks;</li> <li>✓ VASAB Accessibility Study – accessibility trends in BSR;</li> <li>✓ Results of the NSB CoRe spatial visioning exercise.</li> </ul>
<b>13:35</b>	<b>Pitches</b>
	<p>Short introduction to projects &amp; initiatives dealing with accessibility issues in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ RURAL areas - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>MAMBA</b> project</li> <li>○ <b>MARA</b> project</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ URBAN areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Cities.multimodal</b> project (tbc)</li> <li>○ <b>Cities&amp;Rail</b> project</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Pitches on concrete cases, explaining what was the challenge and what solution was provided.</i></p>
<b>14:05</b>	<b>Joint discussion moderated by Holger Janssen</b>
	<p>Joined by the pitchers &amp; BSR Access (Malla Paajanen):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the challenges in rural &amp; urban areas?</li> <li>• Are urban-rural linkages strong enough?</li> <li>• What else could be done?</li> <li>• Have to build policies on macro-regional level to support the local level?</li> <li>• What best practices could regions exchange?</li> <li>• Where are the existing macro-regional bottlenecks in policy-building?</li> <li>• Who should take the main lead in developing urban-rural connections?</li> </ul> <p><i>First round of questions are asked by the pitchers to each other.</i></p> <p><i>Audience is getting involved actively (for example – questions on post-its, reflecting on what they heard in small groups/pairs, then post-its are collected on a board/flipchart, moderator chooses them for discussion)</i></p>
<b>14:35</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
	<p>Concluding words by <b>Kaarin Taipale</b> on binding together the HAC/PAC activities and local level</p>