

BRIDGING THE OLD WITH THE NEW: HOW CAN WE BUILD A BETTER BALTIC SEA FUTURE FOR 2040 AND BEYOND?

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How would a desired Baltic Sea Region look like by 2040? How do we envision its urban networks and settlement structure, its physical and digital connectivity, the management of its 'commons' that ensure a good quality of life, and how do we envision its maritime and spatial planning by 2040? What do we wish to look different from today? Visions are a powerful approach to imagine desirable futures. VASAB has been one of the pioneers in developing visions, dating back to the first VASAB vision "VASAB 2010. Towards a Framework for Spatial Development in the Baltic Sea Region" in 1994.

This workshop discusses the first outcomes of the VASAB Long-Term Perspective update. Going through the four metaphors of the vision, i.e., the pearls, the strings, the patches and the system, each representing a different territorial element, the workshop aims to acquaint participants with the vision and receive their feedback in a mix of short plenary sessions and co-creation.

Agenda / CET

- 09:00-09:05 Welcome note by
Dainius Čergelis, Chair of VASAB CSPD/BSR,
Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania
- 09:05-09:20 Update of the VASAB Long-Term Perspective
Elīna Veidemane, Deputy Head of VASAB Secretariat
- 09:20-09:25 Welcome & introduction to the day
Dr Kai Böhme, Director of Spatial Foresight
- 09:25-09:35 A Baltic Sea Region vision for the next generations
Maria Toptsidou, analyst and policy adviser of Spatial Foresight
- 09:35-10:05 **Pearls** in the Baltic Sea Region by 2040
- 10:05-10:45 **Strings** in the Baltic Sea Region by 2040
- 10:45-10:55 *Coffee break*
- 10:55-11:25 **Patches** in the Baltic Sea Region by 2040
- 11:25-11:50 **System** in the Baltic Sea Region by 2040
- 11:50-12:00 Wrap up and next steps