

## **BRIDGING THE OLD WITH THE NEW: THE VASAB LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE 2040**

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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 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 in a mix of short plenary sessions and co-creation.

### **Agenda / CET**

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| 13:30 | <b>Welcome note by</b><br><b>Dainius Čergelis</b> , Chair of VASAB CSPD/BSR,<br>Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania  |
| 13:35 | Update of the VASAB Long-Term Perspective<br><b>Elīna Veidemane</b> , Deputy Head of VASAB Secretariat  |
| 13:45 | Welcome & introduction to the day<br><b>Dr Kai Böhme</b> , Director of Spatial Foresight  |
| 13:50 | Bridging the old with the new: Pearls from today to 2040<br><b>Luciane Aguiar Borges</b> , Senior Research Fellow, Nordregio<br><b>Maria Toptsidou</b> , Analyst and Policy Adviser, Spatial Foresight  |
| 14:20 | Bridging the old with the new: Strings from today to 2040<br><b>Luciane Aguiar Borges</b> , Senior Research Fellow, Nordregio<br><b>Maria Toptsidou</b> , Analyst and Policy Adviser, Spatial Foresight |
| 15:00 | Bridging the old with the new: Patches from today to 2040<br><b>Luciane Aguiar Borges</b> , Senior Research Fellow, Nordregio<br><b>Maria Toptsidou</b> , Analyst and Policy Adviser, Spatial Foresight |
| 15:30 | Bridging the old with the new: System from today to 2040<br><b>Luciane Aguiar Borges</b> , Senior Research Fellow, Nordregio<br><b>Maria Toptsidou</b> , Analyst and Policy Adviser, Spatial Foresight  |
| 15:50 | Wrap up and next steps  |
| 16:00 | End of the workshop   |