



Dear VASAB friends,

Together with Summer Solstice Greetings the newest VASAB newsletter is out. We would like to share with you the latest activities and future plans of VASAB community.

Enjoy reading and we wish you joyful summer holidays!



The VASAB Committee on Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region (VASAB CSPD/BSR) is chaired by Estonia from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. VASAB CSPD/BSR meetings will be chaired by **Mr. Tiit Oidjärv** from the Estonian Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture.

Estonian Chairmanship of the VASAB CSPD/BSR will continue to **implement VASAB Vision 2040** and will undertake to **revise the VASAB Vision 2040** to propose emerging additions that have become relevant in the region after the Russian invasion in Ukraine. Additionally, **support to spatial planners** of all governance levels will be prioritised, establishing cooperation mechanism - **'VASAB Planners Forum'** to strengthen VASAB as knowledge and best practice hub in spatial planning.

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The Annual Forum is the yearly gathering for collaboration in the Baltic Sea Region within the framework of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, which has been held since 2009. This year stakeholders are welcome to Visby on the island of Gotland, Sweden and **will take place on 30 and 31 October 2024**, with **an optional side event on 29 October 2024**. With the overall themes of Sustainability, Resilience, and Security, the Forum aims to deepen our understanding and enhance collaborative efforts in these areas.

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Meet VASAB at the EUSBSR Annual Forum 2024!



VASAB Secretariat, Interreg BSR project “Liveability” and UBC Planning Cities Commission together are organising a seminar „Designing Liveable Cities in the Baltic Sea Region” on 30 October 2024 (16:30-18:00 CET). The Seminar is going to be one of the sessions during EUSBSR Annual Forum held in Visby, Sweden on 30-31 October 2024.

In this seminar, policymakers and public administration officials from local, regional, national, and EU levels, along with representatives from civil society, are invited to discuss the EUSBSR Action Plan, with a particular emphasis on implementing the VASAB Vision 2040 in small and medium-sized cities in the Baltic Sea Region. These cities are navigating various transition processes and seeking solutions to enhance their attractiveness as places to live and work – in short: liveable cities.

In addition, policy area 'Spatial Planning' related projects are welcome to promote projects at VASAB stand in Networking Village during the EUSBSR Annual Forum.

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on coastal planning and
development in
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We invite you and anyone working with the coastal planning and development issues in the countries of the Baltic Sea Region to participate in the survey. This includes competent professionals (of any governance level – local, regional or national) working on policy making, spatial planning, and research for terrestrial and marine areas, as well as those addressing land-sea interactions within one or across various sectors.

In this survey we will ask you about the aspects, themes and processes that are included in the existing version of the **Common Recommendations for Spatial Planning of the Coastal Zone in the Baltic Sea Region**. By completing this survey, you will contribute to the refining of these recommendations.

Participate in the survey



Ever wondered how the ocean's tapestry is meticulously planned and preserved? Join us on **"Oysters with a pearl"**, a **captivating podcast series dedicated to unveiling the intricacies of maritime spatial planning**. Each episode is a treasure trove, exploring how we balance protecting marine life with human activities, guided by expert voices and real-world stories. Discover the pearls of wisdom that guide us towards a sustainable marine future, ensuring our seas remain flourishing for generations to come. Tune in and let the waves of knowledge wash over you!

In the face of the challenges we face in the North Sea and Baltic Sea we remember, 'A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor'. Our podcast series confirms that the strongest insights come from those who value knowledge sharing, to jointly develop and implement strong marine plans.

Click to open podcast at Youtube!

Workshop "eMSP in a nutshell" at the European Maritime Day 2024. During the event 60 participants discussed selected project's recommendations under the umbrella of transitions in the EU Sea basins, aiming at the energy, nature and food transitions under the European Green Deal.



Explore the eMSP NBSR project results



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Upcoming Events

10 September 2024, online

Informal consultation meeting of MSP Data Expert Sub-Group

17 September 2024, Riga, Latvia

MSP-GREEN project Baltic Sea Region Conference

18-20 September 2024, Riga, Latvia

Informal consultation session of HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group

19-20 September 2024, Kiel, Germany

32nd Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC) Annual Conference

7-10 October 2024, Brussels, Belgium

22nd European Week of Regions and Cities

17 October 2024, online

5th MSP Planners' Forum

23-24 October 2024, Marseille, France

MSP-GREEN project Final Conference

29-31 October 2024, Visby, Sweden

EUSBSR 15th Annual Forum

5-8 November 2024, Budapest, Hungary

ESPON seminar

20 November 2024, tbc

Baltic Sea2Land project 1st pan-Baltic webinar tackling coastal planning and management issues

26-27 November 2024, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Blue Mission Banos, 3rd Mission Arena

NB! All event dates are subject to change.

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