

COMMITTEE ON SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Draft Report of the 98th CSPD/BSR Meeting

Online, 2 June 2026

Chairperson: Ms. Emilia Malak-Pętlicka (PL)

Participants: CSPD/BSR members: Ms. Katharina Voss (DE), Ms. Sarah Wieschmann (DE), Mr. Jens Kurnol (DE), Mr. Tiit Oidjärv (EE), Ms. Mari Pohja-Mykrä (FI), Ms. Donata Paulauskaitė (LT), Mr. Dāvis Bičkovičs (LV), Ms. Anete Bērziņa (LV), Ms. Kinga Stańczuk-Olechnik (PL), Ms. Martyna Gajowniczek (PL), Ms. Maxi Nachtigall (SE), Mr. Jon Fransson (SE), *Invited guests:* Mr. Markus Helavuori (Council of the Baltic Sea States), Mr. Kamil Rybka (Ministry of Infrastructure), *VASAB Secretariat:* Mr. Mārtiņš Ulāns, Ms. Egija Stapkēviča, Ms. Jana Laiviņa, Ms. Margarita Vološina, Ms. Tīna Šipkēviča and Mr. Aksels Ruperts.

DECISIONS and OUTPUTS

1. The CSPD/BSR (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) adopted the Report of the 97th CSPD/BSR meeting held on 18-19 February 2026 in Warsaw, Poland without changes.
2. The Committee adopted the Summary of the 97th CSPD/BSR meeting held on 18-19 February 2026 in Warsaw, Poland without changes.
3. The Committee took note of the Report of the VASAB Open Trio online meeting on 19 May 2026.
4. The Committee took note of the information about proposal for a new cooperation format for ministries responsible for spatial planning and development - VASAB Directors-General meeting.
5. The Committee agreed to held 1st VASAB Directors-General meeting on 27-28 October 2026 in Gdansk, Poland and to keep the format flexible to accommodate each country's needs.
6. The Committee agreed to prepare Conclusions for adoption including all five topics: mandate, roadmap, macroregional input to EU process, regular Directors-General meetings, role of VASAB and agreed to send feedback on the text of the 1st Draft Conclusions until 26 June 2026.
7. The Committee agreed to send to Polish chairmanship colleagues' full names and titles of the Directors-General (DG) who should be invited to upcoming 1st VASAB Directors-General meeting in October 2026 for written invitations to be sent out in mid-July 2026.
8. The Committee took note of the information about ESPON Targeted Analysis project 'Baltic ReSeaLand - Territorial Resilience of Land and Maritime Space in the Baltic Sea Region' progress and expected kick-off meeting planned between 27 July and 5 August 2026.
9. The Committee took note of the information about news and major challenges regarding national spatial planning issues.
10. The Committee was reminded that all VASAB member countries should regularly update the Country fiche on terrestrial spatial planning and send to Secretariat to publish on VASAB website.

11. The Committee adopted the latest version of VASAB Work Plan 2025-2026 and agreed that the Work Plan should be published at VASAB website stating - 'Updated on 2 June 2026'.
12. The Committee agreed with VASAB Secretariat proposed 3-point approach in developing new VASAB Work Plan 2027-2028.
13. The Committee took note of the information about EUSBSR Policy Area Spatial Planning news and activities, technical assistance project 'PASPS' and EUSBSR Action Plan update.
14. The Committee agreed to support VASAB Secretariat participation in extension of EUSBSR Policy Area Spatial Planning coordinators assistance project 'PASPS' by 2 years from January 2027 until December 2028 and approved PASPS Work Plan 2027-2028, as well as authorised Chair Emilia Malak-Pętlicka to sign the Letter of Support for the extension of PASPS project on behalf of the PA Spatial Planning Steering Group on land-based spatial planning.
15. The Committee took note of the information about EUSBSR Annual Forum 2026 (including information about parallel sessions 'Shifting Tides, Resilient Territories: Advancing Spatial Resilience in the Baltic Sea Region' and 'From Plans to Reality: Governing Urban Mobility for Resilience' held on 12-13 May 2026 in Tallinn, Estonia).
16. The Committee took note of the information about 8th MSP Planners' Forum meeting within 'PASPS' project held online on 26 March 2026 and hosted by VASAB Secretariat.
17. The Committee took note of the information about preparations for the VASAB Young Planners Summer School 2026 to be held on 23-29 August 2026 in Gdańsk (Poland) and opportunity to join the jury.
18. The Committee agreed that the challenge for the 5th group of VASAB Young Planners Summer School 2026 should be - Connections between people and places.
19. The Committee took note of the information about development of multi criteria analysis framework to compare implementation of pre-defined Land-Based Planners Forum formats and two new project proposals: 'Baltic Planners Exchange Network' submitted to Swedish Institute Baltic Sea and Eastern Partnership Programme and 'CoPlanCoast' submitted to BlueActionBANOS open call 'Community-Led Actions' project competition.
20. The Committee took note of the information about 'NESBp - Northern European Sea Basins project' (EMFAF) progress.
21. The Committee took note of the information about Interreg BSR project platform 'Baltic PlaNet' (Baltic Climate-Resilient Coastal Planning Network) progress.
22. The Committee took note of the information about outcomes of 8th Informal Consultation Session of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group held on 21-23 April 2026 in Tallinn, Estonia.
23. The Committee took note of the information about background of updating VASAB Coastal Recommendations and established Task Force.
24. The Committee agreed that Committee members will consider once again their participation in the Baltic Sea MSP Task Force or nominate other relevant national representatives from the VASAB side.
25. The Committee approved Interim Assessment Report of the progress in the Regional MSP Roadmap 2021-2030 implementation.
26. The Committee took note of the information about operations of the VASAB Secretariat.
27. The Committee acknowledged the execution of VASAB Budget 2025 and took note of the auditor's Review Report by SIA "Auditorfirma Padoms".
28. Taking into account the audited VASAB Budget 2025, the Committee decided to amend the VASAB Budget 2026 the following:
 - 1) Budget line A: Cash balance on 1 January 2026 decrease 623 EUR

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| 2) Budget line B: Revenues | decrease by 759 EUR |
| 3) Budget line B.2 PASPS project reimbursement | increase by 3357 EUR |
| 4) Budget line B.2 PASPS partner ERDF | decrease by 4116 EUR |
| 5) Budget line C: Expenses | decrease by 13 558 EUR |
| 6) Budget line C.1: Secretariat office | increase by 558 EUR |
| 7) Budget line C.2: Activities to be decided by CSPD/BSR | decrease by 46055 EUR |
| 8) Add new Budget line C.2.1 Young Planners' Summer School | add 46055 EUR |
| 9) Partners' ERDF | decrease by 14 116 EUR |
| 10) Budget line D: Cash balance 31.12.2026 | add 12 176 EUR. |
- Allow payout of the non-taxed salary bonuses in 2026 for the staff members of the Secretariat (total amount up to 2 340 EUR, included under the Budget line C.1.2: "Bonus payment" and respective social security payment reflected at the Budget line C.1.2: "Taxes and social charges").
29. The Committee approved Analytical Background Document on Territorial Resilience (dated June 2025) which serves as background material for the Tallinn Ministerial Declaration on Spatial Resilience.
30. The Committee agreed to hold the 1st VASAB Directors-General meeting 27 October 2026 and 99th CSPD/BSR meeting on 28 October 2026 in Gdansk, Poland.