AGENDA

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VASAB Webinar
Climate Change and Spatial Planning on the Baltic Sea Coast: Where Are We Now?

3 December 2026 | **9:30 - 12:30 CET** | **Online** | **REGISTER HERE**

Moderator: **Mārtiņš Ulāns**, Head of VASAB Secretariat

9:30 INTRODUCTION

Welcome and purpose of the webinar

9:35 CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Introduction to the basics of climate change, observed climate trends in the BSR, key regional impacts and an overview of country-specific trends by **Dr. Vanessa Völz**, Scientist, Climate Service Center Germany

10:00 VOICES FROM SPATIAL PLANNING PRACTICE

Short pitches from spatial planners representing different BSR countries: practical perspectives on how climate change is already affecting territories and spatial planning processes

Speakers:

- Estonia - **Kerli Lambing**, Head of the Department of Environment and Construction, Lääne-Harju municipality
- Finland - **Elina Ojala**, Environmental manager, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council
- Latvia - **Rimants Lūsis**, Senior Tourism Specialist, Saulkrasti Municipality
- Lithuania - tbc
- Poland - **Paulina Szewczyk**, City Architect, Gdynia City Hall
- Sweden - **Tina Erixon**, Spatial Planner, Norrköping Municipality
- Germany - **Dr. Markus Czymzik**, Spatial Planner at the Office for Regional Planning and Development West Mecklenburg
- Denmark - tbc

10:50 COUNTRY DISCUSSIONS IN BREAKOUT ROOMS

Discussion on key climate change impacts and risks in municipalities and how these are addressed in spatial planning

Country group facilitators (discussion in respective national language):

- Estonia - **Anne Martin**, Advisor on National Spatial Plans, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
- Finland - **Laura Pietilä**, Project Planner, Finnish Maritime Spatial Planning cooperation
- Latvia - **Anete Bērziņa**, Head of Project and Research Division, Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development
- Lithuania - **Martynas Norbutas**, Former Vice-Minister of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania
- Poland - **Karolina Orcholska**, Mobility Consultant
- Sweden - **Charlotte Cederbom**, Strategist, Norrköping Municipality
- Denmark - **Sara Egemose**, Deputy Head of Institute, Institute of Biology, University of Southern Denmark
- Germany - **Dr. Britta Bockhorn**, Head of International Affairs, Academy for Spatial Development in the Leibniz Association (ARL)
- Mixed Group (English) - **Tīna Šipkēvica**, Spatial Planning Expert, VASAB Secretariat

11:45 BREAK

12:00 WRAP-UP

Main outcomes from each country group

12:25-12:30 CLOSING

Conclusions and next steps

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