

COMMITTEE ON SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Draft Report of the 85th CSPD/BSR Meeting

Online, 6 May 2021

Chairperson: Mr. Dainius Čergelis (LT)

Participants: CSPD/BSR members: Mr. Lukas Kühne (DE), Mr. Jens Kurnol (DE), Mr. Tiit Oidjärv (EE), Ms. Tiina Tihlman (FI), Ms. Algimante Treiniene (LT), Ms. Kristīne Kedo (LV), Ms. Anita Līvija Rozenvalde (LV), Ms. Patrycja Artymowska (PL), Ms. Irina Karelina (RU), *Invited guests:* Mr. Joacim Johannesson (SwAM), Ms. Elin Celik (SwAM), *VASAB Secretariat:* Ms. Alda Nikodemusa, Ms. Elīna Veidemane, Ms. Jana Patmalniece, Ms. Liene Gaujeniete, Ms. Liene Strazdiņa and Ms. Inga Jēkabsone.

DECISIONS and OUTPUTS

1. The CSPD/BSR (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) adopted the Report of the 84th CSPD/BSR online meeting on 7 September 2020 without changes.
2. The Committee took note of the Report of the VASAB Open Troika online meeting on 15 April 2021.
3. The Committee agreed on the structure of stakeholder groups and their roles throughout LTP-Update process, and agreed to have maximum 5 people from each country in Advisory group.
4. The Committee agreed that VASAB Secretariat sends out a reminder to the Committee members until which date the names for Steering group and Advisory group should be given.
5. The Committee agreed that Germany will informally contact Denmark and Norway to invite to take part in LTP-update process and VASAB Secretariat will follow up the communication with Sweden. In parallel, official letters will be prepared and sent to Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
6. The Committee agreed on the strategy for summer campaign on VASAB social media to promote LTP-update process.
7. The Committee took note of the information about progress of platform project “Strengthening the capacity of MSP stakeholders and decision makers (Capacity4MSP Platform)” and 4th Baltic MSP Forum which will be held online on 1-2 June 2021.
8. The Committee took note of the information about 21st Joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group online meeting on 12-13 November 2020, 21A Intersessional Joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group online meeting on 3 February 2021 and 22nd Joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group online meeting on 20-21 April 2021.
9. The Committee adopted the new draft Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2021-2030.
10. The Committee approved the prolongation of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group Mandate until 2030 in line with the timespan of the new Regional MSP Roadmap.

11. The Committee took note of the information about Planners' Forum concept and draft Terms of Reference and discussed VASAB views towards the concept.
12. The Committee took note of the information about new approved project 'eMSP NBSR' in which VASAB Secretariat will be responsible for communication activities.
13. The Committee took note of the information about changes in the EUSBSR Action Plan and operational framework, as well as other EUSBSR related news.
14. The Committee agreed to integrate PA 'Spatial Planning' rules of procedure into VASAB rules of procedure and keep them as simple as possible.
15. The Committee decided to make decisions of the Committee meeting public and to prepare a short summary of the meeting outcomes without mentioning names and surnames but replacing them with country name which also should be published. An annex should be made for discussion part with names and surnames, and this part would be available only for the Committee members and VASAB Secretariat.
16. The Committee agreed to decide on workshop topic for EUSBSR Annual Forum 2021 via written procedure in May, June 2021 when more information will be available on Forum concept.
17. The Committee agreed to invite MARA project representatives to the next Committee meeting to present the final results of the project.
18. The Committee acknowledged the execution of VASAB Budget 2020 and took note of the auditor's Review Report by SIA "Auditorfirma Padoms".
19. Taking into account the audited VASAB Budget 2020, the Committee decided to amend the VASAB Budget 2021 the following:

1) Budget line A: Cash balance at 1 January 2021	add 32 158 EUR;
2) Budget line B: Revenues	decrease by 27 885 EUR;
3) Budget line B.1: Member country contribution	decrease by 30 000 EUR;
4) Budget line B.2: Other revenues	add 2 115 EUR;
5) Budget line C: Expenses	decrease by 22 711 EUR;
6) Budget line C.1: Secretariat office	decrease by 5 000 EUR;
7) Budget line C.1.5: Services of Experts	decrease by 5 000 EUR;
8) Budget line C.2: Activities to be decided by CSPD/BSR	add 5 000 EUR;
9) Budget line C 17: Capacity4MSP project	decrease by 25 546 EUR
10) Partners` ERDF, ENI, RU	add 2 836 EUR
11) Budget line D: Cash balance at 31 December 2021	add 26 984 EUR.

Allow payout of the non-taxed salary bonuses in 2021 for the staff members of the Secretariat (total amount up to 1854 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").
20. The Committee agreed to have a discussion on VASAB budget 2022 projections at the next Committee meeting in autumn 2021.
21. The Committee took note of the information about operations of the VASAB Secretariat.
22. The Committee agreed to hold 86th CSPD/BSR meeting in 3rd week of October or in the beginning of November 2021.