

# CITIES AND URBAN REVITALIZATION IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION

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**Achieving coherent and sustainable development of macro-region**  
**Unique team-work of the countries around the Baltic Sea**



## Baltic Sea Region - Territorial Monitoring

### 7 Indicators

- Based on BSR TeMo

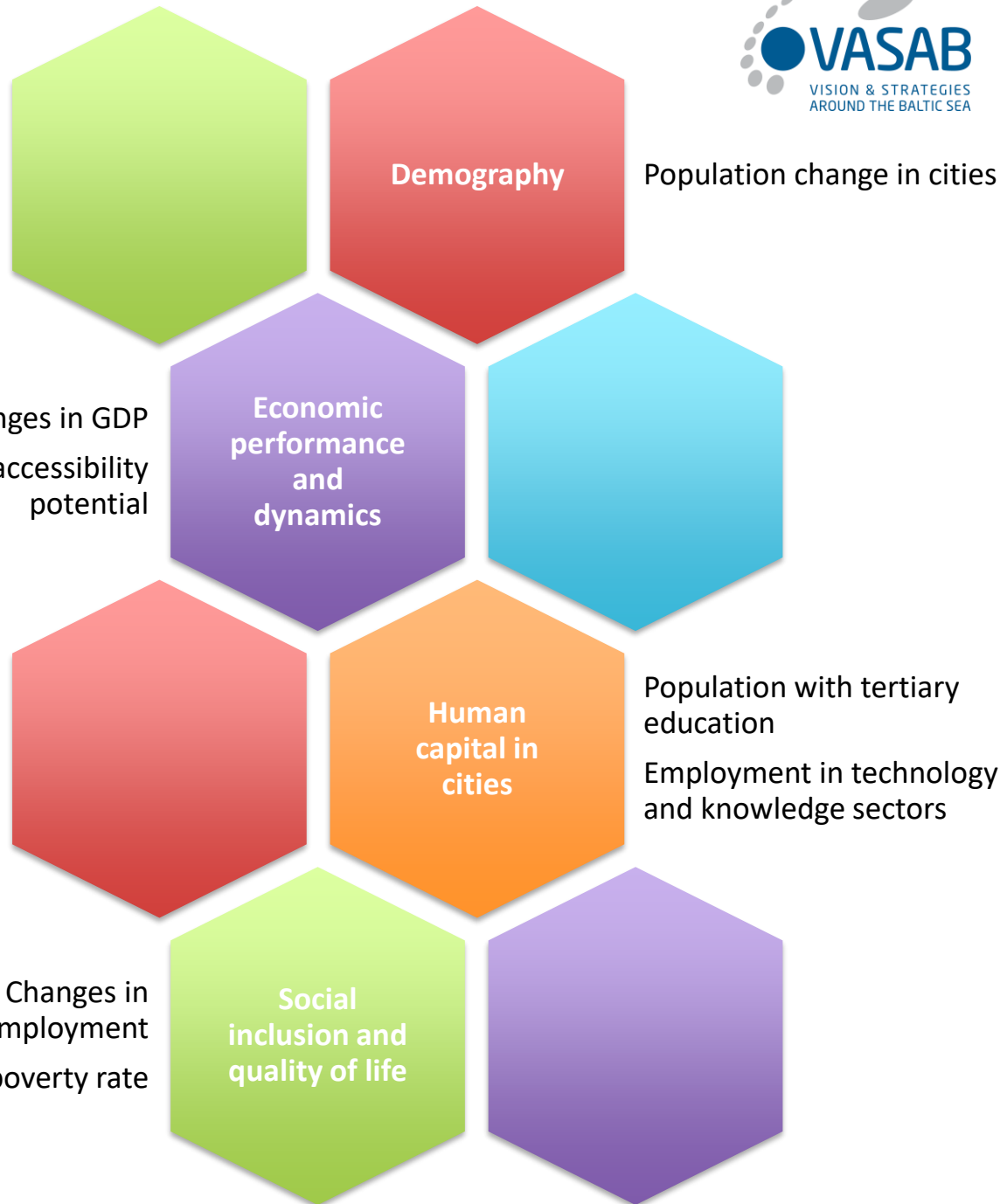
### 127 largest cities

- Population over 100,000 including suburbs (urbanised areas).
- For countries with lower population densities (NO, SE, FI, EE, LV, LT ) cities with a population > 50,000

**Data for 2005-2015**  
where available

Changes in GDP  
Multimodal accessibility potential

Changes in unemployment  
At-risk-of-poverty rate



# DEMOGRAPHY

## Significant growth, active suburbanisation

- Bergen, Stavanger, Oslo, Stockholm, Malmö
- Cities in Poland, population around Riga, Vilnius, Tallinn and Tartu.

## Moderate growth

- Warsaw, Berlin, Hamburg, Rostock, Kaliningrad

## Decline

- Cities in Eastern Germany, Poland's former industrial centers

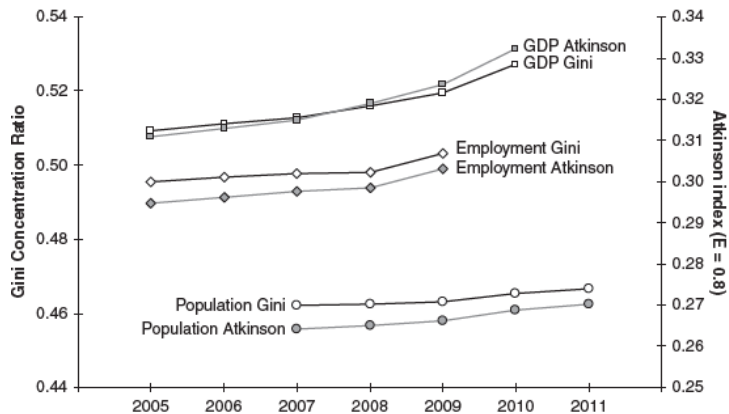


# POINTERS FOR POLICY

## Population

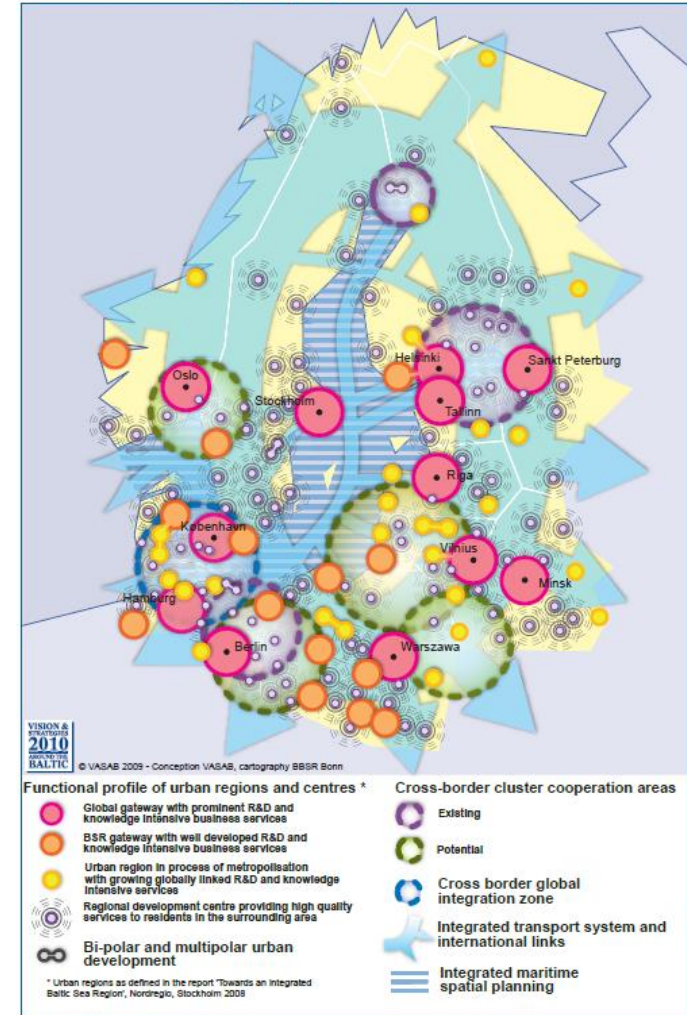
- Population size is the key variable for many policies, especially for provision and maintenance of public and private services.
- Demographic development patterns are showing depopulation mainly through ageing and outmigration processes especially in the new EU member states in BSR

Development of the Gini Concentration Ratio and the Atkinson index for GDP, employment and population in the BSR 2005–2011, at NUTS level 3



Hanell  
using TeMo

2030: Territorial development perspective



Source: VASAB CSD/BSR

**This is why revitalization is so important!!!!**

# ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

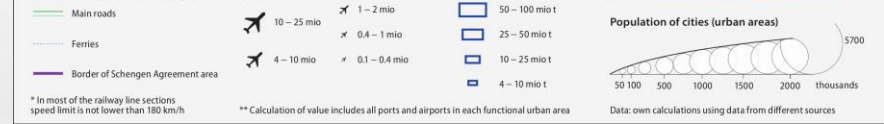
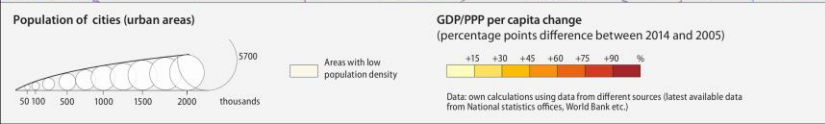
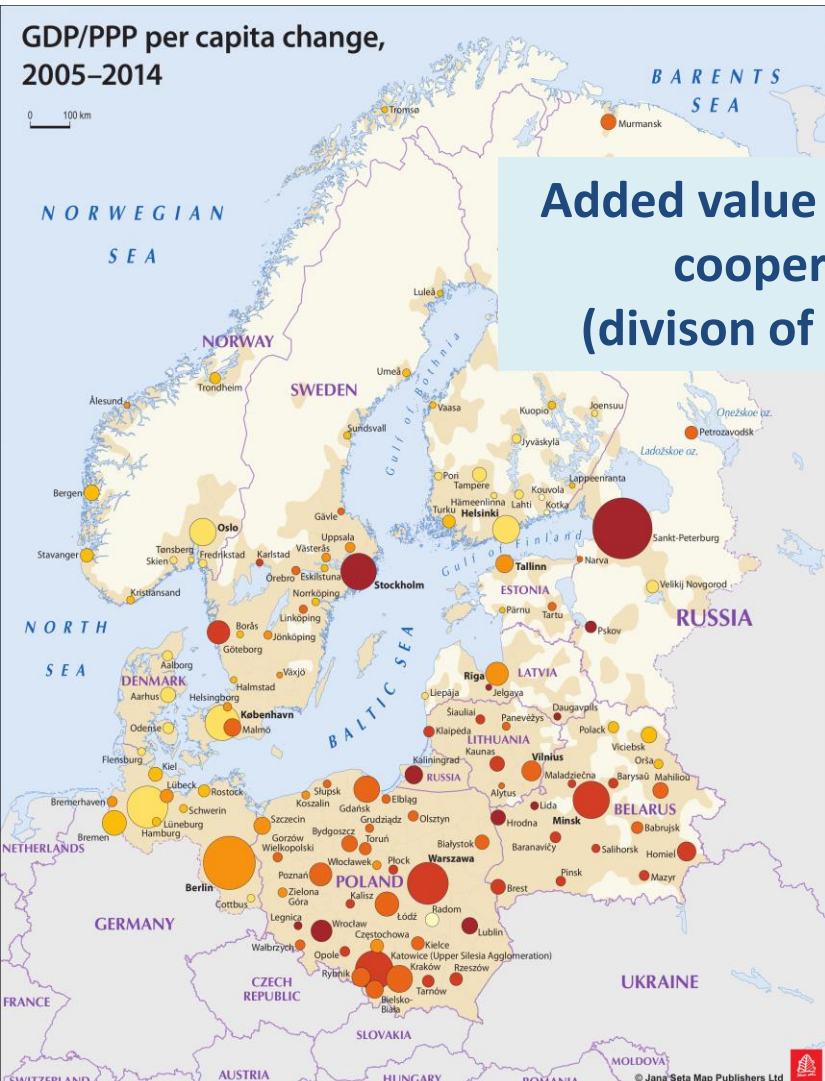
## Convergence!



# ACCESSIBILITY

## Challenge!

Added value of such Macroregional cooperation like VASAB (division of labour=cooperation)



# KNOWLEDGE BASED ECONOMY

## New stars!

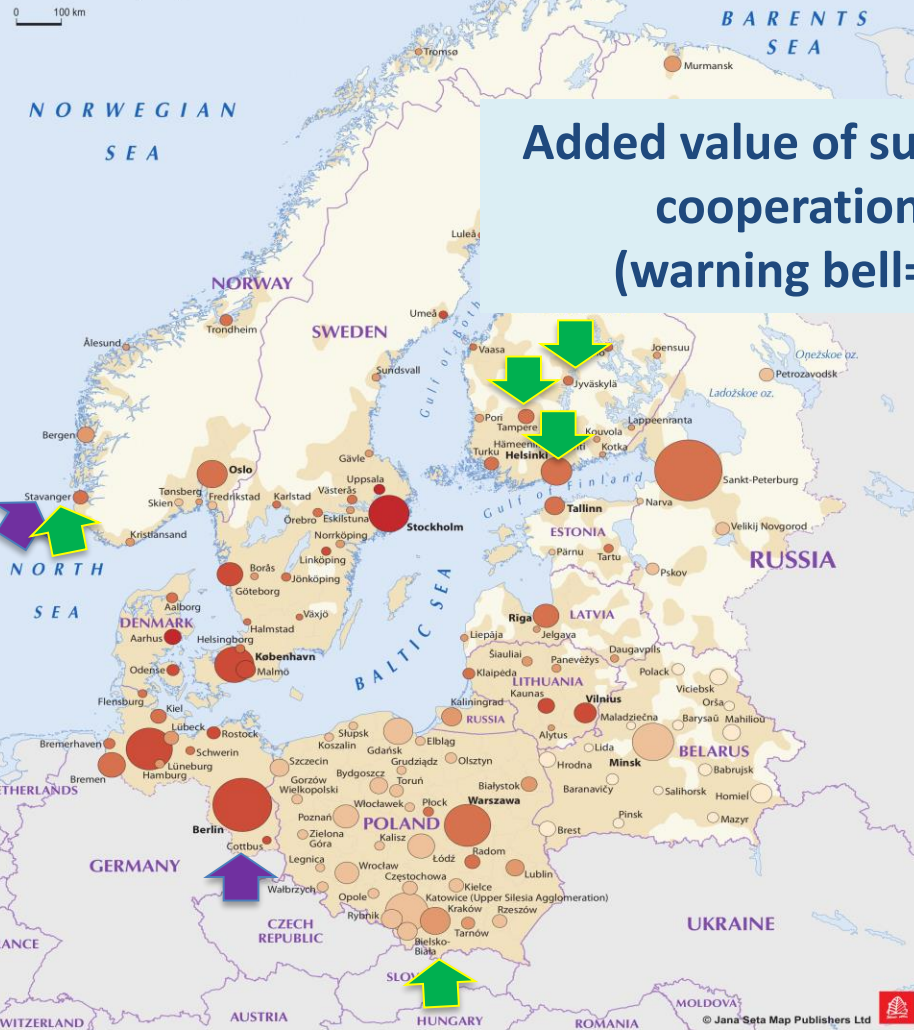


# SOCIAL COHESION

## New challenge!

Added value of such Macroregional cooperation like VASAB (warning bell=sth is wrong)

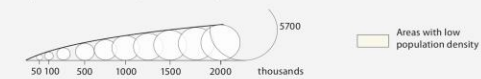
Share of population with tertiary-level education



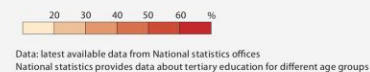
People at risk of poverty or social exclusion



Population of cities (urban areas)



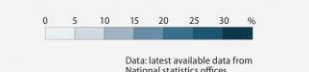
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## Findings:

- Localised issue important for BSR as a such - for its territorial cohesion
- BSR countries use a wide variety of methods, focus on various aspects, emphasise various needs.
- But, the goal is common – bringing deprived and neglected parts of the cities back to life and vitality.
- There is no commonly agreed name: revitalisation, regeneration, rehabilitation
- It requires multi-level partnerships (relational governance as proposed by Faludi!!!!)



**Thus revitalisation will gain importance as a key element of territorially sensitive development policies in the BSR and in the EU.**

## Policy pointers:

- revitalisation requires a multi-governance approach and participation;
- monitoring and open method of coordination
- spatial planners may inspire and facilitate it as specialists on stakeholders' engagement;
- BSR is of a right geographical scale to exchange experience on revitalisation
- EU and macroregional policies should be asked to consider their impact on development of the cities, their networks and urban regions.
- For instance EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region can be asked to prepare an overview of the impact on its actions on the Baltic cities and adjust its strategy implementation in line with the findings.





A large crowd of people is gathered outdoors, likely at a festival or event. In the background, there is a large, dark-colored building with several chimneys. The foreground shows a wooden walkway leading to a water feature with a small waterfall. The text "Thanks for your patience" is overlaid in large white letters.

# Thanks for your patience



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