



Transnational spatial vision on North Sea–Baltic corridor to be developed

VASAB Secretariat as one of the project's "North Sea–Baltic Connector of Regions" (NSB CoRe) partners is inviting spatial planners, development planners, transport and infrastructure planners and other stakeholders to join in the elaboration process of Joint Transnational Spatial Vision on Regional Development, Logistics and Mobility of NSB CoRe Corridor and contribute their knowledge and experience by taking part in project activities.

NSB CoRe project as part of Interreg VB Baltic Sea Region Program has started its life this spring. Objective of the project is to enhance regional development by improving internal and external accessibility in the Eastern-Baltic Sea Region to freight and passenger transport. 16 project partners from seven countries will commonly work to achieve the goal also assisting to put EU TEN-T policy to real life and to link North Sea-Baltic Core Network Corridor with regional transport networks and urban nodes.

As part of the project a Joint transnational spatial vision on regional development, logistics and mobility of NSB CoRe corridor will be elaborated. It aims to identify and prevent existing or possible discrepancies in national, regional or local spatial plans among North Sea–Baltic corridor bordering states. It should seek to improve the North Sea–Baltic corridor connections with the second level transport networks, as well as evaluate impact on regional development processes in the territory of the corridor. This vision will be the synthesized result of project's work package "Spatial Planning for NSB CoRe Network Development" that is led by VASAB Secretariat and aims to improve cooperation between national and regional authorities in the planning and development of linkages between TEN-T NSB corridor and regional and urban transport networks. It also integrates the results from other work packages – "Intermodal Logistics" and "Commuter Growth Corridors" – and multiple case studies.

The developing of spatial vision will consist of analysis of the current situation, assessment of needs for improving the accessibility and drawing up a spatial vision that will include long-term vision and strategic development perception of the NSB CoRe corridor, spatial development perspective and action plan for implementing the vision. Through the elaboration of spatial vision NSB CoRe corridor will be divided in three thematic blocks – Germany–Poland, Baltic States and Estonia–Finland–Sweden. It is planned to present the finished vision at the end of 2018.

Elaboration of the spatial vision ensures broad stakeholder involvement. Interviews with spatial planners on local, regional and national level will be conducted in the phase of analysing the current situation in regard to NSB CoRe corridor. A stakeholder survey will be prepared to identify



needs for better accessibility and six regional workshops (two in each thematic block) will be organized through the whole elaboration process. They should help identify strengths, weaknesses, issues to be solved through spatial planning and needs on transnational level as well it will assure the presentation of interim results and receiving feedback on spatial visions' drafts.

First regional workshop for Polish and German stakeholders will take place on September 13, in Poznan, Poland. Local, regional and national authorities on spatial and transport planning are invited to join a discussion, have an input in shaping the contents of the vision and share their expertise and deepened knowledge about NSB corridor.

More information on the project: www.nsbcore.eu