

**Think Baltic – Act Spatial**

**VASAB workshop**  
**„Cultivating new ideas for the territorial development**  
**of the Baltic Sea Region”**  
**28 November 2013, Riga**

Venue: The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Peldu iela 25, Riga, Latvia

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| <b>10:00 – 10:30</b> | <b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>  |
| <b>10:30 – 10:45</b> | Introduction. <i>Talis Linkaits, Head of VASAB Secretariat</i>  |
| <b>10:45 – 12:40</b> | <b>Long-term territorial development of the Region: three dimensions</b><br><br>Territorial Cohesion in the Baltic Sea Region. Empirical findings from ESPON BSR-TeMo. <i>Tomas Hanell, Aalto University</i><br><br>Urban-rural inter-linkage and actions needed, based on ESPON KITCASP project findings. <i>Visvaldis Valtensbergs, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences</i><br><br>Accessibility challenges in the Baltic Sea Region. Findings of ESPON projects <i>Klaus Spiekermann, Spiekermann&amp;Wegener Urban and Regional Research</i><br><br>Maritime spatial planning efforts in the Region; achievements and what needs to be done. <i>Jacek Zaucha, Maritime Institute of Gdansk</i><br><br>Panel discussion |
| <b>12:40 – 13:30</b> | <b>Light lunch</b>  |
| <b>13:30 – 15:00</b> | <b>Funding opportunities</b><br><br>Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020<br><i>Elena Kolosova, Project Officer, BSR Programme JTS</i><br><br>Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020<br><i>Aiga Plesanova, Programme Writer</i><br><br>Cross-border cooperation programmes. Latvia-Lithuania Programme<br><i>Iruma Kravale, Director of Development Instruments Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia</i><br><br>ESPON post 2013 Programme, the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion<br><i>Kristine Rasina, Head of Spatial Planning Policy Division, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia</i><br><br>Summary       |
| <b>15:00 – 15:45</b> | <b>Discussion / Cultivation of the new ideas</b>  |
| <b>15:45 – 16:20</b> | <b>Conclusions</b>  |
| <b>16:20</b>         | <b>Closing</b>  |