

WHAT DO WE DO

- ▶ ensure transnational approach in spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region
- ▶ facilitate coherent MSP across the borders
- ▶ observe the territorial development processes
- ▶ recommend transnational policy measures
- ▶ promote methodology development
- ▶ provide a forum for regional, trans-boundary and cross-sectoral dialogue
- ▶ promote co-operation projects
- ▶ co-operate with other initiatives and macro-regions
- ▶ promote a dialogue with different sectors
- ▶ assist the Baltic Sea Region in profiling itself as a global and European forerunner in spatial planning
- ▶ ensure communication and visibility of the Horizontal Action
- ▶ monitor progress within the Horizontal Action and report on it

FLAGSHIPS
MARITIME



Baltic LINES - Coherent Linear Infrastructures in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans aims to increase transnational coherence of shipping routes and energy corridors in maritime spatial plans in the BSR in order to prevent cross-border mismatches, secure transnational connectivity and efficient use of the Baltic Sea space.

Project's lifetime: March 2016 - March 2019
Budget: € 3 409 458
Financed from: Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020

OTHER RELEVANT PROJECTS
MARITIME



Pan Baltic Scope aims to achieve coherent national maritime spatial planning in the Baltic Sea region and to build lasting macro-region mechanisms for cross-border MSP cooperation. To achieve these aims, the project uses the experiences and results from earlier projects in the BSR, and in particular the Baltic Scope (2015-2017) project, along with the national MSP processes.
Project's lifetime: January 2018 - December 2019
Budget: € 3 315 113
Financed from: DG Mare/ EMFF Work Programme 2016



Plan4Blue - Maritime Spatial Planning for Sustainable Blue Economies supports growth of the marine and maritime sectors in a way that emphasizes the need to find a balance between economic, social and environmental goals.
Project's lifetime: October 2016 - December 2019
Budget: € 1 997 882
Financed from: Interreg Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020



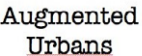
BONUS BASMATI - Baltic Sea Maritime Spatial Planning for Sustainable Ecosystem Services develops integrated and innovative solutions for MSP related to marine and coastal ecosystem services and marine protected areas, develops and applies spatial decision support systems including data discovery and exchange facilities, and develops means for interactive multi-level, multi-stakeholder and cross-sector governance.
Project's lifetime: July 2017 - June 2020
Budget: € 2 855 473
Financed from: The joint Baltic Sea research and development programme (BONUS) 2010-2017

LAND-BASED



BEA-APP Baltic Energy Areas - a planning perspective aims to improve the capacity of regional and renewable energy planning actors by developing, testing and implementing new spatially adjusted spatial planning instruments, innovative stakeholder involvement modes and financing systems, as well as place-based pilot actions assessing local circumstances and conditions.
Project's lifetime: March 2016 - March 2019
Budget: € 2 700 000
Financed from: Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020

LAND-BASED



Augmented Urbans - Visionary, Participatory Planning and Integrated Management for Resilient Cities - refers to strengthening the integration of three aspects in urban planning: timeframe, participation and technology. It improves stakeholder participation and linkage between the long-term visions and short-term actions in the cities for enhancing urban resilience.
Project's lifetime: March 2018 - February 2021
Budget: € 2 350 000
Financed from: Interreg Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020

PAST PROJECTS

- Live Baltic Campus** - Campus Areas as Labs for Participative Urban Design. www.livebalticcampus.eu
- Baltic Urban Lab** - Integrated Planning and Partnership Model for Brownfield Regeneration. www.balticurbanlab.eu
- BALTSPACE** - Towards sustainable planning of Baltic marine space. www.baltspace.eu
- BaltCoast** - A systems approach framework for coastal research and management in the Baltic. www.baltcoast.net
- Baltic SCOPE** - Towards Coherence and Cross-border Solutions in Baltic Sea Maritime Spatial Plans. www.balticscope.eu
- PartiSEApate** - Multi-level Governance in Maritime Spatial Planning throughout the Baltic Sea Region. www.partiseapate.eu
- BSR-TeMo** - Territorial Monitoring for the Baltic Sea Region. bsr.espon.eu
- PLAN BOTHNIA** - Maritime Spatial Planning preparatory action for the Baltic Sea. www.planbothnia.org
- BaltSeaPlan** - Planning the future in the Baltic Sea. www.baltseaplan.eu

RELEVANT FLAGSHIPS
FROM OTHER POLICY AREAS



NSB CoRe - North Sea Baltic Connector of Regions aims to improve the sustainable accessibility of the regions along the North Sea-Baltic TEN-T corridor. Project implements TEN-T Regulation from a regional development perspective and brings the needs of peripheral regions to the TEN-T core network corridor context. The project produces a joint spatial vision for the North Sea - Baltic transport corridor. The vision improves linkages between NSB infrastructure and regional/urban transport networks and assesses impact of the NSB CoRe corridor upon regional development processes.
Flagship of PA Transport
Project's lifetime: May 2016 - April 2019
Budget: € 3 307 649
Financed from: Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020



Baltic InteGrid - Integrated Baltic offshore wind electricity grid development. The project aims to contribute to sustainable indigenous electricity generation, further integration of electricity markets and security of supply in the BSR by optimizing the potential and efficiency of offshore wind energy. It will present plans for a coordinated Baltic Sea offshore grid and significantly reduce one of the most important bottlenecks for the development of renewable energy sources in the BSR.
Flagship of PA Energy
Project's lifetime: March 2016 - February 2019
Budget: € 3 948 961
Financed from: Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020



BalticRIM - Baltic Sea Region Integrated Maritime Cultural Heritage Management aims to integrate management of cultural heritage in and at the Baltic Sea into MSP. Project seeks to improve the collaboration between the stakeholder groups of maritime cultural heritage and MSP to steer the optimization of planning processes and successful articulation of interests of the MCH community in a sustainable and spatially compatible manner.
Flagship of PA Culture
Project's lifetime: October 2017 - September 2020
Budget: € 2 621 798
Financed from: Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020



Baltic Blue Growth - Initiating full scale mussel farming in the Baltic Sea establishes six fully operational mussel farms to counteract eutrophication and create new blue growth opportunities. The project also prepares recommendations for a harmonised methodology in MSP and possible nutrient compensation measures.
Flagship of PA Nutri
Project's lifetime: May 2016 - April 2019
Budget: € 4 651 847
Financed from: Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020

Baltic Urban Living - Brownfields regeneration in sustainable and resources efficient mixed-use areas for eco-social living and working. Lead by Tallinn University of Technology.

Land-Sea-Act - Accommodating of land-sea interactions into maritime and coastal planning in the Baltic Sea Region through blue-green infrastructure and ecosystem services. Lead by Latvian Ministry of Environment and Regional Development.

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HORIZONTAL ACTION
SPATIAL PLANNING

ENCOURAGING THE USE OF MARITIME AND LAND-BASED SPATIAL PLANNING IN ALL MEMBER STATES AROUND THE BALTIC SEA AND DEVELOP A COMMON APPROACH FOR CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION

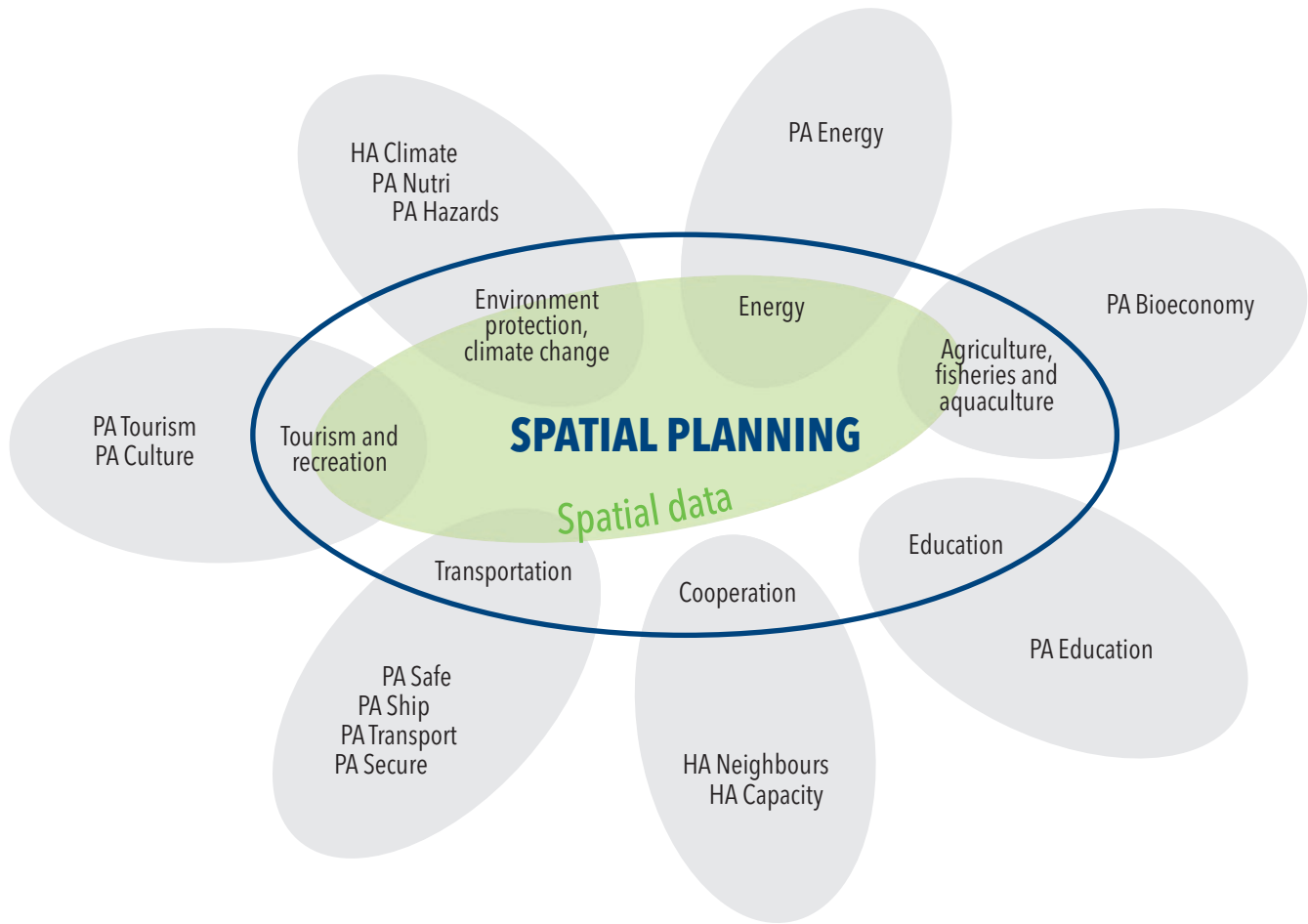
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HORIZONTAL ACTION “SPATIAL PLANNING” IN EUSBSR FAMILY



Horizontal Action “Spatial Planning” is of key importance in ensuring consistency of actions and in maintaining an integrated approach in the Baltic Sea region.

GOAL AND TARGET

The **overall goal** of this horizontal action is to achieve territorial cohesion perspective in the Baltic Sea region by 2030. In 2030 the Region shall be a well-integrated and coherent macro-region, and it has overcome the socio-economic development divides between its individual parts and turned the global challenges into assets.

Comprehensive overview of the Region and knowledge of sensitive areas, populations, economic pressures and other factors, both at sea and on land, are prerequisites for feasible sustainable development.

The **strategic target** of the Horizontal Action is to **draw up and apply trans-boundary, ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Plans throughout the Region in 2020/2021**. It means the Baltic Sea countries should aim at developing national maritime spatial plans by applying an ecosystem-approach, and that the planning should be coherent across the borders which entails close cross-border cooperation.

LAND-BASED SPATIAL PLANNING

Land-based spatial planning has been carried out by all Baltic Sea region countries at national, regional and local level. VASAB has established a common platform, which allows partners to meet, network, exchange knowledge and experiences. VASAB sketched a first common spatial vision for



the Baltic Sea region – ‘Vision and Strategies around the Baltic Sea 2010’ – (VASAB 2010) that was adopted by ministers responsible for spatial planning in Tallinn in 1994. The VASAB Long Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the Baltic Sea region (LTP) is the latest contribution to these efforts. The coordinators of policy areas should take the LTP into account when addressing spatial objectives, conditions and impacts of their actions.

The LTP concentrates on issues which require transnational solutions such as urban networking and urban-rural cooperation, improving external and internal accessibility and maritime spatial planning. It also calls to overcome territorial disparities and socioeconomic divides between parts of the Baltic Sea region.

In order to implement LTP within the EUSBSR and achieve coherent development of the BSR, horizontal action aims to:

- 1) contribute to better adaptation of strategies to different types of areas and propose specific approaches for a diverse urban pattern;
- 2) apply place-based approaches to territorial development policies as well as effective use of functional area’s concept and territorial impact assessment tools;
- 3) observe the territorial development processes in the BSR;
- 4) encourage improving accessibility and connectivity of the BSR using potential of TEN-T for regional development.

VASAB Committee for Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region (VASAB CSPD/BSR) acts as a coordination platform for the territorial development in the BSR, in close cooperation with the Council of Baltic Sea States.

WHO IS WHO IN HA “SPATIAL PLANNING”



VASAB (Vision and strategies around the Baltic Sea) is regional intergovernmental multilateral co-operation in spatial planning and development and it is integrated into the network of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) organizations. VASAB member states are: Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden.

VASAB prepares policy options for the territorial development of the Baltic Sea Region and provides a forum for exchange of know-how on spatial planning and development between the Baltic Sea countries.

VASAB is guided by the Conference of Ministers responsible for spatial planning and development, steered by the Committee on Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region (CSPD/BSR) composed of representatives of respective ministries and regional authorities.

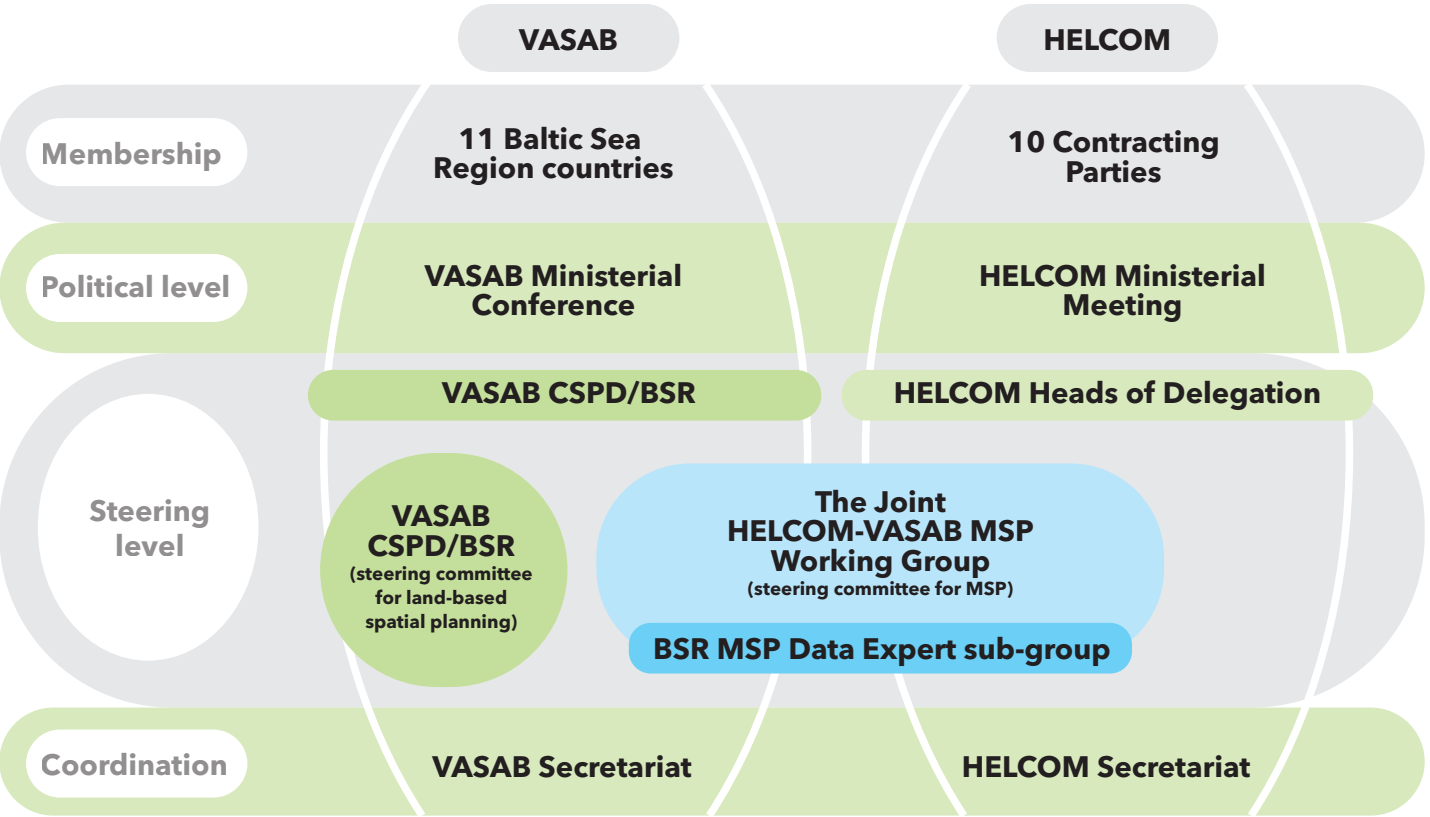


HELCOM (Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - Helsinki Commission) is the governing body of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, known as the Helsinki Convention. The Contracting Parties are Denmark, Estonia, the European Union, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Sweden.

HELCOM is an environmental policy maker for the Baltic Sea area. It develops common management solutions and actions to protect the marine environment of the Baltic Sea from all sources of pollution through intergovernmental cooperation.

The working structure of HELCOM consists of the meetings of the Helsinki Commission, the Heads of Delegation, and eight main groups. The HELCOM groups implement policies and strategies and propose issues for discussion at the meetings of the Heads of Delegations, where decisions are made.

HA “SPATIAL PLANNING” GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING

Augmentation of activities in the Baltic Sea has led to increased competition for limited marine space between sectoral interests, such as shipping and maritime transport, extraction of gravel and minerals, offshore energy, ports development, tourism, fisheries and aquaculture in addition to environmental concerns. Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) and Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) are



important tools and processes for improved decision making. They help various users to balance sectoral interests that compete for marine space, and contribute to achieving sustainable use of marine areas to the benefit of economic and social development as well as the marine environment.

The establishment and implementation of MSP by applying the ecosystem approach is required by the EU MSP Directive. Other regulatory frameworks and policy initiatives in the Baltic Sea, addressing both MSP and ICM, can be further facilitated by common cross-border cooperation for the implementation of MSP in the Baltic Sea according to the regional set of MSP principles adopted by all BSR countries within VASAB and HELCOM.

The Regional Baltic MSP Roadmap 2013-2020, adopted by the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting in 2013 and endorsed by the VASAB Ministerial Conference in 2014, includes the necessary steps to achieve the goal to draw up and apply maritime spatial plans throughout the BSR which are coherent across borders and apply the ecosystem approach.

In addition, the Guideline for the implementation of ecosystem-based approach in MSP in the Baltic Sea area and Guidelines on transboundary consultations, public participation and co-operation in MSP process have been adopted.

The **joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group**, established in 2010, is the regional platform for cooperation between BSR countries to ensure coherent MSP processes in the cross-border context and pro-active implementation of the EU MSP Directive as far as EU countries are concerned.

In 2015 the **BSR MSP Data Expert Sub-group** was established as an expert group under the joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group. The aim of the sub-group is to support data, information and evidence availability for MSP processes with regard to cross-border / trans-boundary planning issues.