

## Regulation of Young Planners` Contest “Liveable Places and Spaces of Tomorrow”

### General issues – context

1. The regulation determines the order in which the VASAB chooses or determines the participants who will participate in the International contest - the summer camp for young planners that will be held in Poznan (Poland), August 26-29, 2019 (hereinafter – Contest).
2. Contest has been made possible by Project “Baltic Sea Region Young Planners Contest” that is funded by **Swedish Institute** Seed funding for cooperation projects in the Baltic Sea Region (hereinafter – Project). The project partnership consists of the lead partner **Boverket** (Sweden) and project partners **VASAB** and **Institute of Socio-economic Geography and Spatial Management in Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan** (Poland).
3. VASAB (Vision and Strategies around the Baltic Sea) is intergovernmental multilateral cooperation of 11 countries of the Baltic Sea Region in spatial planning and development, steered by the Committee on Spatial Planning and development of the Baltic Sea Region (CSPD/BSR).

### The aim

1. VASAB has initiated Contest “Liveable Places and Spaces of Tomorrow” to bring together young professionals and give them a chance to create a network of next generation planners and provide them with a chance to express their expectations and perspective of the future of the Baltic Sea Area.
2. The best ideas will be presented in the VASAB Ministerial conference and could serve as the input in VASAB’s future strategic documents.

### What ideas are looked for

1. Theme for the Contest is “Liveable Places and Space of Tomorrow” to discuss the forms of life, work and every day mobility that will define the quality of life in the Baltic Sea Area. Digitalization, globalization and demographic changes are among many factors that will change the life in nearest and farer future, to adapt to the changes “out of the box” solutions are looked for in the macro-region.
2. Young professionals and students are invited to apply and submit their propositions on how to address future challenges of the Baltic Sea Region that could be solved by the spatial planning tools and processes.

### Who can apply?

Selection requirements for participants:

- at least Year 2 students or graduates;
- no older than 35 years, but have not worked in the same field for more than 5 years;
- have studied or worked in one of the [VASAB](#) countries (Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, Sweden, Belorussia, Denmark, Russia);
- have interest in spatial and/or strategic planning;
- participants have to be willing to participate in the Summer Camp in Poznan from 26th to 29th of August in 2019.

### Application submission (procedure)

1. The submission of applications is announced on the VASAB website [www.vasab.org](http://www.vasab.org).
2. **An application must be submitted** by completing the Contest’s application form (Annex 1) and **sending it via e-mail [young.planners@vasab.org](mailto:young.planners@vasab.org) no later than January 17, 2019.**

### Procedure of selecting participants for the Summer Camp

The evaluation of applications takes place in three stages:

1. VASAB Secretariat verifies if the formal requirements of the applications are met by the applicant. If the application does not match any of administrative criteria, it is excluded from further participation in the Contest;
2. Applications are evaluated according to the criteria (Annex 2) after VASAB Secretariat together with the Project partners, paying particular attention to how much and how it will improve the quality of life of the people in the region. In the process of evaluating applications experts might be involved;
3. The final decision on the participants of the summer camp is made by the VASAB CSPD/BSR. The decision on the approval or rejection of the applicant shall be sent to the submitter of the idea to the e-mail indicated in the application no later than the end of February 2019.

### **Proceedings of the Contest and Summer school**

Contest starts in Winter 2018 with selection process of participants for the Summer camp. Till 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019 participants meeting the selection criteria are invited to fill the application form and apply to the Baltic Sea Region Young Planners` Contest.

After the application process will be finalized, up to 5 participants from each of the VASAB countries will be chosen and invited to participate in the Summer Camp.

Summer Camp will take place in Poznan (Poland) from 26<sup>th</sup> till 29<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019 and is the highlight of the whole competition. In the pre-selection process chosen participants will be invited to join the Summer Camp in which the Contest will take place. Multinational and cross-sectoral teams will be formed within the Summer Camp and they will have to prepare propositions on development of Liveable Places and Spaces of Tomorrow. Teams will be provided with introductory workshops and mentors will be available through the whole Contest. At the final day of the Summer Camp teams will have to present their results.

After the Summer Camp has concluded, a jury will evaluate the ideas presented at the Contest. Best team(s) will be rewarded and invited to present their work to the high-level VASAB Ministerial Meeting.

After the Summer Camp applicants can apply for reimbursement to cover their travel costs. A reimbursement form will be provided after the Summer Camp. During the Summer Camp Project organizers will provide participants with the accommodation and meals.

### **Contact information**

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## Young planners contest application form<sup>1</sup>

Participants have fulfilled all the tasks within the application form:

<b>1. Name, Surname</b>
<b>2. E-mail</b>
<b>3. BSR Country you have worked or studied in</b>
<b>4. Why would you like to participate in Young Planners Contest and what is your interest in strategic and/or spatial planning?</b>
<b>5. What are your advantages to successfully compete and what can you contribute in the Young Planners Contest?</b>
<p>Application form includes 2 attachments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>CV and/or portfolio</b> (for undergraduates CV and/or portfolio contain their study work)</li> <li>2. <b>Challenge description</b> – choose one challenge that BSR might face in 2050, could influence quality of life and might be addressed with spatial planning tools. Provide possible solutions to this challenge. Challenge description doesn't have to be elaborated in too many details and can be handed in any form you prefer (essay, infographic, speech, map etc.), however it has to clearly describe what do you think will be the challenge and why and how do your solutions are appropriate to address them.</li> </ol>

*By submitting this application, I confirm that the data I have provided is accurate and I have fulfilled the tasks myself. By applying to the Contest, I confirm that I am willing to participate in the Summer Camp if I am chosen among the candidates.*

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<sup>1</sup> A separate document “BSR\_YPC\_Application\_Surname” in word format for filling in is available

### Young planners contest Application's Evaluation Criteria

Participants have fulfilled all the tasks within the application form (ANNEX I):

- Participants have clearly showed their interest in spatial and/or strategic planning;
- Participants have named advantages that make them appropriate candidates to join the Summer Camp.
- CV and/or portfolio (Attachment 1) complements the motivation described in the tasks 4 and 5 as well as confirms compliance with the formal requirements;
- Challenge description (Attachment 2) encloses following components:
  - Clear description of the challenge BSR might face in the future. Description has to give an impression that this challenge is relevant for BSR;
  - Solutions to address the challenges and explanation to use particular solution participant has chosen;
  - The solution that is provided has to be:
    - Creative,
    - Concrete,
    - Feasible,
    - Spatial.

Challenge Description will have the highest value in evaluation process.

As the Contest will be organized in teams, it is possible that over-all composition of the group is more important than qualification of individual participants.