

## 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

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## FLAGSHIPS



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

## OTHER RELEVANT PROJECTS



MARITIME

**SEAPLANSACE** – “Marine spatial planning instruments for sustainable marine governance” aims to increase the quality of labour force engaged in MSP by jointly prepared training curricula paying attention both to national specificities of each country and to PanBaltic coherence.

**Project's lifetime:** January 2018 - December 2020  
**Budget:** € 1 684 657  
**Financed from:** Interreg South Baltic Programme 2014-2020



MARITIME

**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.

**Project's lifetime:** July 2017 - June 2020  
**Budget:** € 2 855 473  
**Financed from:** The joint Baltic Sea research and development programme (BONUS) 2010-2017



MARITIME

**LAND-SEA-ACT** – “Land-sea interactions advancing Blue Growth in Baltic Sea coastal areas” explores governance practices to balance local communities' interests with large scale development in MSP, proposing spatial and entrepreneurship tailored solutions to foster Blue Growth.

**Project's lifetime:** January 2019 - June 2021  
**Budget:** € 2 209 691  
**Financed from:** Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020



MARITIME

**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



LAND-BASED

**MARA** – “Mobility and Accessibility in Rural Areas” aims to improve the accessibility and mobility in remote touristic areas of the Baltic Sea Region by developing and testing innovative sustainable mobility solutions for remote areas and integrating them into spatial development plans.

**Project's lifetime:** January 2019 – June 2021  
**Budget:** € 2 366 652  
**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

## RELEVANT FLAGSHIPS FROM OTHER POLICY AREAS



LAND-BASED

**SUMBA** – “Sustainable Urban Mobility and Commuting in Baltic Cities” aims to help urban and transport planners assess, plan and integrate alternative mobility options into transport plans and policies of cities and municipalities. The project seeks to reshape the urban transport system into an intermodal network that offers a combination of various transport modes.

**Flagship of HA Climate**  
**Project's lifetime:** October 2017 – September 2020  
**Budget:** € 3 100 000  
**Financed from:** Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020



LAND-BASED

**BalticRIM** – “Baltic Sea Region Integrated Maritime Cultural Heritage Management” aims to integrate management of cultural heritage 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

## PAST PROJECTS

**BEA-APP Baltic Energy Areas**  
Towards the transition to low-carbon energy systems.  
[www.balticenergyareas.eu/](http://www.balticenergyareas.eu/)  
March 2016 – March 2019

**Baltic LINES**  
Coherent Linear Infrastructures in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans.  
[www.balticlines.eu](http://www.balticlines.eu)  
March 2016 – April 2019

**Live Baltic Campus**  
Campus Areas as Labs for Participative Urban Design.  
[www.livebalticcampus.eu](http://www.livebalticcampus.eu)  
October 2015 – March 2018

**Baltic Urban Lab**  
Integrated Planning and Partnership Model for Brownfield Regeneration.  
[www.balticurbanlab.eu](http://www.balticurbanlab.eu)  
October 2015 – March 2018

**BALTSPACE**  
Towards sustainable planning of Baltic marine space.  
[www.baltspace.eu](http://www.baltspace.eu)  
April 2015 - March 2018

**BaltCoast**  
A systems approach framework for coastal research and management in the Baltic.  
[www.baltcoast.net](http://www.baltcoast.net)  
April 2015 - March 2018

**Baltic SCOPE**  
Towards Coherence and Cross-border Solutions in Baltic Sea Maritime Spatial Plans.  
[www.balticscope.eu](http://www.balticscope.eu)  
March 2015 - March 2017

**PartiSEApate**  
Multi-level Governance in Maritime Spatial Planning throughout the Baltic Sea Region.  
[www.partiseapate.eu](http://www.partiseapate.eu)  
June 2012 - December 2014

**PLAN BOTHNIA**  
Maritime Spatial Planning preparatory action for the Baltic Sea.  
[www.planbothnia.org](http://www.planbothnia.org)  
December 2010 - June 2012

**BaltSeaPlan**  
Planning the future in the Baltic Sea.  
[www.baltseaplan.eu](http://www.baltseaplan.eu)  
October 2008 – January 2012

## TERRITORIAL MONITORING

One of the HA aims is to observe the territorial development processes in the BSR. The territorial monitoring provides evidence of the right development of the taken initiatives and actions or flagging the necessary changes towards achieving the territorial cohesion perspective of the Baltic Sea Region in 2030. This task is being done based on well-tailored indicators measuring the state of territorial cohesion in the BSR. An operational indicator-based territorial monitoring system was created within the ESPON project ‘The Baltic Sea Region Territorial Monitoring (BSR TeMo)’ (2012-2014) and it provided comprehension of the processes in the BSR region. Based on BSR TeMo project’s monitoring system two following studies were conducted – Development of Cities in BSR 2016 and Accessibility in BSR 2019 (both available at [www.vasab.org](http://www.vasab.org)). Additionally, BSR TeMo’s indicator system feeds into the territorial monitoring platform for the whole European region and its macro-regions to be developed within the ESPON project ‘European and Macro-regional Territorial Monitoring Tool’.

## RELEVANT PROJECTS



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**BT2050 – Territorial Scenarios for the Baltic Sea Region** aims to develop territorial scenarios for the BSR in order to increase evidence based on the territorial dimension of the EUSBSR. The territorial scenarios will show synergies and trade-offs between spatial goals and priorities set in the strategic documents of the BSR.  
**Project's lifetime:** November 2018 - October 2019  
**Budget:** € 274 500

**European and Macro-regional Territorial Monitoring Tool** will provide territorial evidence to stakeholders and policymakers in Europe and in particular on the Baltic Sea, Danube, Alpine and Adriatic-Ionian macro-regions on key development trends over time. The project builds up and capitalizes on existing ESPON tools, in particular the European Territorial Monitoring System (ETMS) and the Baltic Sea Region Territorial Monitoring System (BSR-TeMo).  
**Project's lifetime:** December 2017 – February 2020  
**Budget:** € 630 789

**BSR TeMo - The Baltic Sea Region Territorial Monitoring System** developed an indicator-based monitoring system to measure the progress in achieving economic, social and territorial cohesion in the BSR by a set of territorial indicators in five domains: economic performance and competitiveness, access to services, markets and jobs, innovative territories, social inclusion and quality of life and environmental quality.  
**Project's lifetime:** February 2012 – January 2014  
**Budget:** € 340 000

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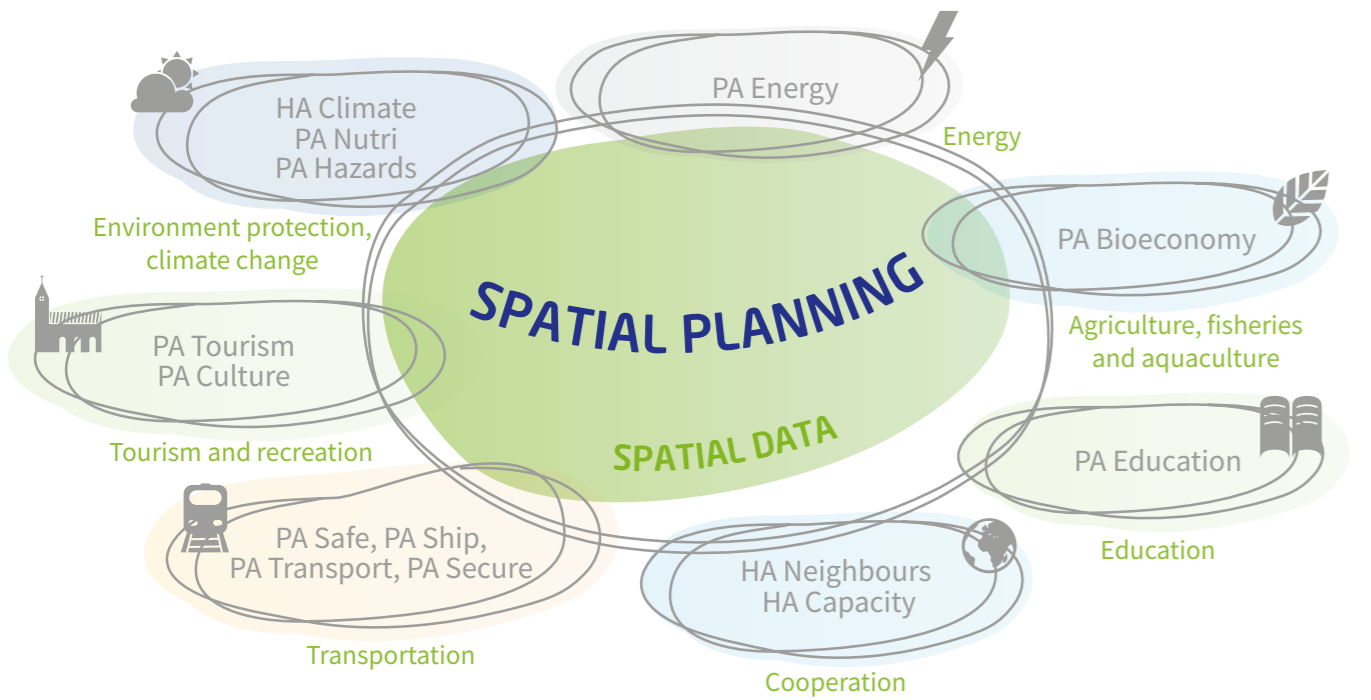


## HORIZONTAL ACTION SPATIAL PLANNING

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

HORIZONTAL ACTION COORDINATORS:

## 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.

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

## 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.

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 the 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 the 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, Poland, Russia and 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 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.

**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.

The Guideline for the implementation of ecosystem-based approach in MSP in the Baltic Sea area and Guidelines on trans-boundary consultations, public participation and co-operation in MSP process are good example of the fruitful cooperation through the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group. More recently, new Guidelines on transboundary MSP output data structure in the Baltic Sea have been adopted. The Guidelines is a practical step to enhance transboundary cooperation on MSP in the BSR, laying basis for harmonization of MSP related spatial datasets.