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VASAB NEWSLETTER

Dear VASAB friends,

During the age of information overload VASAB Secretariat is coming to help you. We have carefully selected the most relevant news and events related to spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region taking place till the summer holidays. As this is the first attempt of such kind, we are interested in your reaction and feedback. And, if you don't object – we will bother you with the next doze of news in autumn again.



INVITATION TO THE VASAB STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

On 15 May in Brussels VASAB is organising a workshop about **experience of macro-regional cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region**. Policy makers and stakeholders involved in macro-regional development and cooperation concerning urban planning, accessibility and maritime spatial planning at EU as well as the practitioners and researchers interested in macro-regional topicalities are invited to participate in the discussion. Register now! [Read more.](#)



IN PREPARATION: SPATIAL VISION OF THE NSB CORE CORRIDOR

VASAB Secretariat is elaborating a unique spatial planning document – **a spatial vision for a transport corridor**. After the desk research and two rounds of stakeholder involvement activities, the most challenging task is still in front of us: the draft of the spatial perspective for the NSB CoRe corridor is being elaborated. The vision should be ready by the end of 2018. [Read more.](#)

MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING DISCUSSED AND TESTED IN ST.PETERSBURG

MSP was one of the most discussed themes during the **XIX International Environmental Forum "Baltic Sea Day"**, held on 22–23 March 2018 in St. Petersburg, Russia. A round table on MSP on the first day of the Forum included examples of Swedish, Finnish, Polish, German, Russian and even the Black Sea planning experience. Participants of the Forum enjoyed the opportunity to become active stakeholders of MSP process themselves – the MSP game about planning imaginative sea gulf area was played on the second day. [Read more.](#)



INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SHIPPING IN THE BALTIC SEA

The project Baltic LINES organised an international shipping sector stakeholder workshop “Shaping the Future of Shipping in the Baltic Sea” where **18 stakeholders from the Baltic Sea Region** engaged with the simulation software “MSP Challenge 2050”. [Read more.](#)

NEW ESPON PROJECT

On 9 February the ESPON European and Macro-regional Territorial Monitoring Tool project kicked-off in Brussels. The aim of this ESPON activity is to develop a practical and operational tool to continuously observe the development trends and patterns taking place in Europe and its macro-regions, including the Baltic Sea Region. The tool should help the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region to monitor its objectives and activities. [Read more.](#)



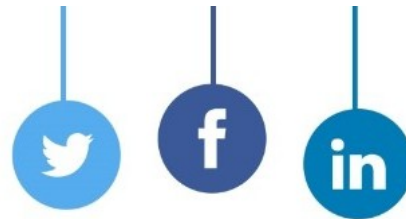
OPENING
CONFERENCE
**20
JUNE
2018**
Malmo, SWEDEN
World Maritime University

Pan Baltic Scope is happy to invite you to its Opening conference - introducing lasting macro-regional tools for Baltic maritime spatial planning (MSP).

Progress of the national MSP processes, ecosystem-based approach, green infrastructure, land-sea interaction, cumulative effect assessment and socioeconomic analyses in MSP will be in the centre of discussions.

Find agenda and online registration link [HERE](#)

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Upcoming events



8-9 May Helsinki, Finland

16th MEETING OF THE JOINT HELCOM-VASAB MSP WORKING GROUP

The meeting will focus on update on national MSP developments, Pan Baltic Scope project planned activities, particularly follow up the implementation of the Regional Baltic MSP Roadmap 2013-2020, Baltic Sea Broad – scale MSP Principles and Guidelines on transboundary consultations, public participation and co-operation. The ecosystem – based approach in MSP, green infrastructure/blue corridors, linkages to a broader maritime policy perspective are also the themes of the meeting.

14 -16 May Brussels, Belgium

VASAB EVENTS IN BRUSSELS

14 May VASAB brainstorming session on **Long-Term Perspective**

15 May VASAB stakeholder **workshop “Achieving coherent and sustainable development of macro-region”**. [Read more.](#)

16 May **VASAB 78th CSPD/BSR meeting**. [Read more.](#)

30-31 May 2018 Sofia, Bulgaria

ESPON SEMINAR "TERRITORIAL COHESION POST 2020: INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR BETTER POLICIES"

The seminar will provide insights to the newest ESPON evidence on many of the topics related to the territorial cohesion debate regarding migration, labour market, public services, climate change, spatial planning, governance and others. VASAB is invited to participate as a stakeholder at the **workshop** **“Strategic programming, territorial monitoring and impact assessment – how can ESPON support stakeholders?”**.

31 May - 1 June 2018 Burgas, Bulgaria
EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY 2018

On 31 May VASAB in cooperation with the Pan Baltic Scope project is organising the **workshop** **“Data availability for MSP – from jungle to structure”**. Workshop will briefly present the current activities and gained efforts on MSP data issues concerning transboundary consultations and coordination at international, EU and sea-basin level. [Read more.](#)

4-5 June 2018 Tallinn, Estonia

9th ANNUAL FORUM OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Visit **HA Spatial Planning stand in the EUSBSR Forum** to find out more about the MSP activities and projects around the Baltic Sea. The digital app on the touch screen with the maps and animations will let the Forum visitors learn about MSP in BSR in an interactive way.

4 June 17:30 - 19:00 BEA-APP seminar “Territorial cohesion in planning renewable energy”. VASAB will present topic “Challenges and status quo of spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region” as well as will participate in the pannel discussion.

5 June 11:00-12:30 European and macro-regional territorial monitoring – how ESPON can support of the post-2020 EUSBSR

5 June 13:30-15:00 – Maritime Spatial Planning – the end is where it begins: implementing maritime spatial plans in a pan-Baltic context

5 June 13:30-15:00 – Communicating EUSBSR as simply as possible – but no simpler

[Read more.](#)

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