



Dear VASAB friends,

Welcome to the VASAB newsletter! Before the hot summer season we are sharing the highlights about our latest activities. First half of 2019 has been full of work and we are happy that it has brought some great accomplishments.



APPROVED! A NEW PROJECT PLATFORM "STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF MSP STAKEHOLDERS AND DECISION MAKERS" (CAPACITY4MSP)

Alongside with 2 other platform projects and 9 extension stage projects a **Capacity4MSP project platform has been approved** by Interreg BSR Monitoring Committee on 11 April 2019. Project will last for 2 years by Autumn 2021, it will be led by VASAB Secretariat together with 7 partners from public authorities involved in MSP and research institutions, as well as 18 associated organisations. [READ MORE](#)

40 YOUNG PLANNERS SELECTED FOR THE YOUNG PLANNERS' CONTEST

Accessibility, demographic changes, maritime spatial planning as well as climate change are the key themes of the Summer Camp organised as part of this contest that will take place on **26-29 August 2019 in Poznan, Poland**. 40 young planners will join the Summer Camp, work in mixed international teams and will be guided by experienced mentors to develop the best ideas for the vision of the BSR in 2050. [READ MORE](#)



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LET'S CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE EUSBSR

In February 2019, the project "Let's communicate" was approved for funding to continue to function as the Communication Point of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR). In this project VASAB Secretariat together with 4 other partners will develop further the internal and external communication of the EUSBSR framework. Join the conversation on Twitter [@EUSBSR](#) [#EUSBSR](#)

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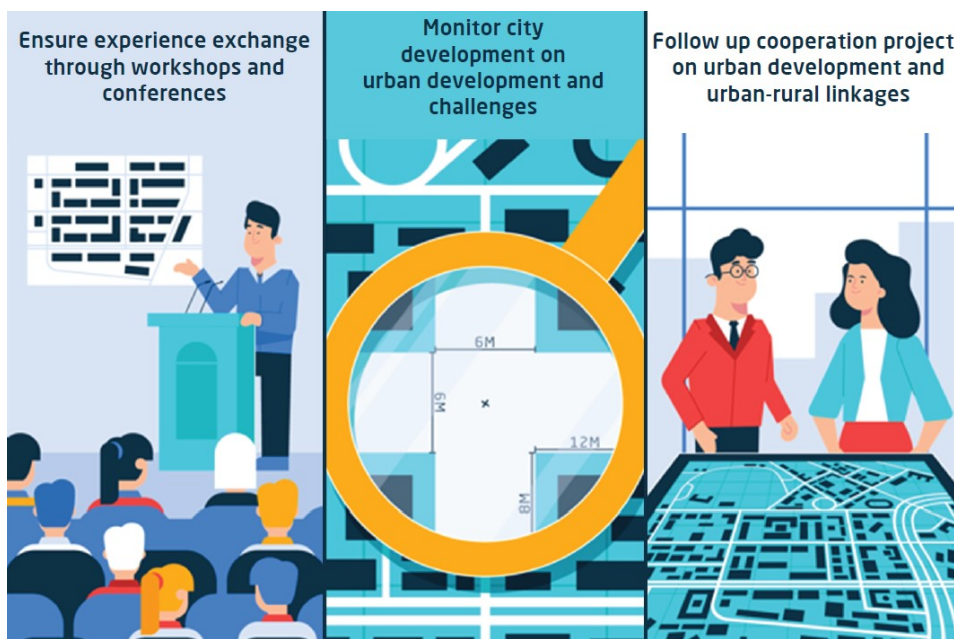


On 4 June in Riga VASAB conference will introduce with the cities and towns from the perspective of their role, challenges, potentials and good practices in strengthening and contributing to the competitiveness of the Baltic Sea Region and thus providing substantial input to the joint competitiveness of Europe. [READ MORE](#)



SAVE THE DATE for the Maritime Spatial Planning Forum "GLOBAL meets REGIONAL" that will take place on 19-21 November 2019 in Riga, Latvia. It will serve as a joint event of the 4th International MSP Forum, 3rd Baltic MSP Forum as well as the closing conference of Pan Baltic Scope collaboration. [READ MORE](#)

NEW VASAB BROCHURE EXPLAINS OUR WORK



VASAB Secretariat has developed new brochure that in simple words explain our work for thriving Baltic Sea Region. Meet us at different events to get the printed brochure. In the meantime, download the brochure [HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

3 June, Riga, Latvia

81st VASAB CSPD/BSR meeting

4 June, Riga, Latvia

VASAB Conference "Competitiveness of Small & Medium-Sized Cities in the Baltic Sea Region" [READ MORE](#)

4 June, Riga, Latvia

ESPON BT2050 workshop

In the workshop the project stakeholders will discuss 4 narratives which will form the basis of the two territorial development scenarios in the Baltic Sea Region. [READ MORE](#)

12-13 June, Gdansk, Poland

VASAB at the 10th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

VASAB Secretariat in its role of HA "Spatial Planning" coordinator together with EUSBSR Policy Area "Transport" coordinator and "BSR Access" Platform will organize a workshop **"What will demographic changes bring to BSR accessibility?"** on **13 June, 13:15 - 14:45**. Workshop will observe the spatial challenges and consequences for accessibility in the BSR due to the demographic changes and will discuss the existing "sharing economy" solutions tackling these challenges both in sparsely populated rural regions and in dynamic metropolitan areas. [READ MORE](#)

19 - 21 November, Riga, Latvia

MSP Forum "Global meets regional"

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