

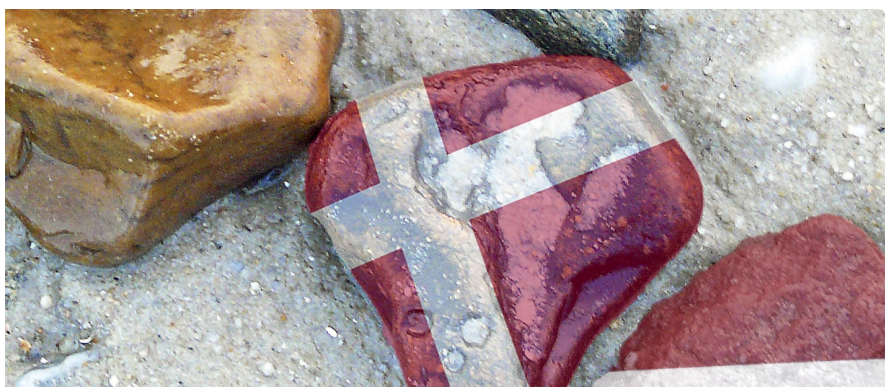


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Dear VASAB newsletter readers,

We welcome you back from the summer holidays with warm greetings and short notice from VASAB recent work. During the summer break VASAB chairmanship was taken over Denmark, we organised the first BSR Young Planners' Contest as well as invite you to have a look at the latest findings from our projects and studies.

Denmark takes over VASAB chairmanship



The VASAB Committee on Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region (VASAB CSPD/BSR) is chaired by Denmark from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Ms Gitte Mondrup, Special Adviser of the Danish Business Authority which is part of the Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs, will chair the VASAB CSPD/BSR meetings assisted by **Mrs Berit Ipsen Hansen**, Special Adviser of the Danish Business Authority. [Read more>>](#)



During the last heatwave of the summer 2019, 34 dedicated young professionals from all over the BSR and beyond met up in Poznan, Poland to participate in the **Baltic Sea Region Young Planners` Contest 'Liveable Places and Spaces of Tomorrow'**. Contest took place from 26-29 of August and was organised by VASAB in cooperation with Boverket and Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan with financial support from the Swedish institute.

At the Summer Camp 8 teams developed proposals to create more liveable region in 2050 addressing topics of accessibility, climate change, maritime spatial planning, urban-rural relations, demographic changes.

Winning team 'The Boltic Fleet' developed a vision towards vivid and flourishing rural areas by creating a mobile fleet that would deliver basic services such as medicine or groceries to the rural and sparsely populated areas.

All teams carried out excellent work and exceeded expectations put on them. Ideas developed during the Young Planners` Contest will serve as an inspiration to update VASAB Long Term Perspective. VASAB would like to say an enormous thank you to all the involved parties for the work that was carried out! Read more and find team presentations and posters [HERE>>](#)



The Maritime Spatial Planning Forum is a platform where global MSP will meet regional MSP. Interactive workshops, plenaries and key-notes will give an opportunity to look at different MSP practices and solutions in a broader scale as the global aspect will be an added value throughout the whole event. All of this will create a fruitful environment for learning and experience exchange that goes beyond a day-to-day business. Join the MSP Forum in Riga to expand your MSP network and knowledge global! Apply by 1 November [HERE>>](#)

New project findings and studies



NSB CoRe spatial vision

Key results of developing spatial vision for the NSB CoRe corridor are summarized in the final output 'Towards Joint Transnational Spatial Vision on regional development, logistics and mobility of the North Sea Baltic Corridor: NSB CoRe – Network of Connections'.

[Read more>>](#)

Baltic LINes project findings

Brochure provides planners, relevant institutions, sector stakeholders and future MSP projects an overview of the main relevant Baltic LINes project findings and its contribution to achieve coherence in maritime spatial planning across the Baltic Sea Region.

[Read more>>](#)

Accessibility research report

VASAB has prepared a background report 'Accessibility of the Baltic Sea Region. Past and future dynamics'. It describes the overview of current accessibility situation in the BSR and possible future changes in order to improve territorial integration and cohesion.

[Read more>>](#)

Upcoming events

18 September Copenhagen, Denmark
**82nd VASAB CSPD/BSR meeting
ESPON BT2050 Project Focus Group
and Steering Committee meetings**

7-10 October Brussels, Belgium
VASAB participation at the [European Week of Regions and Cities](#)
8 October VASAB at discussion 'ESPON talks'
9 October ESPON workshop 'Macro-regional Strategies: ESPON Contribution to the Spatial Dimension in BSR and EUSALP'. VASAB will provide stakeholder feedback on targeted analysis 'BT 2050- Territorial Scenarios for the Baltic Sea Region'. [Read more>](#)

15-18 October Kaunas, Lithuania
**XV UBC General Conference
'Building an Inclusive and Resident-focused City. The Baltic Way'**
[Read more>>](#)

28-29 October Saint Petersburg, Russia
**Joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP
Working Group meeting**

18-19 November Riga, Latvia
**Meeting of the Member States
Expert Group (MSEG) on MSP**

19-21 November Riga, Latvia
MSP Forum 'Global Meets Regional'
Apply for the biggest MSP event in the region! Joint event of the 3rd Baltic MSP Forum, EC DG MARE/ IOC UNESCO 4th MSP Forum and closing conference of Pan Baltic Scope collaboration. More information and application form [HERE>>](#)

