



VASAB News and Events

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Dear VASAB friends,

We are here again to inform you about our latest news and upcoming activities. With the New Decade in front of us, we wish you a successful beginning of it, with many memorable moments and great accomplishments!



New Publications

Publication 'Accessibility of the Baltic Sea Region: Past and Future Dynamics' is based on the background study prepared by Spiekermann&Wegener Urban and Regional Research, Germany. It discusses changes in the transport market, accessibility potential by road, rail, air, maritime accessibility and the concept of multimodal accessibility. The publication consists of a brochure for more detailed

Together with the conclusion of the **Pan Baltic Scope** project, VASAB Secretariat with support from Baltic Environmental Forum Latvia and Hendriksson&Ko has concluded work on the 'Assessment of Application of Baltic Sea Common Regional Maritime Spatial Planning Framework'. Whole assessment process was carried out in a close cooperation with the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group and it

explanation and a leaflet with main conclusions of the background report.

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will contribute to defining regional MSP targets beyond 2020.

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Project Platform 'Capacity4MSP'

After the project platform's Capacity4MSP kick-off meeting in November 2019, project partners have started their activities towards the main goal - to support maritime spatial planning (MSP) stakeholders and decision makers in their work. Current project activities include preparation of the synthesis report that sums up ongoing activities in MSP and the results of MSP related projects in the Baltic Sea Region as well as the report on identified support mechanisms for the implementation of MSP is in progress. Furthermore, development of the visualisation material of data portal BASEMAPS is ongoing.

Next events: discussion with Russian MSP stakeholders at the Baltic Sea Day 2020 on 19 March in St.Petersburg, 1st Planners' Forum on 31 March in Warsaw.

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MSPforum 'Global Meets Regional'

This 3-day event brought together 300 participants from 44 countries in Riga, Latvia on 19-21 November 2019 to discuss regional and global MSP topics and share experiences in dealing with MSP globally. Together with the **Pan Baltic Scope results**, we share the highlights from this unique event. Find the presentations, photos, youtube videos from the forum's sessions and even a podcast that talks about the MSPforum [here>>>](#)

Upcoming Events

11-12 February Riga, Latvia
13th meeting of the BSR MSP Data
Expert Sub-Group

3 March Helsinki, Finland
2020 HELCOM Stakeholder
Conference 'For a sustainable Baltic
Sea: The Baltic Sea Action Plan
beyond 2021'

5 March Stockholm, Sweden
ESPON Workshop: The future of the
Baltic Sea Region
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19-20 March St.Petersburg, Russia
The XXI International Environmental
Forum "Baltic Sea Day 2020"
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31 March Warsaw, Poland
Capacity4MSP 1st Planners' Forum

1-2 April Warsaw, Poland
HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working
Group Meeting

5-6 May Bornholm, Denmark
83rd VASAB CSPD/BSR Meeting
and
VASAB Workshop within
the Danish Chairmanship

14-15 May Cork, Ireland
European Maritime Day 2020
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27-28 May Zadar, Croatia
ESPON Seminar

16-17 June Turku, Finland
11th Annual Forum of
the EUSBSR
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