



## NEWSLETTER

### AUGUST 2020

**Dear VASAB friends,**

This newsletter meets you at the very end of the summer 2020. We are here with our exciting news about the next BSR spatial planning webinar within the Lithuanian Chairmanship, with new events from EUSBSR Horizontal Action 'Spatial Planning' as well as new accomplishments from the Capacity4MSP project platform.

Enjoy!

### Lithuania Takes Over VASAB Chairmanship

The VASAB Committee on Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region (VASAB CSPD/BSR) is chaired by Lithuania from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2021.

VASAB CSPD/BSR is chaired by **Mr. Dainius Čergelis**, Head of Construction and Territorial Planning Policy Group of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania, together with **Mrs. Algimantė Treinienė**, Senior Advisor of Construction and Territorial Planning Policy Group of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania.

[Read more about priorities of Lithuanian Chairmanship >>>](#)

**THANK YOU  
FOR ATTENDING  
OUR WEBINAR!**

**Recap & Presentations**

For the first time VASAB together with its Danish Chairmanship in June this year organised a webinar on sharing the knowledge where representatives from VASAB member countries pitched the latest news regarding national spatial planning issues in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR).

Spatial planning experts and enthusiasts who attended the webinar had also an opportunity to learn more about VASAB involvement in various projects, to discuss the findings from assessments on national spatial planning systems in Denmark and Estonia, to find out about the decision making tool for the comprehensive plan of the territory of Lithuania, as well as to have a glimpse into possible future via 3 alternative scenarios of maritime areas in 2050.

[Find presentations for download >>>](#)

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## Save the Date for the Next VASAB Webinar!



VASAB webinar 'Rural Accessibility and Augmented Technologies for Spatial Planning' will be organised back-to-back with the VASAB CSPD/BSR online meeting on 7 September.

Webinar will explore the examples from MARA, Augmented Urbans and MAMBA projects as well as the experience of elaborating the new Comprehensive Plan of the Territory of Lithuania and presentation from 'Boltic Fleet' - the winning idea of the BSR Young Planners' Contest.

Registration, agenda and more information coming soon!

[Follow the link HERE >>>](#)



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### Revision of the EUSBSR Action Plan

National Coordinators of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) have approved the revised Action Plan of the EUSBSR in their online meeting on 29-30 June this year. The revised Action Plan is

### Join Workshop on Spatial Scenarios

To discuss the benefits and opportunities of spatial scenarios as a method in planning, VASAB together with Spatial Foresight, Nordregio and Finnish Ministry of Environment organises a workshop 'Where Land

expected to come into force in the beginning of 2021.

In the revised Action Plan 14 Policy Areas cover 44 Actions, climate change and cooperation with neighbouring non-EU countries are mainstreamed as horizontal aspects in all policy areas. Also Horizontal Action 'Spatial Planning' is transforming into a Policy Area.

The overall goal of the PA 'Spatial Planning' is to increase territorial cohesion in the BSR. In 2030, the Region shall be better integrated and more coherent macro-region, has reduced socio-economic development divides between its individual parts and has turned global challenges into assets.

[Read more about the actions of PA 'Spatial Planning' >>>](#)

and Water Meets in the Baltic Sea Region 2050'. Workshop will be organised online on September 15, 2020.

Workshop will raise awareness about the possible future for the BSR and the interplay between maritime and spatial developments. During workshop 6 possible future scenarios will be presented and a comprehensive discussion will be organised on the possible territorial outlooks towards 2050.

Results will be presented in the virtual plenary session of the **Annual EUSBSR Forum on October 20, online.**

Save the date and follow the information on [EUSBSR Annual Forum website](#) and [VASAB webpage](#) to find out more details!



## New Flagship in the EUSBSR Family

Capacity4MSP project platform has been granted Flagship status by the EUSBSR under the Horizontal Action 'Spatial Planning'. The decision was made at the online meeting on 29-30 June by the National Coordinators of the EUSBSR.

The flagship status shows that Capacity4MSP is leading the way in strengthening capacity of maritime spatial planning (MSP) stakeholders, policy- and decision-makers across the Baltic Sea Region and improving cross border cooperation in MSP.

[Read more >>>](#)



## Capacity4MSP Events

[MSP and Offshore Wind](#)

[Roundtable for Development](#)

## Workshop

/End of September/

The webinar 'MSP and Offshore Wind' aims to support the exchange between the public authorities responsible for MSP, offshore wind energy authorities, and the offshore wind industry.

Apart from sharing good practices and lessons learnt during planning processes undertaken in several Baltic Sea countries, the workshop also provides an opportunity for the discussion and the exchange of views and insights on the topics that were identified as relevant by public authorities and industry.

Follow the information about event date, time and registration [HERE](#) (section 'Events').

## of Russian Roadmap

/10 September 2020/

Roundtable 'Sustainable development of marine/blue economy in the Azov-Black Sea Region, importance of MSP' will take place on 10 September in Durso, Krasnodar Region, Russia.

Members of the roundtable will discuss the environmental and climatic conditions of the Azov-Black Sea Region, the state of development and the regional ability to use tools that enable marine economy (Blue growth), MSP, cluster management, experience and interaction with other countries in this direction, forthcoming contribution to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

[Read more >>>](#)

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## Upcoming Events

*7 September, Online*

**84th VASAB CSPD/BSR Meeting**

[Read more >>>](#)

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*7 September, Online*

**VASAB Webinar 'Rural Accessibility and Augmented Technologies for Spatial Planning'**

[Read more >>>](#)

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*15 September, Online*

**Workshop 'Where Land and Water Meets in the Baltic Sea Region 2050'**

Organised by HA 'Spatial Planning' as part of the EUSBSR Annual Forum 2020

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*16-17 September, Online*

**14th meeting of the BSR MSP Data Expert Sub-Group**

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**16 September Capacity4MSP Workshop on BASEMAPS data portal**

[Read more >>>](#)

*20 October, Online*

**11th Annual Forum of the EUSBSR**

Meet HA Spatial Planning at the Networking Village

[Read more >>>](#)

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*26-27 October, St.Petersburg, Russia*

**XIX The Russian Strategic Planning Leaders Forum**

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*10-11 November*

**Capacity4MSP 2nd Project Partner Meeting and 2nd Planning Forum**

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*12-13 November*

**HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group Meeting**

*NB! All event dates are subject to change.*

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## Project MAMBA Final Web Conference Series



**mamba**  
mobility – accessibility – innovation

3 September Session #1: Setting the scene, exploring the challenge

10 September Session #2: Breaking the vicious circle with successful mobility and accessibility solutions – Stories from MAMBA and beyond

17 September Session #3: How can mobility policies open the road for better mobility and accessibility in rural areas?

[Read more and register >>>](#)

SAVE THE DATE! | 1-2 JUNE 2021  
JURMALA, LATVIA

4<sup>th</sup> Baltic MSP Forum  
Final conference of Capacity4MSP and Land-Sea-Act projects

### Follow our activities:

