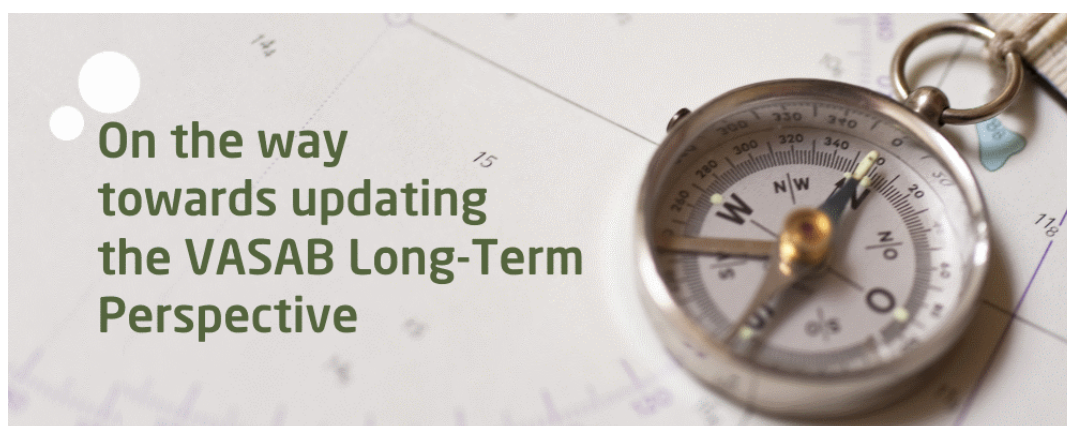




Dear VASAB friends,

Welcome to our September newsletter!

VASAB continues the work towards **updating the Long-Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the BSR** and invites to a series of workshops targeted to the stakeholders. September is a beginning for a **new maritime spatial planning project - eMSP NBSR**, uniting partners from North Sea and Baltis Sea Regions. We also want to look back at the **4th Baltic MSP Forum** and share highlights from this event as well as inform you about the **upcoming spatial planning events**.
Enjoy!



All activities published in the new website section

So far, this year has been very active despite the lockdowns and restrictions due to the pandemic. After adoption of the **Methodology**, VASAB launched the update of its Long-Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the Baltic Sea Region (LTP) – strategic spatial planning document targeted towards territorial coherence in 2040. The update of the Long-Term Perspective will take place by the end of 2022 and is carried out together with support of commissioned experts from Spatial Foresight and Nordregio.

It is now easy to follow the news and find related events within the process of updating VASAB LTP in the new website section on the VASAB website.

[Open the VASAB LTP UPDATE website](#)

Join VASAB LTP update related events!

VASAB LTP update workshop at the EUSBSR Annual Forum
28 September 9.00 - 12.00 CEST

1st external stakeholder workshop on the update of the VASAB Long-Term Perspective will take place during the EUSBSR Annual Forum.

“Bridging the old with the new: How can we build a better Baltic Sea future for 2040 and beyond?”, 28 September, 9.00-12.00 CEST.

During the workshop, participants will follow a co-creation approach to explore how the BSR could look like in 2040 and what are relevant trends that may influence the spatial development.

[Read more and register](#)

Workshop: Vision and strategies for thriving regions and cities
12 October 14.30 - 16.00 CEST

VASAB & Spatial Foresight workshop **“Baltic Sea Region vision and strategies for thriving regions and cities”** at the 19th European week of Regions and Cities, 12 October, 14.30-16.00 CEST.

The workshop will discuss the prospects and benefits of macro-regional spatial planning for European regions and cities, and what can be transferred to other areas beyond existing practice in the Baltic Sea Region. The workshop will also discuss how strong visions and territorial perspectives can help to tackle global challenges (e.g. the effects of the pandemic, climate resilience, digital transformation) at macro-regional/cross-border level.

[Read more and register](#)

SAVE THE DATE for other related events!

Second external
VASAB LTP workshop
for Russian
stakeholders

20 October

Third external
VASAB LTP update
workshop

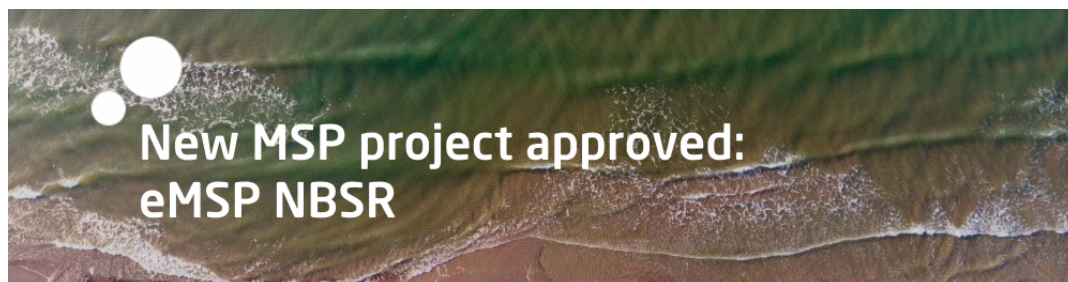
26 November

Capacity4MSP and
VASAB LTP
workshop 'Re-thinking
vision'

tbc December

More information
coming soon!

[Follow VASAB LTP UPDATE news and events](#)



Project 'Emerging ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) topics in North

and Baltic Sea Regions' (eMSP NBSR) has been approved by the European Commission European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency. Project is financed with the contribution of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund of the European Union, it has started on 1 September 2021 and will be implemented by March 2024.

The core output of the eMSP NBSR project is a mechanism that allows maritime spatial planners to jointly develop approaches for MSP implementation in the North and Baltic Sea Regions and beyond, guiding them through the implementation phase of the maritime spatial plans and taking on board the ambitions and challenges for MSP stemming from policy developments under the EU Green Deal and other related EU initiatives. The eMSP NBSR project is designed to address the urgent need for learning of maritime authorities and inter-ministerial bodies. At the heart of the project is a Community of Practice (CoP) North and Baltic Sea Regions that will facilitate continuous learning as a long-term way to 'future proof' MSP.

Policy makers, managing authorities and inter-ministerial bodies of most countries around the North and Baltic Sea Regions are represented in the project, either as a partner in the consortium or as an interested party. They have identified 5 MSP climate change-related priority topics that will be learning strands in the CoPs:

1. Ocean governance;
2. Ecosystem-based approach;
3. Sustainable blue economy;
4. Monitoring and evaluation;
5. Data sharing, information and communication technology serving MSP.

VASAB Secretariat has joined the project consortium and will be responsible for project communication tasks.

Stay tuned for more information!



BALTIC 4th FORUM MSP

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Thank you for joining the 4th Baltic MSP Forum!

The 4th Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Forum took place on 1 – 2 June 2021, online and was broadcast from Latvia. The Forum was organised within two Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects - Capacity4MSP and Land-Sea-Act, and served as a final conference for both projects. We thank all participants who were part of the largest MSP related event in the Baltic Sea Region.

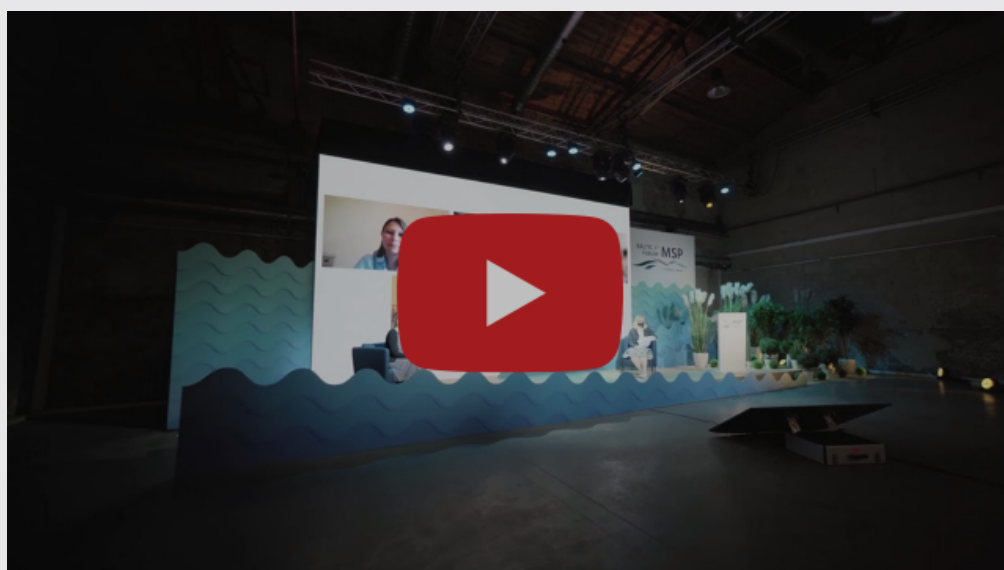
4th Baltic MSP Forum in numbers

- 300 registered users
- Participants from 31 countries around the Globe
- 75 speakers
- 962 poll interactions
- 20 digital expo stands
- 9 workshops
- 2435 likes
- 805 comments

Presentations from the event – [open HERE](#)

Session video recordings [watch HERE](#)

Event report – [open HERE](#)



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Upcoming Events

27 September - 1 October, online
**The Annual Forum of the EU
Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region**

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25-26 October, St. Petersburg & online
**XIX Strategic All-Russia Forum
2020-2021**

[Read more >>>](#)

28 September, online
**1st external VASAB LTP Update
workshop within the Annual Forum
of the EUSBSR**

4 November, online
**VASAB webinar 'Coherence across
land-sea border – practices and
experiences from the Baltic Sea'**

[Read more >>>](#)

11-14 October, online

19th European Week of Regions and Cities

[Read more >>>](#)

12 October, online

**VASAB & Spatial Foresight workshop
'Baltic Sea Region vision and
strategies for thriving regions and
cities'**

[Read more >>>](#)

14-15 October, online

**16th BSR MSP Data Expert
SubGroup online meeting &
14 October BASEMAPS help-desk
session**

20 October, online

**VASAB LTP Update workshop for
Russian stakeholders 'Towards
sustainable societies through
common vision in strategic
partnership with BSR neighbours'**

5 November, online
VASAB CSPD/BSR meeting

16-17 November, online
**HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working
Group meeting**

23-24 November, online
**4th Capacity4MSP project partner
meeting &
4th BSR Planners' Forum**

26 November, online
**3rd External VASAB LTP Update
workshop**

tbc December, online
**Capacity4MSP and VASAB LTP
Update workshop: Re-thinking
vision**

NB! All event dates are subject to change.

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