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Background

The document contains information on matters arising from VASAB work.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

Matters arising from VASAB work:

- In the beginning of 2021 the VASAB Committee on Spatial Planning and Development in the Baltic Sea Region (CSPD/BSR) launched [the update of its Long-Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the Baltic Sea Region](#). The update (supported by *Spatial Foresight GmbH* together with *Nordregio*) will take place till the end of 2022 and is intended to be participatory and co-creative process with various workshops, where stakeholders jointly with VASAB CSPD/BSR will define the perspective for the coherent territorial development of the Baltic Sea region in 2040. By 1st November, 4 internal and 2 external co-creation workshops, as well as [stakeholder survey](#) has been held online. The update of the VASAB Long-Term Perspective has been also promoted in other events. After the co-creative drafting phase draft updated Long-Term Perspective will be given to wider stakeholder consultations in spring 2022. Draft updated Long-Term Perspective is expected to be adopted by the end of 2022 / beginning of 2023.

Past developments:

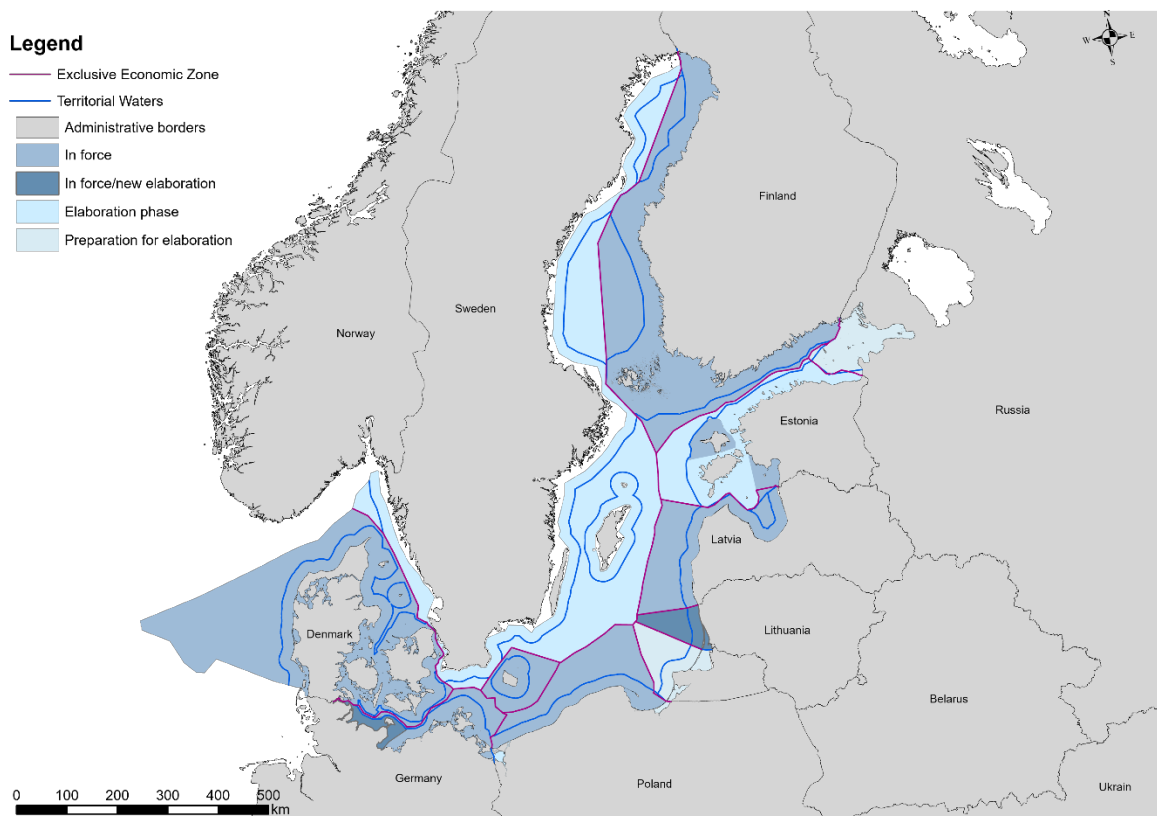
- 20th April: HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG meeting / Spatial Foresight presented LTP-update process
- 22nd April: VASAB CSPD/BSR approval of **Methodology** (written procedure)
- 7th May 1st internal LTP-update workshop "The Approach"
- 18th June: 2nd internal LTP-update workshop "The Pearls, the Strings, the Patches, the System"
- 18th May: *Conference "Towards an Atlantic Vision for MSP" / Secretariat jointly with Spatial Foresight presented VASAB and its update of LTP*
- 1st June: *4th Baltic MSP Forum / Spatial Foresight pitched LTP-update process*
- 28th September: 1st **external** LTP-update workshop / part of **EUSBSR Annual Forum** "Bridging the old with the new: How can we build a better Baltic Sea future for 2040 and beyond?"
- 8th October: 3rd internal LTP-update workshop "Policy Fields relevant for Pearls, Strings, Patches and System of the Baltic Sea Region in 2040"
- 12th – 31st October: Online stakeholder survey is open: <https://www.research.net/r/VASABvision2040>
- 20th October: 2nd **external** LTP-update workshop in Russian / targeted for Russian stakeholders "Towards sustainable societies through common vision in strategic partnership with Baltic Sea Region neighbours"
- 26th October: *All-Russia Forum / Secretariat presents VASAB and its update of LTP*
- 29th October: 4th INTERNAL LTP-update workshop "The Territories"

Upcoming events & activities:

- 26th November: 3rd **external** LTP-update workshop "From local to global and back"
- 26th November: 5th internal LTP-update workshop "The Implementation & Assessment"
- 2nd December: Capacity4MSP project workshop "Re-thinking vision" in context of LTP-update
- March/ April 2022: Launch of international & national stakeholders` consultations
BSR & national level events tbc.
- By the end of 2022 /beginning of 2023: Adoption of updated LTP by VASAB CSPD/BSR
Promotional activities & events tbc.

- in its 85th meeting on 6th May VASAB CSPD/BSR adopted the new draft Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2021-2030, approved the prolongation of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group Mandate until 2030 in line with the timespan of the new Regional MSP Roadmap, as well as discussed the Concept of Planners' Forum. 86th VASAB CSPD/BSR online meeting is taking place on 5th November.

- VASAB Secretariat as lead partner of Capacity4MSP project platform together with Latvian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development as lead partner of Land-Sea-Act project jointly organized and hosted the **4th Baltic MSP Forum** ‘Delivering MSP – Interactions and Capacities Across All Levels’ on 1-2 June online. The Forum served as a final conference for both projects and brought together MSP community from the Baltic Sea Region and beyond to discuss, share, learn and develop new ideas to enhance MSP in the region. The Forum gathered around 300 participants from 31 country around the world. Through various panel discussions, thematic workshops and pitch sessions participants shared views on MSP ambitions and challenges. The Forum materials are [available at VASAB website](#).
- New project “**Emerging ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Planning topics in North and Baltic Sea Regions**” (eMSP NBSR) has been launched on 1st September 2021 and will take place for the next 2,5 years. The aim of the eMSP NBSR project is to enable maritime spatial planners of managing authorities and policymakers from the North and Baltic Sea Regions to reflect on current MSP practices, to learn effectively from each other, and to collectively identify problems and solutions. Project is led by Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy of the Netherlands, Netherlands Enterprise Agency. VASAB Secretariat is responsible for project communication activities. Project is co-funded by the European Union, European Maritime and Fisheries Fund.
- The information about the MSP developments in the BSR countries is being regularly updated in VASAB webpage: <https://vasab.org/theme-posts/maritimespatial-planning/msp-country-fiches/>. Six BSR countries (namely – Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland) have adopted maritime spatial plans, while other countries are at various stages of elaboration phase.



Status of the MSP process in the Baltic Sea © Pan Baltic Scope report ‘Assessment of the application of Baltic Sea Common Regional Maritime Spatial Planning Framework’, updated in September 2021.