

TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES THROUGH COMMON VISION IN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH BALTIC SEA REGION NEIGHBOURS

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How would a desired Baltic Sea Region look like by 2040? How do we envision its urban networks and settlement structure, its physical and digital connectivity, the management of its 'commons' that ensure a good quality of life, and how do we envision its maritime and spatial planning by 2040? What do we wish to look different from today? Visions are a powerful approach to imagine desirable futures. VASAB has been one of the pioneers in developing visions, dating back to the first VASAB vision "VASAB 2010. Towards a Framework for Spatial Development in the Baltic Sea Region" in 1994.

This workshop presents the first outcomes of the VASAB Long-Term Perspective update. Going through the four metaphors of the vision, i.e. the pearls, the strings, the patches and the system, each representing a different territorial element, the workshop aims to acquaint participants with the vision and receive their feedback on how to create a desirable future and sustainable societies through a common vision with the Baltic Sea Region neighbours. The workshop aims to enrich the vision with additional inputs from relevant policies, priorities, themes of the Baltic Sea Region neighbours and see which players and what actions could facilitate its implementation.

Digital venue: [MS Teams – click HERE](#)

Agenda (*the time is displayed in CET*)

08:45-09:00 Connecting to the platform.

09:00-09:05 Welcome note (*in Russian*)

Irina Karelina, Director-General of International Centre for Social and Economic Research 'Leontief Centre'

09:05-09:15 Introduction to the VASAB LTP update process (*presentation in English*)

Elīna Veidemane, Deputy Head of VASAB Secretariat.

09:15-09:25 A common vision for sustainable societies in strategic partnership with Baltic Sea Region neighbours (*presentation in Russian*)

Irina Karelina, Director-General of International Centre for Social and Economic Research 'Leontief Centre'.

09:25-09:30 Welcome & introduction to the day (*in Russian*)

Sandra Spule, analyst and policy advisor, Spatial Foresight.

- 09:30-09:40 A Baltic Sea Region vision for the next generations *(in English)*
- Maria Toptsidou**, analyst and policy advisor, Spatial Foresight
- Dr Kai Böhme**, director, Spatial Foresight.
- 09:40-09:45 Pearls in the Baltic Sea Region by 2040 *(in Russian)*
- 09:45-09:50 Short feedback from invited speaker *(in Russian or English)*
- 09:50-10:00 Questions & Answers & reflections
- 10:00-10:10 Strings in the Baltic Sea Region by 2040 *(in Russian)*
- 10:10-10:15 Short feedback from invited speaker *(in Russian or English)*
- 10:15-10:25 Questions & Answers & reflections
- 10:25-10:35 Coffee break
- 10:35-10:40 Patches in the Baltic Sea Region by 2040 *(in Russian)*
- 10:40-10:45 Short feedback from invited speaker *(in Russian or English)*
- 10:45-10:55 Questions & Answers & reflections
- 10:55-11:00 System in the Baltic Sea Region by 2040 *(in Russian)*
- 11:00-11:05 Short feedback from invited speaker *(in Russian or English)*
- 11:05-11:15 Questions & Answers & reflections
- 11:15-11:30 Wrap up and next steps