



## SPATIAL STRATEGIES SUPPORTING GREEN AND JUST TRANSITION IN EUROPEAN MACRO-REGIONS

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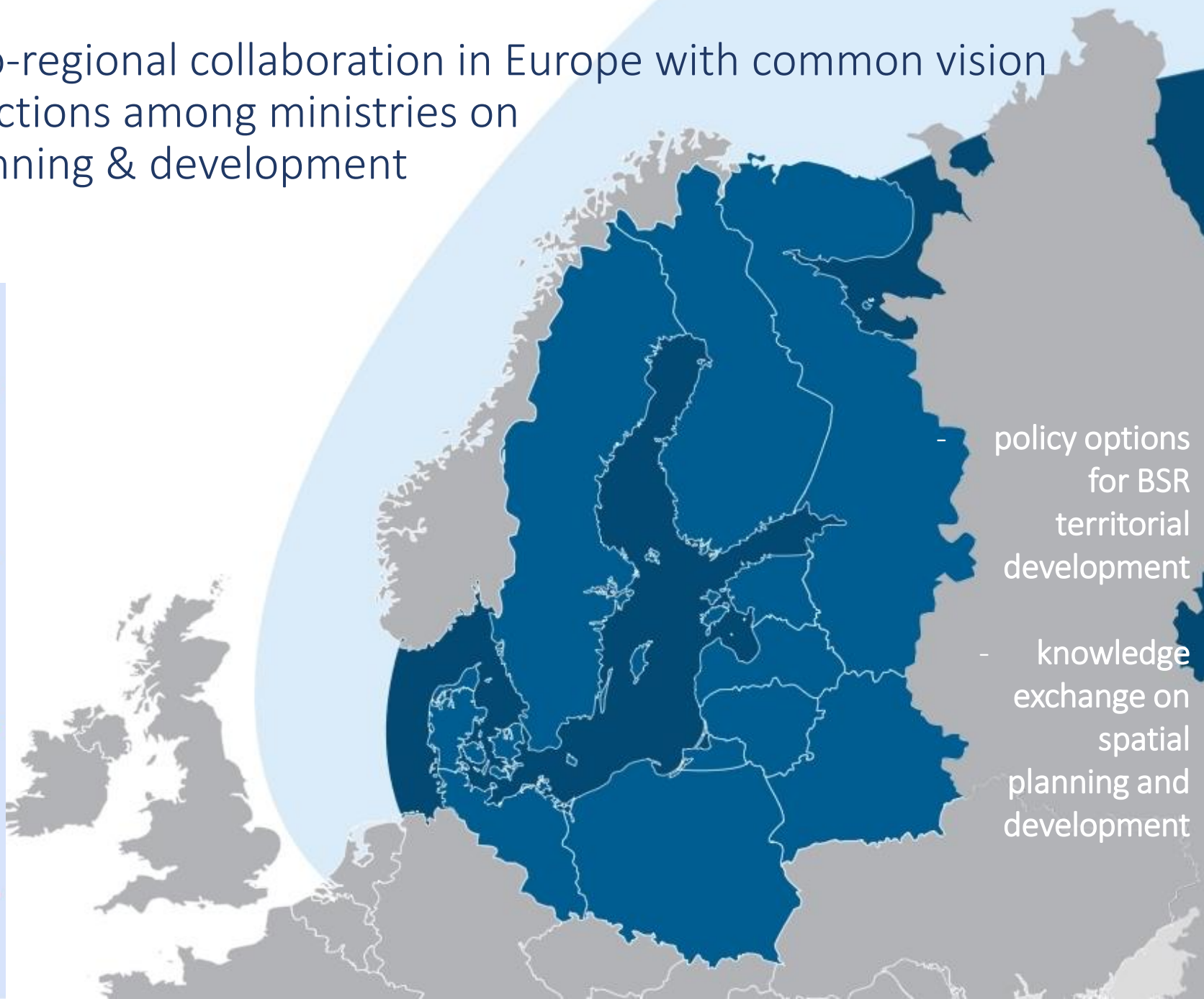
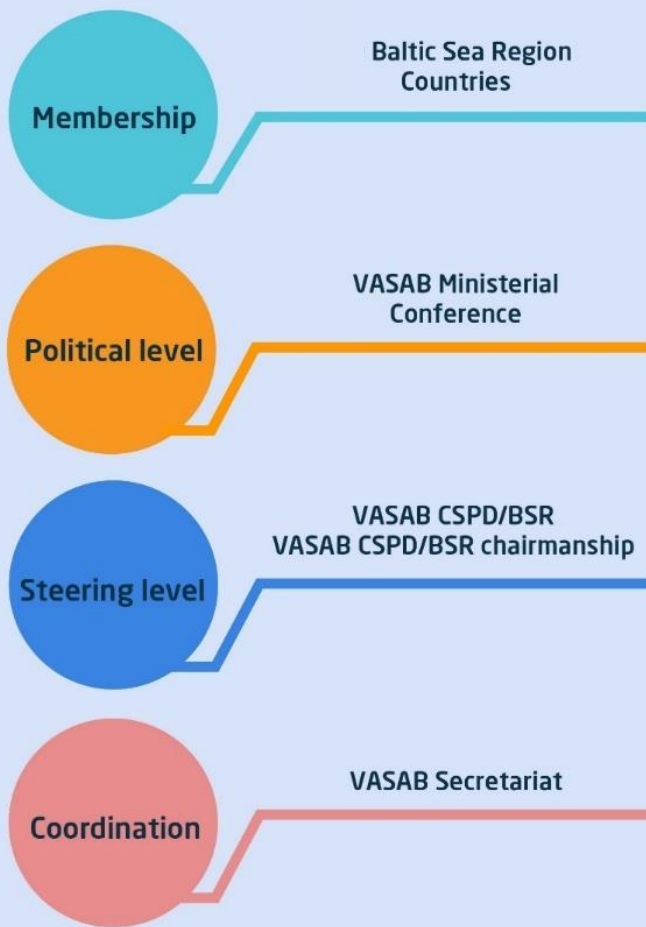
# VISION AND STRATEGIES AROUND THE BALTIC SEA

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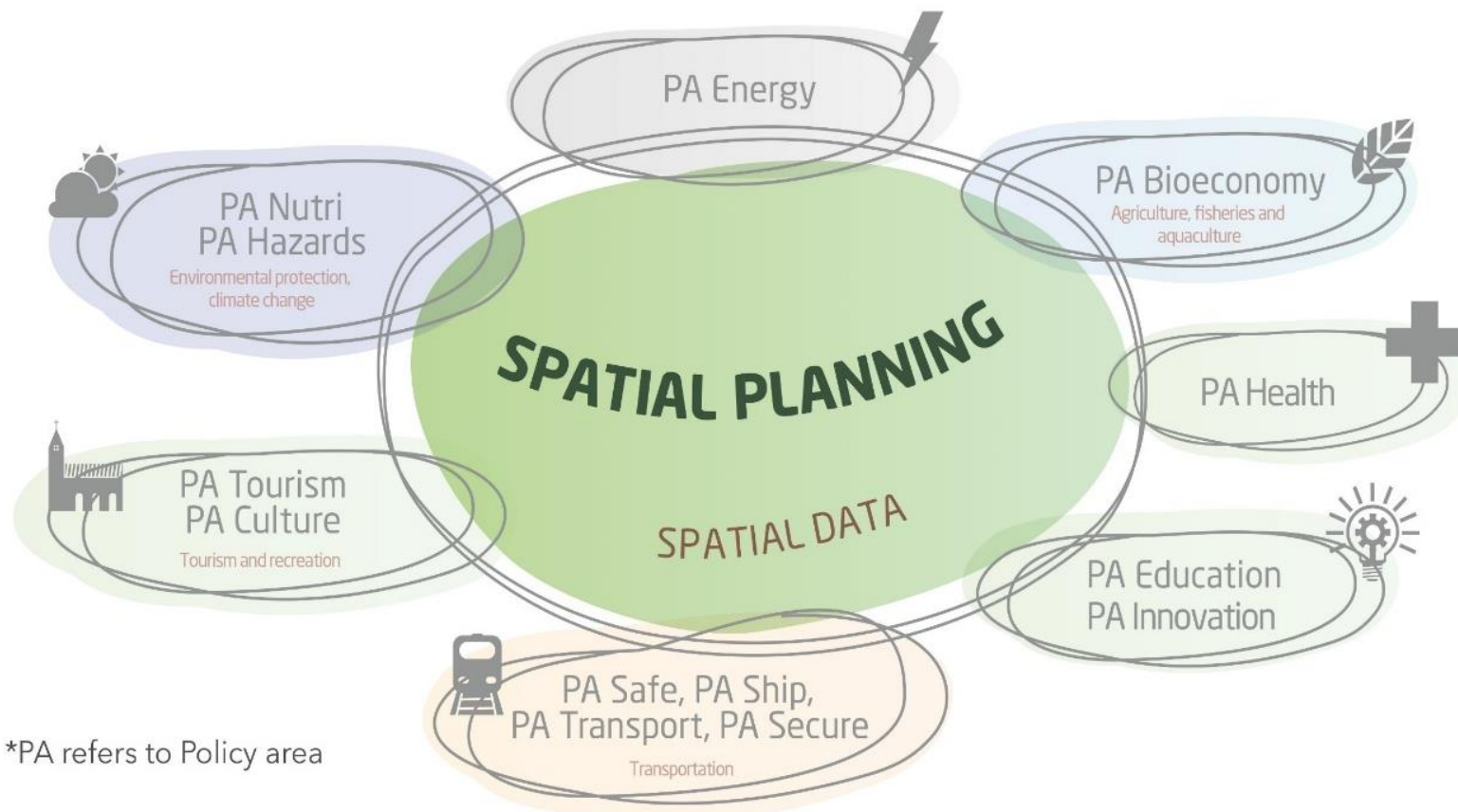
First macro-regional collaboration in Europe with common vision and joint actions among ministries on spatial planning & development

**VASAB** since 1992





# VASAB – lead coordinator of Policy area 'Spatial Planning' within EUSBSR family



\*PA refers to Policy area

## Overall goal:

To increase territorial cohesion in BSR by 2030:

- Better-integrated & more coherent macro-region
- Reduced socio-economic divides
- Global challenges turned into assets

## Two focus areas:

- Land-based spatial planning
- Maritime spatial planning

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1994

## First common BSR vision

Agreed by the 3rd Conference of Ministers for Spatial Planning and Development, 8 -9 December 1994, Tallinn



- \* PEARLS: system of cities and urban settlements
- \* STRINGS: effective and sustainable infrastructure networks
- \* PATCHES: selected types of uses supporting dynamism and quality of life
- \* SYSTEM: spatial planning in function

# 2009 VASAB Territorial development perspective

Agreed by the 7th Conference of Ministers for Spatial Planning and Development,  
16 October 2009 in Vilnius

- Well integrated and coherent macro-region
- Well-balanced setup of metropolitan centres, medium-sized cities & towns and rural areas
- Fast, reliable and environmentally efficient technologies of transport, information and communication
- Integrated energy system with diversified sources of energy
- Integrated land and maritime spatial planning and management
- Protected Baltic Sea environment and sustainable use of the marine resources



VASAB Long-Term Perspective  
for the Territorial  
Development of the Baltic Sea Region

**Currently being updated!**



# COOPERATION WITH ESPON PROGRAMME

## Territorial monitoring tool:

- BSR TeMo & MRS.ESPON

## Territorial Scenarios for the Baltic Sea Region:

- BT 2050



### MAIN TRENDS:

Urbanisation  
Climate change  
Technological advancements  
Shifting power from West to East  
Demographic changes (ageing and migration)  
Baltic Sea environmental status

### MAIN PROCESSES

- Technology transforming economy and society
- Demography and politics shaping society
- Environment shifting economy

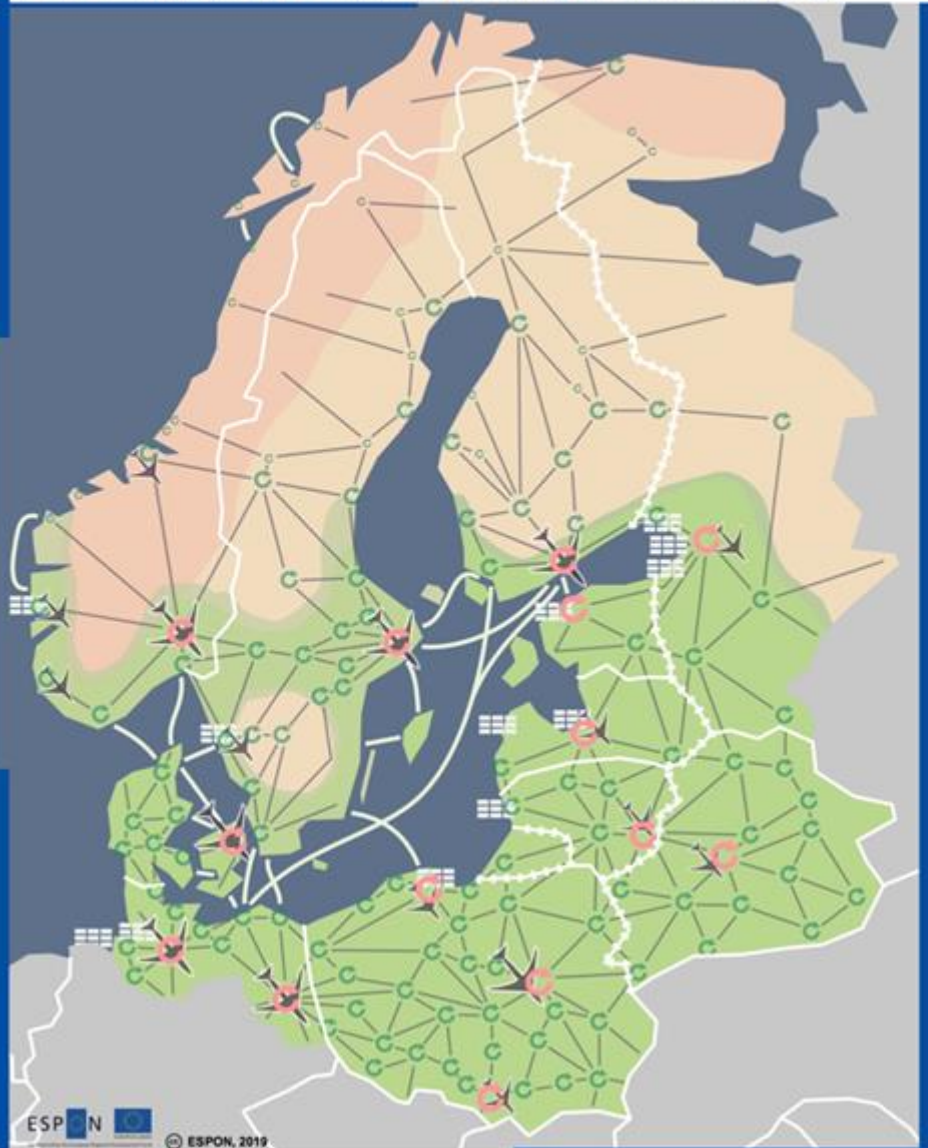
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# Territorial Scenarios – BT2050

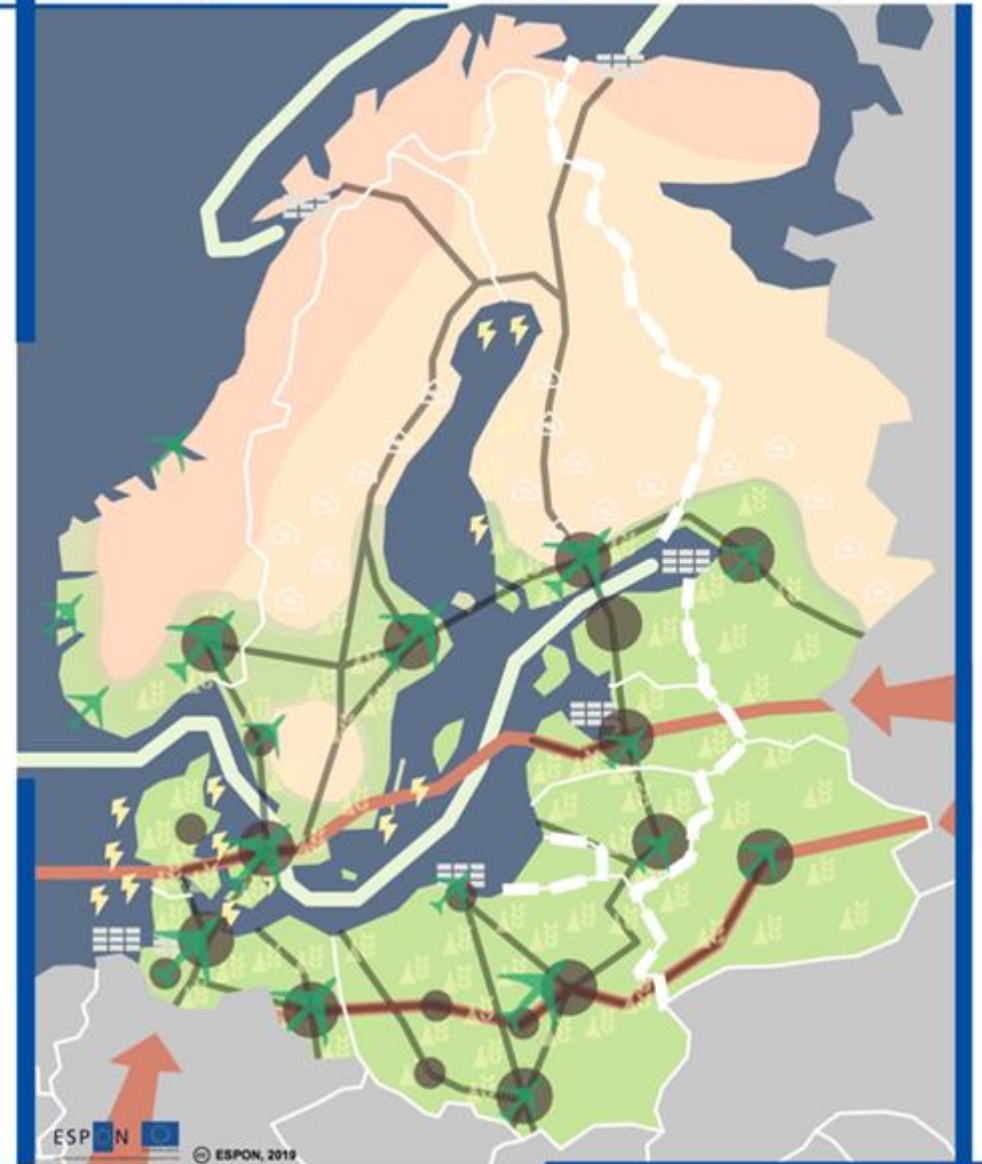
## Regional centres and transport

Baltic Sea Region 2050: Scenario 'Well-being in a circular economy'



## Urban centres, transport and connectivity

Baltic Sea Region 2050: Scenario 'Growing into green-tech giants'





**2021-2022**

# Update of the VASAB Long-Term Perspective 2040

«Bridging the old with the new»:

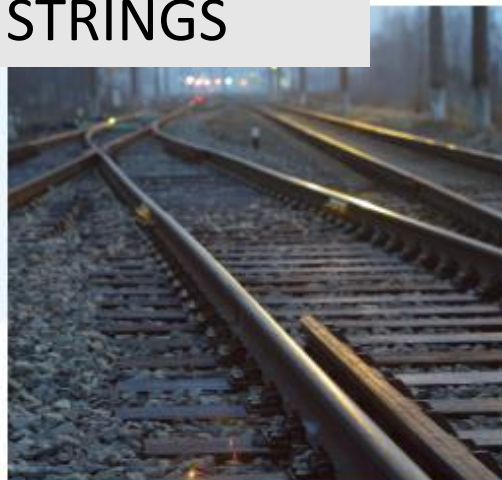
First common BSR vision 1994 & VASAB Long-Term Perspective from 2009

## PEARLS



Urban - rural

## STRINGS



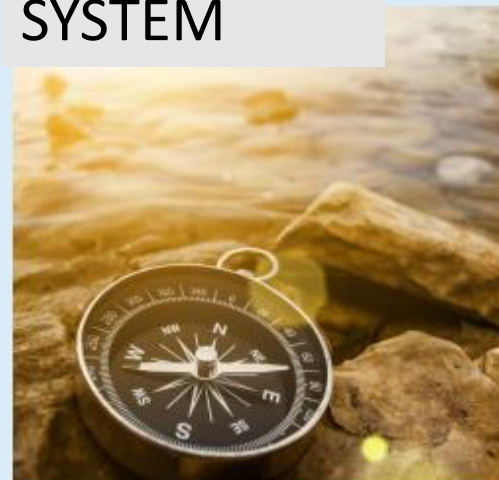
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## PATCHES

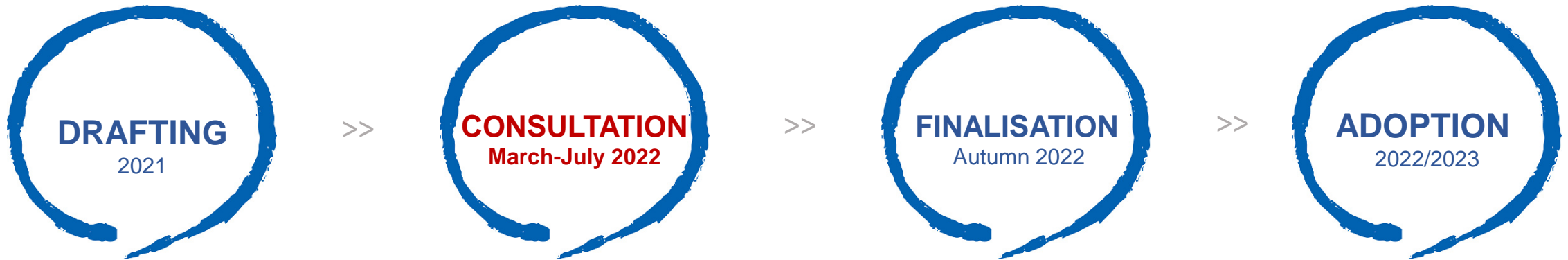


Maritime spatial  
planning

## SYSTEM



Territorial monitoring



## UPDATE OF THE VASAB LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS ARE OPEN!

More info at [www.vasab.org](http://www.vasab.org)







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