

Summer School on Sustainable Futures in the Baltic Sea Region

August 22 to 26, 2022 in Greifswald, Germany

We are looking for ideas of young planners and regional developers (students and practitioners) on sustainable futures in the Baltic Sea Region. How should 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?

The University of Greifswald initiates a Summer School for Young Planners and Regional Developers on "Sustainable Futures for the Baltic Sea Region" jointly with VASAB. The Summer School will bring together young professionals and students and give them a chance to create a network of next-generation planners by discussing their expectations and perspectives for the future of the Baltic Sea Region. Young professionals and students are most warmly invited to apply to join the 5-day International Summer School in Greifswald, Germany, from August 22 to 26, 2022. The Summer School will take place at the University of Greifswald – Institute of Geography and Geology. The University of Greifswald is one of the oldest universities in Germany and the Baltic Sea Region, founded in 1456.

During the Summer School, international, multi-disciplinary teams will develop ideas on sustainable futures in the Baltic Sea Region. Teams will be provided with inspiring introductory workshops. Networking will be fostered by planned social events (e.g., a dragon boat tour in the bay of Greifswald). The best team(s) will be rewarded and invited to present their work at a high-level VASAB conference in spring 2023.

How to apply?

- Describe one challenge the Baltic Sea Region faces today and the actors you would involve in solving it.
- Fill in and send your application by April 30th, 2022 via email to <u>bsr-summerschool@uni-greifswald.de</u>.
- Summer School Application Form
- Summer School Fact Sheet
- More information: <u>https://vasab.org/young-planners/</u>

Who can participate?

- young professionals or current students at Master's, Doctoral and other postgraduate levels;
- not older than 35 years, but have not worked in the same field for more than 5 years;
- are studying or working in one of the Baltic Sea countries¹ (Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Norway);
- have an interest in regional development and/or spatial and/or strategic planning;
- participants have to be willing to join in the Summer School in Germany from 22nd to 26th of August in 2022. Accommodation and travel costs for the participants will be covered.

The Baltic Sea Region Summer School is organized jointly by the University of Greifswald and VASAB (Vision and Strategies Around the Baltic Sea) and has been made possible through funding from the Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building (BMWSB), Germany.

¹ Participants from institutions located in Belarus and Russia are suspended due to the current events.