Pearls

Useful metaphor, can be connected with other metaphors:

Pearls are treasures we have to take care of, but strings are needed to create a necklace

Pearls are stars / engines for growth / gears

Good that all types of pearls are considered in the vision:

Putting the spotlight on places other than metropolian areas

Different pearls offer different advantages

An inclusive concept for all places

Place-based innovation

Interconnections well highlighted in vision:

Pearls are organic places – connected to their environment
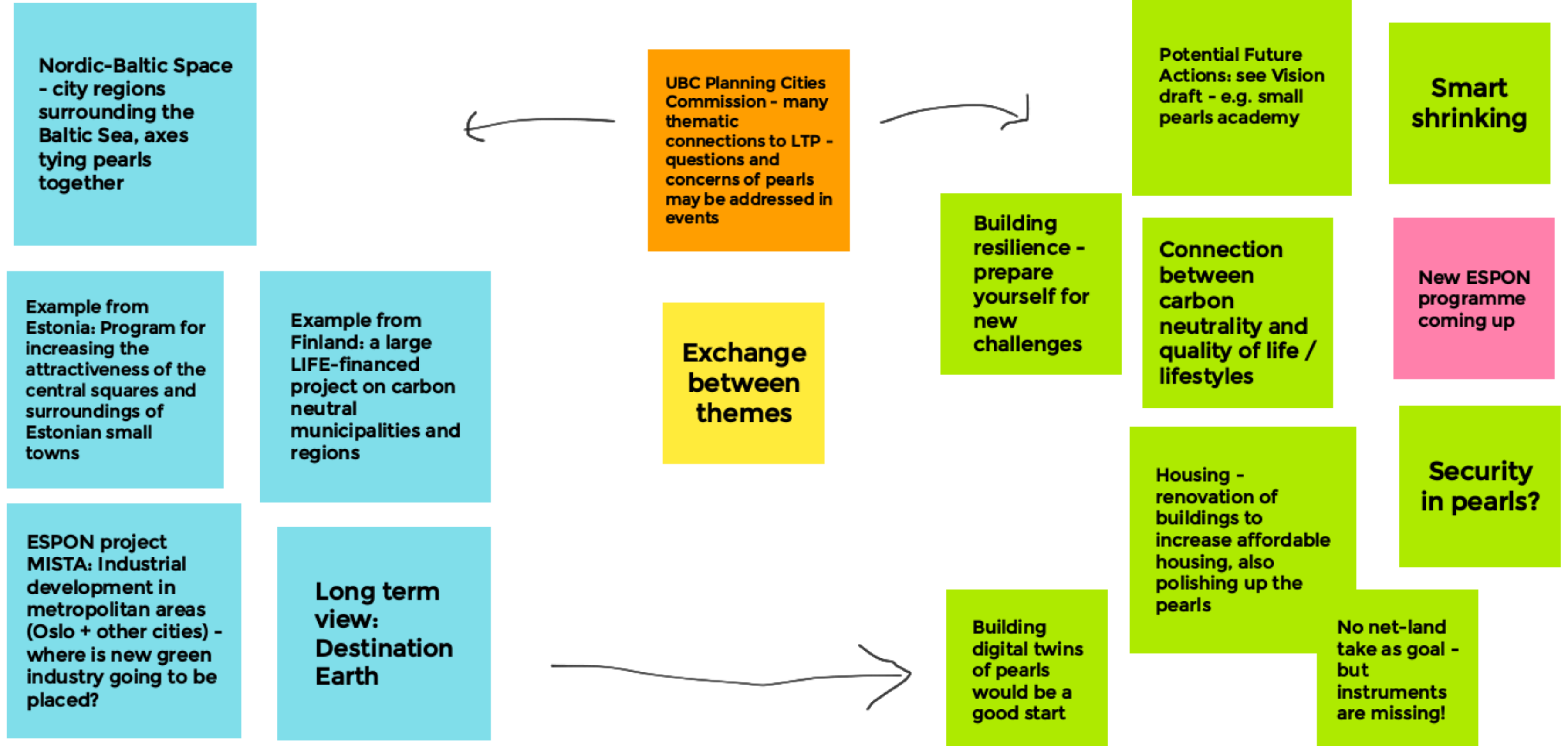
Pearls are not stagnant, they can change, grow - or shrink

Connectiveness of pearls is well highlighted

Future Sketch
Pearls
in 2040

Pearls

Nordic-Baltic Space - city regions surrounding the Baltic Sea, axes tying pearls together

UBC Planning Cities Commission - many thematic connections to LTP - questions and concerns of pearls may be addressed in events

Potential Future Actions: see Vision draft - e.g. small pearls academy

Smart shrinking

Example from Estonia: Program for increasing the attractiveness of the central squares and surroundings of Estonian small towns

Example from Finland: a large LIFE-financed project on carbon neutral municipalities and regions

Exchange between themes

Building resilience - prepare yourself for new challenges

Connection between carbon neutrality and quality of life / lifestyles

New ESPON programme coming up

ESPON project MISTA: Industrial development in metropolitan areas (Oslo + other cities) - where is new green industry going to be placed?

Long term view: Destination Earth

Housing - renovation of buildings to increase affordable housing, also polishing up the pearls

Security in pearls?

Building digital twins of pearls would be a good start

No net-land take as goal - but instruments are missing!

Strings

"strings vibrating as a guitar"

not so much physical, but connecting minds und thinking, (cross-sectoral)

physical and (non-)physical

what´s the main message when it comes to strings?

term good in terms of communication

string as concrete infrastructure

virtual connection

what about "intellectual strings"?

Future Sketch
Strings in 2040

Strings

Infrastructure projects

Rail Baltica

(transnational) medical prescriptions

intellectual strings

"older generation friendly" digitalization (avoid exclusion of elderly people)

digitalization (combine different modes of transportation, change ticket systems, develop new, combined tickets)

reduce role of aviation

better railway connections (focus on small and medium cities)

Feedback on the metaphor

Why are the patches not so popular? The Strings and Pearls are more obvious and clear maybe, this is where the action is, where the music plays.

Patches

Participants: 1 x Ministry for Regional Development, 2 x Maritime spatial planners

Patches thinking understood as ecosystems should be integrated in everything, so more a horizontal dimension.

Biodiversity, natural resource loss are very important issues related to climate change, but they should be treated as issues on their own.

Feedstock for biodiversity is a crucial issue

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Patches in 2040

Green mountain Patch
Green wetland Patch
Green Patch
Tasty Patch
Green and tasty Patch
Urban Patch
Blue aquaculture Patch
Blue Patch
High value blue Patch

Pearls vs Patches thinking

Lots of applications for the patches possible. Renewable Energy windparks are planned in Latvia, compensation schemes to benefit the local inhabtants in proximity is considered

This is quite a "pearls" thinking, however there are boundaries crossing and overlaps, so also natural habitats and resources are affected – this needs consideration, thus "patches" are relevant!

(Blue) Patches quite relevant for MSP

Offshore wind energy (OWE) parks is being pushed in MSP atm; they usually are in conflict with protected marine areas! (blue natural patches)

Patches often overlooked

For terrestrial spatial planning the strings come more natural to planners, the patches are spaces rather in between the pearls. [Hakan thinks of "fly-over zones"]

In the area of MSP the starting point is usally linear infrastructure, but then most of the planning capacities are directed towards areas, so patches.

in MSP there is the difference that there are no Pearls (defined by human settlements on land), so it is different to the terrestrial planning and patches (defined as large areas) become more relevant here.

Patches

Renewable Energy Windparks in Latvia with compensation schemes for the inhabitants of affected regions

Worries about the OWE developments, large research projects in different BSR member countries; some maritime areas which are not in the national regulatory reach of neighbouring, affected areas

More integrated planning!

Reconciliation of different activities in conflicting regions (e.g. fisheries vs. renewable energy); make it possible to coexist which seems to be possible (studies)

Especially for areas with limited space, solutions need be found!

Baltic InteGrid (interreg BSR)

Baltic LINes

Land-Sea-Act

Splitting Patches through linear teresstrial infrastructure (Strings), e.g. Railway connections. A more integrated approach to these splited areas would be interesting

The risk of debilitating effects to healthy patches – of FRAGMENTATION i.e. by crucial infrastructure. Needs to be addressed and alleviated!
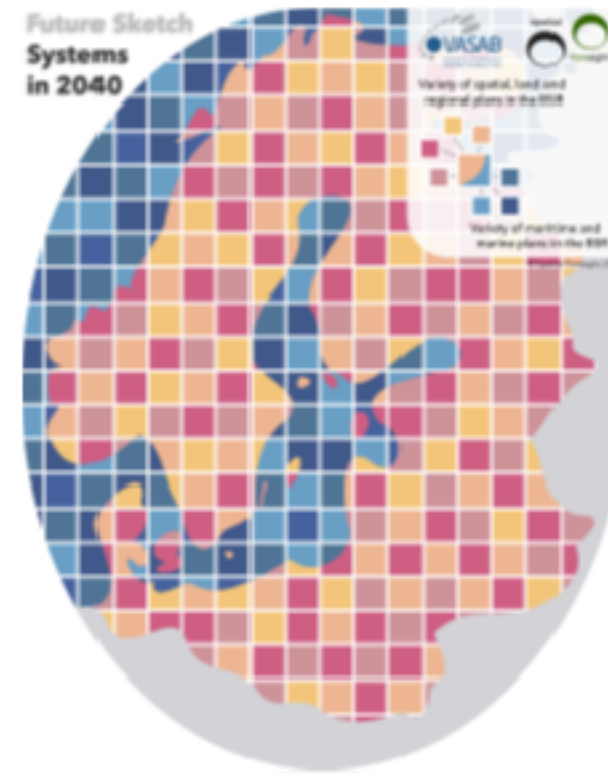
Systems

How to integrate with citizens, integrated different stakeholder

new approach how we are integrating stakeholders, also civil society

for EUSBSR is interesting to work with System

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Systems in 2040

VASAB

Variety of spatial, land and regional plans in the BSR

Variety of maritime and marine plans in the BSR

To clarify practical mechanisms to implement

Hand over responsibilities to other newcomers, training is needed

Past / Current Projects

Systems

Future Actions/Projects

Land-Sea Act (Interreg BSR)

Policy impact - how to measure it? Recommendations are being implemented.

Looking for missing gaps, esp. for cross-border areas. Could be task of VASAB

PA Education: policy brief, funding, measuring stakeholders (civil society, academia. Level of engagement could be measured

Use projects experience analysis.

Pa Safe&PAShip-windmill parks initiatives in BSR

Connections of land and ports

Spatial Planning to find compromises

eMSP NBSR project - supports info exchange, knowledge, go beyond Baltic Sea borders.

eMSP NBSR - Community for Practices

Also for land based planning Community for Practices could work, especially for bigger cities

data transmision options for spatial planning

BalticLINes (Interreg BSR)

Maritime transport

Engaging of citizens. How to stimulate citizens in strategic planning?

PA Education EUSBSR– the target group developing solutions can be engaged.

EUSBSR PA Education - works very much at local level- to be part in developing proposals. Collaboration Formats need to be elaborated.

Promote knowledge exchange

Revision of MSPs - facilitate and more coordinate coherence between countries

Planners Forums?- for MSP it has been working. What about land-based spatial planning?

Connection abilities to be measured

Try to keep coastal areas free from constructions -DK. This is priority. Also in consultation processes to be highlighted.

Knowledge exchange indeed is needed how to deal with sea-land issues

BANOS programme could be used for blue partnership- at least marine areas, incl monitoring

For terrestrial part – what kind of monitoring to perform? ESPON programme have been used so far.

Mediation of MSPs between countries -task/mandate for VASAB

Coastal areas planning – how to ensure coherence between land and sea?

Quality of life – how to measure it. Do we need such indicator?

Territorial Impact Assessment- to measure impact of measure. We could think about how to measure it at macro-regional level.

What is EU SBSR impact on territorial development?

Which information, data are needed? How to get these ones?

Data base -HELCOM Data base is good. Interviewing of people to carry out it using projects?