

VASAB cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region

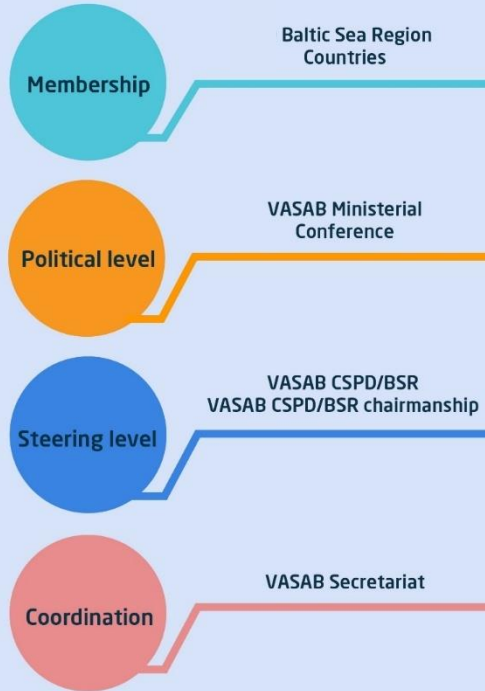


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VASAB webinar “Offshore wind energy: challenges and opportunities emerging from new European expansion targets”
9th June 2022, online

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

VASAB since 1992

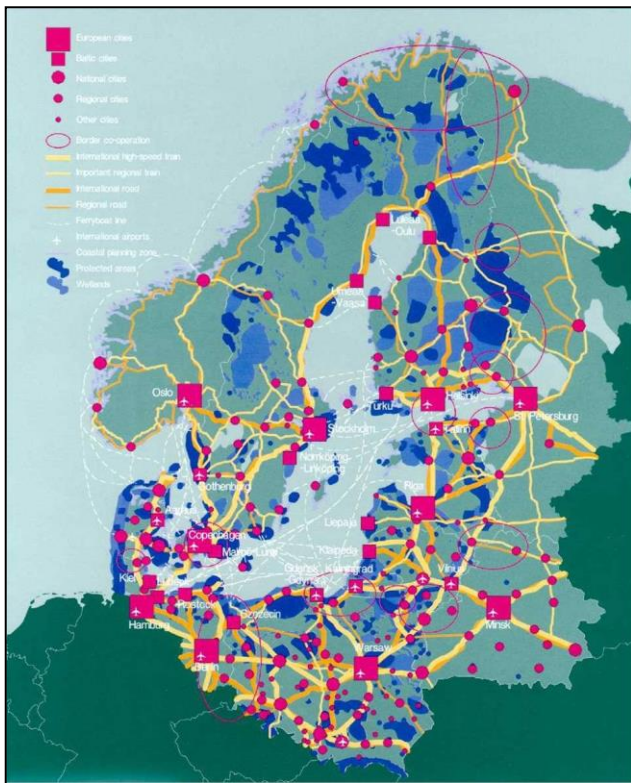


- policy options for BSR territorial development
- knowledge exchange on spatial planning & development

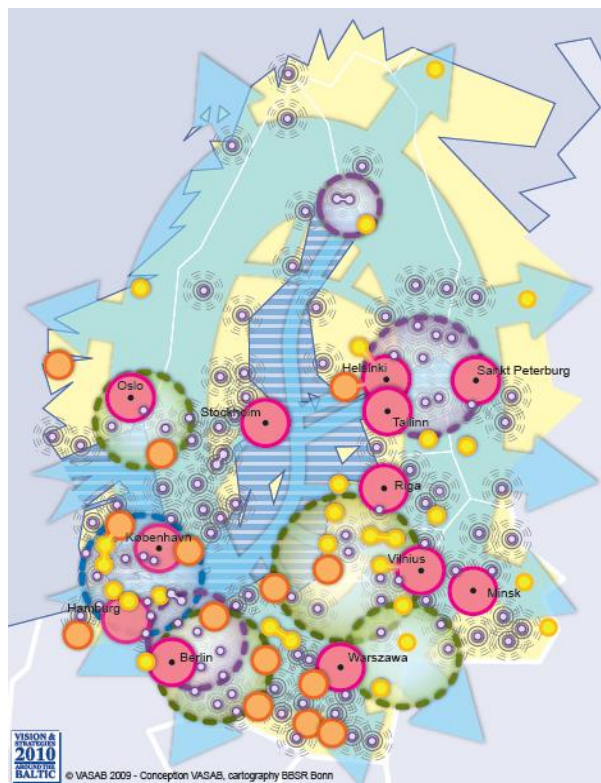


VASAB Vision – aiming for territorial cohesion perspective, setting goals for spatial development, proposing strategies and common actions

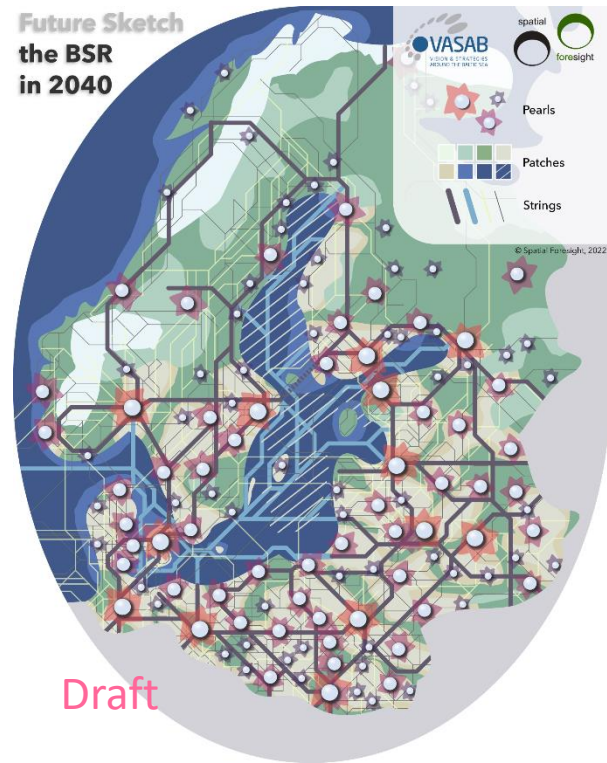
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2009



New draft in 2022



Draft

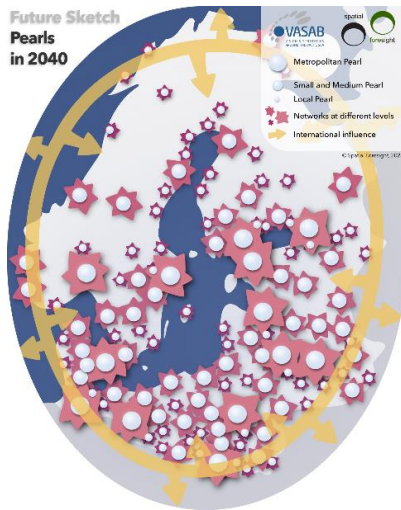
Draft VASAB Vision 2040 – BSR for the next generations

- **Healthy Baltic Sea** - central asset around which the region prospers
- **Diversity of places**, nature and people of the region co-exist in harmony and stimulate each other
- **High quality of life** based on mindset shift towards sustainability, on more cohesion, integration, solidarity and macro-regional cooperation, and on a wiser use of technology.
- **Adequate policies** help in coping with challenges

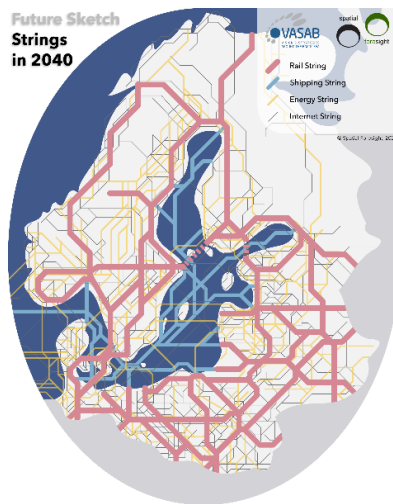
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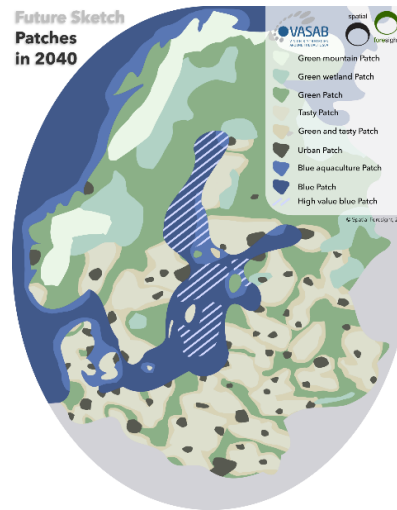
4 Metaphors of VASAB 2040 Vision:



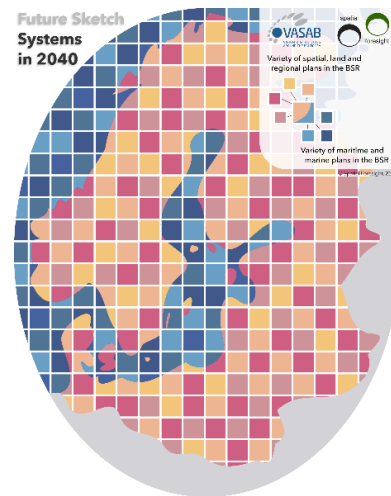
Vibrant *Pearls* of all sizes



Well-connected *Strings* between people and places



Intact *Patches* of ecosystems at sea and land



Cooperative sea and land planning *Systems*

OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY IN DRAFT VASAB VISION 2040



Pearls: Carbon neutral & smart cities

Strings:

- Baltic energy network of decentralized systems
- 'Green' transport on land & sea
- Sustainable data storage

Patches: Carbon neutral, secure, decentralized, well- connected energy production

System: Multi-uses and land-sea interactions

Demand for more:

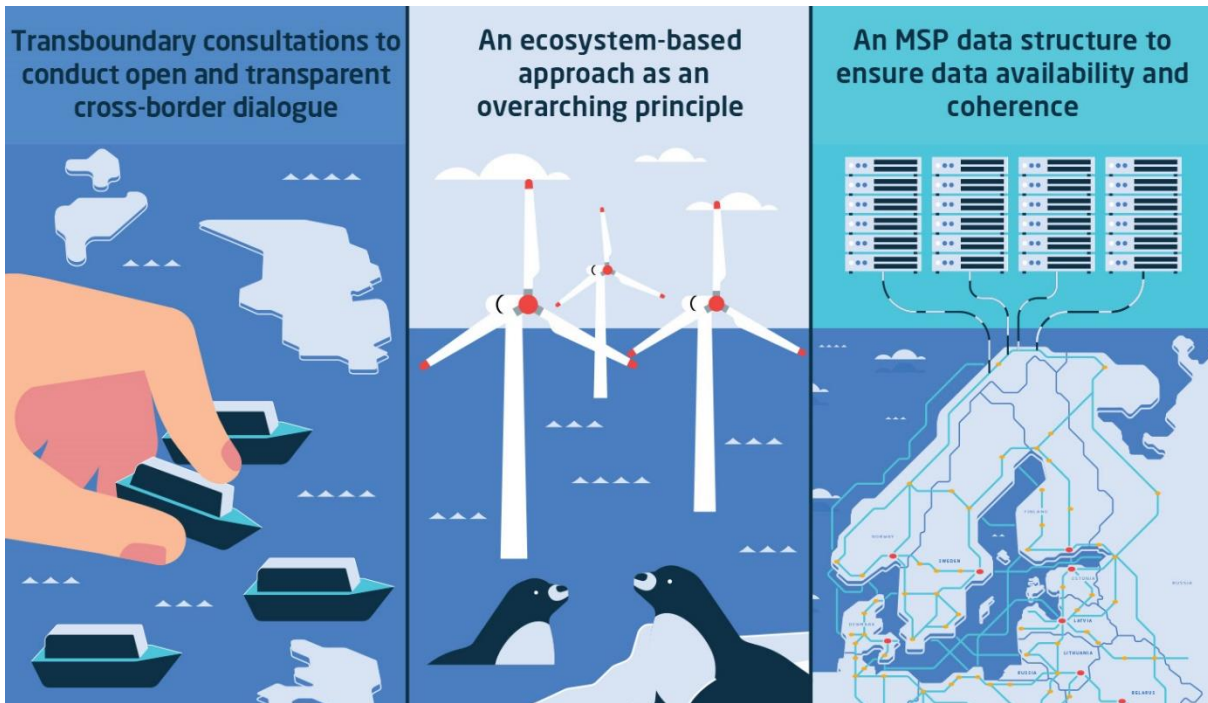
- Consumption increase 30% in 2030
- EU ambition for OW capacity
12GW (2020)→60GW (2030)→300GW (2050)
- Baltic Sea potential - 93.5GW
(BEMIP Report)



2010

HELCOM-VASAB collaboration on MSP

How to ensure coherent MSP across the borders?



MSP is a process and tool that brings together multiple maritime users to ensure that human activities at the sea take place in an efficient, safe & sustainable way



MSP on VASAB
agenda since 2001

HELCOM-VASAB
MSP Working Group:

- MSP Principles
- MSP Roadmap
- Guidelines

NEW BALTIC MSP ROADMAP 2021-2030

Goal: Strengthening joint effort and coherence to implement MSP-plans, aiming for sustainable development and adaptive MSP processes



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



Overall goal:

To increase territorial cohesion in BSR by 2030:

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

Two focus areas:

- Land-based spatial planning
- Maritime spatial planning

More info: <https://vasab.org/eusbsr/>

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