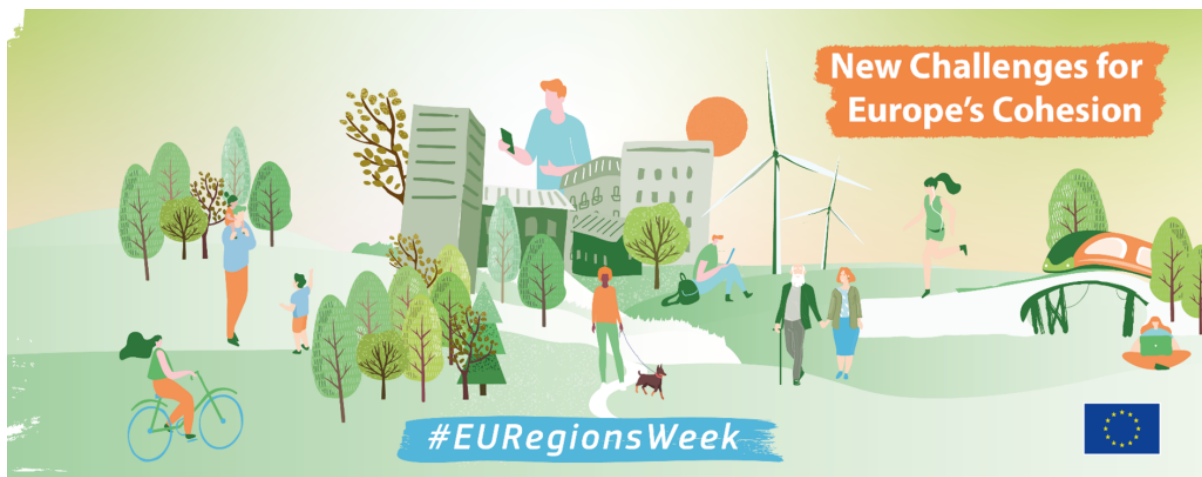


Dear VASAB friends,

Welcome to our October newsletter – we are actively harvesting achievements and working on several activities! After period of consultations with stakeholders, work is still ongoing and taking up new challenges and solutions for the new draft **VASAB Vision 2040**. Celebrating **30th anniversary of VASAB cooperation**, 2nd edition of **VASAB Summer School** was organised from 22-26 August 2022 in Greifswald. **eMSP NBSR project** celebrates 1<sup>st</sup> year in action.

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### **VASAB at #EUREGIONSWeek 2022!**

Within the program of 20<sup>th</sup> #EUREGIONSWeek 2022, VASAB is organising an online workshop “**Visions and strategies in new reality: adaptive spatial measures for European regions and cities**” on 13<sup>th</sup> October at 11:30-13:00 CEST.

VASAB workshop will demonstrate adaptive spatial planning and territorial cooperation measures that could be taken on board at various governance levels as response to the new geopolitical dynamics, meanwhile ensuring the successful transition towards green, just, more digital and resilient Europe, its regions and cities. Workshop will serve as an inspiration for future cooperation and spatial

policies, as well as feed into the new draft VASAB Vision 2040 that is currently under development.

Registration for the VASAB workshop at [#EURegionsWeek2022 platform](#) is available [HERE](#) or find our workshop at [ONLINE Programme section](#) by keywords 'Visions and strategies'.

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### **Results of Summer School for Young Planners and Regional Developers 2022**

This year 20 participants, students and practitioners from the Baltic Sea Region gathered in the **Young Planners' Summer School** and formed international and interdisciplinary teams for five thematic directions. **To develop ideas on the Sustainable Futures for the Baltic Sea Region by 2040**, teams were carefully guided and supported by mentors, organisers, schedule and task for each day.

Although all **five themes** "climate change impacts on human settlements", "vulnerability of marine & coastal environments", "demographic challenges and inclusive societies", "future-proof energy systems", "transforming mobility" received mindful solutions from the Young Planners and exiting discussions among all participants, one team received the highest award.

The Jury decided that **this years' award will go to the team with idea titled "Transforming Mobility with proposal Splashing Benefits of Rail Baltica: Connecting Rural Areas of the Baltic States to the European Rail Network"**. Presented solution outlines a way to better connect rural areas along the new Rail Baltica high speed railway line, which is currently under construction in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Development of such a big infrastructural object could allow greater connectedness along rail and between different places, not the least with so called multi-modal centres, which placed next to train station can become important hubs for switching modes of transportation and receiving essential services related to daily and occasional commuting. Winning idea will be also presented in an upcoming VASAB Ministerial Conference in early summer 2023.

[To find out more, click here](#)



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## Towards new VASAB Vision 2040!



VASAB Committee on Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region (CSPD/BSR) is continuing to update its Long-Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the Baltic Sea Region and has prepared **draft VASAB Vision 2040**.

The visioning has been a co-creative process, during which the key elements of the vision have been developed in close cooperation with the VASAB CSPD/BSR and also communicated to other relevant stakeholders through different workshops and other activities. This interactive process has been a characteristic of the process and has been used to continuously adjust and improve the document.

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## PA Spatial Planning News

**EUSBSR Presidency is taken over by Sweden** and the focus will be on the implementation of Action Plan as the operational framework is now in place. **The Rules of Procedure of the PA Spatial Planning Steering Group** have been endorsed by the National Coordinators Group.

**PASPS (Policy Area 'Spatial Planning' Support)** project has been approved under the Interreg BSR 2021-2027 programme. Project will continuously support the implementation of PA Spatial Planning and provide support to the PA Steering Group.

In addition, VASAB is taking over support and facilitation of the Planners Forum within the PASPS project. Next meeting of Planners` Forum is planned for early November.



### Developing a Blueprint for a MariPark

**eMSP NBSR project** is bringing together maritime spatial planners and stakeholders from North Sea and Baltic Sea regions for one year already. At this point all five thematic scopes (Learning Strands) and related communities of practice are well on track with their schedules and tasks to approach envisioned results, not the least with the support of scientific advice entwined in overall structure of the project activities.

**Could you guess what a MariPark is and could be in the context of Maritime Spatial Planning?** The idea of a MariPark is in line with the European and national strategies to promote sustainable blue economy and contribute to the Green Deal. It can act as a tool to stimulate sustainable blue economy by offering zone(s) at sea for marine activities, in analogy with business parks on land. Specifically for SMEs, additional support in production, testing and research and development related to offshore aquaculture is needed. Responsibilities to install or manage the MariPark should be divided between public and private entities. The former can guarantee quality and standards of the park infrastructure whereas the latter can move faster at lower price.

Follow and join other thematic Learning Strands & Communities of Practice

## Upcoming Events

10-13 October, online

**20th European Week of Regions and Cities**

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22-23 November, Barcelona

**3rd International Conference on Marine/Maritime Spatial Planning**

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13 October, online

**VASAB workshop "Visions and strategies in new reality: adaptive spatial measures for European regions and cities"**

[Read more >>>](#)

7-8 December, Prague

**ESPON Seminar "Entrepreneurial regional governance: Territorial cohesion through open innovation"**

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19-20 October, Hamburg

**Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme Conference 2022**

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13 December, online

**88th VASAB CSPD/BSR meeting**

*NB! All event dates are subject to change.*

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