

COMMITTEE ON SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Draft Report of the 87th CSPD/BSR Meeting

Berlin, 24-25 May 2022

Chairperson: Mr. Daniel Meltzian (DE)

Participants: CSPD/BSR members: Mr. Lukas Kühne (DE), Mr. Jens Kurnol (DE), Mr. Taivo Tali (EE), Ms. Algimante Treiniene (LT), Ms. Anita Līvija Rozenvalde (LV), Ms. Patrycja Artymowska (PL), *invited guests (participated online):* Prof. Paula Prenzel, Ms. Lisann Schmidt (University of Greifswald), *VASAB Secretariat:* Ms. Alda Nikodemusa, Ms. Elīna Veidemane, Ms. Jana Patmalniece and Ms. Liene Gaujeniete.

DECISIONS and OUTPUTS

1. The CSPD/BSR (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) adopted the Report of the 86th CSPD/BSR online meeting on 5 November 2021 without changes.
2. The Committee took note of the Report of the VASAB Open Troika online meeting on 3 May 2022.
3. The Committee took note on the current progress, recent and upcoming events, milestones and other activities of the update of VASAB Long-Term Perspective.
4. The Committee took note on the reflections of the Committee members on VASAB stakeholder consultations at national level and agreed to submit brief overview of national stakeholder consultations together with national feedbacks by 15th July 2022 as latest.
5. The Committee agreed to hold an online meeting on 19 September 2022 to discuss received feedback on VASAB Vision 2040.
6. The Committee took note of the information about political news and major challenges regarding national spatial planning issues.
7. The Committee agreed that each country submits a short summary about recent news (from ‘tour de table’) on spatial planning and development issues which will be published at VASAB website.
8. The Committee took note of the update on Young Planners Summer School on 22-26 August in Greifswald, Germany and of possibility to take part in Summer School’s Jury on 26th August.
9. The Committee took note of the information about the EUSBSR Annual Forum on 28-29 September 2022 in Lappeenranta, Finland and VASAB’s participation in the event.
10. The Committee took note of the information about the application for technical support for Policy area ‘Spatial Planning’ coordinators provided by Interreg BSR.
11. The Committee took note of the information about EUSBSR Policy area “Spatial Planning” news and activities.
12. The Committee agreed on the suggestion received from EUSBSR National Coordinators Group to have one Steering Group for Policy area ‘Spatial Planning’ that meets in two formations - VASAB CSPD/BSR and HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG and agreed that

EUSBSR Policy area ‘Spatial Planning’ Rules of Procedure for Steering Group should be developed accordingly.

13. The Committee took note of the information about progress of project “Let’s Communicate”.
14. The Committee took note of the information about the new ESPON 2021-2027 Programme.
15. The Committee took note of the information on prolonged suspension of all HELCOM working groups meetings due to invasion of Ukraine by Russian Federation.
16. The Committee took note of the information about the outcomes of 23rd joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group Meeting held online on 16-17 November 2021 and 23A intersessional joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group Meeting held online on 27 January 2022, as well as about potential informal consultation meeting in autumn.
17. The Committee took note of the information about the BSR MSP Data Expert Sub-Group and the next meeting in the beginning of September 2022.
18. The Committee took note of the upcoming VASAB German chairmanship workshop „Offshore wind energy: Challenges and opportunities emerging from new European expansion targets” which will be held on 9 June 2022.
19. The Committee took note of the information about the results of platform project “Strengthening the capacity of MSP stakeholders and decision makers (Capacity4MSP Platform)”.
20. The Committee took note of the information about the progress of project ‘eMSP NBSR’ (Emerging Ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Planning Topics in North and Baltic Seas Regions).
21. The Committee took note of the information about the project application ‘Baltic Sea2Land’ submitted to the Baltic Sea Region Interreg Programme.
22. The Committee acknowledged the execution of VASAB Budget 2021 and took note of the auditor’s Review Report by SIA “Auditorfirma Padoms”.
23. Taking into account the audited VASAB Budget 2021, the Committee decided to amend the VASAB Budget 2022 the following:

1) Budget line A: Cash balance at 1 January 2022	add 84 566 EUR;
2) Budget line B: Revenues	add 275 122 EUR;
3) Budget line C: Expenses	add 252 342 EUR;
4) Budget line C.1: Secretariat office	add 2150 EUR;
5) Budget line C.1.2 Salaries, taxes, social contributions	add 2150 EUR;
6) Budget line C.8 HASPS 3 project	decrease by 221 EUR;
7) Budget line C.17: Capacity4MSP project	decrease by 23 172 EUR;
8) Partners` ERDF	add 295 544 EUR;
9) Budget line C.18: eMSP NBSR project	decrease by 8 000 EUR;
10) Project reserve	decrease by 13 960 EUR;
11) Budget line D: Cash balance at 31 December 2022	add 107 346 EUR.

Allow payout of the non-taxed salary bonuses in 2022 for the staff members of the Secretariat (total amount up to 1854 EUR, included under the Budget line C.1.2: “Bonus payment” and respective social security payment reflected at the Budget line C.1.2: “Taxes and social charges”).
24. The Committee took note of the information about preliminary VASAB income and expenditure 2022, VASAB budget 2022-2025 cash flow prospects and potential increase of country contributions.

25. The Committee took note of Latvia's willingness to continue hosting VASAB Secretariat in Riga, Latvia and agreed that any VASAB country can express a potential interest to host the VASAB Secretariat from 1 January 2025, and declarations of interests are expected to be received by mail until 16 September 2022.
26. The Committee took note of the information about operations of the VASAB Secretariat.
27. The Committee agreed that it would be useful to organise a workshop on new spatial challenges due to the war and colleagues from Foreign Affairs and other sectors or institutions could be invited.
28. The Committee agreed to hold 88th CSPD/BSR meeting on 13-14 December 2022 if it would be a physical meeting and if a meeting would be online then it could be a one-day event.