

COMMITTEE ON SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Draft Report of the 88th CSPD/BSR Meeting

Online, 13 December 2022

Chairperson: Mr. Daniel Meltzian (DE)

Participants: CSPD/BSR members: Mr. Lukas Kühne (DE), Mr. Jens Kurnol (DE), Mr. Taivo Tali (EE), Ms. Tiina Tihlman (FI), Ms. Algimante Treiniene (LT), Ms. Anita Līvija Rozenvalde (LV), Ms. Patrycja Artymowska (PL), Mr. Sverker Lindblad (SE), *invited guests:* Mr. Uģis Zanders (Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat), Mr. Kai Böhme (Spatial Foresight), Mr. Daniel Urey (LABLAB), *VASAB Secretariat:* Ms. Alda Nikodemusa, Ms. Elīna Veidemane, Ms. Jana Patmalniece, Ms. Liene Gaujeniete, Ms. Egija Stapkēviča and Ms. Margarita Vološina.

DECISIONS and OUTPUTS

1. The CSPD/BSR (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) adopted the Report of 87th CSPD/BSR meeting in Berlin on 24-25 May 2022 with one amendment proposed by Ms. Patrycja Artymowska.
2. The Committee adopted the Summary of 87th CSPD/BSR meeting in Berlin on 24-25 May 2022 with one amendment proposed by Ms. Patrycja Artymowska.
3. The Committee took note of the Report of the VASAB Open Troika online meeting on 25 November 2022.
4. The Committee approved the VASAB Vision for the Territorial Development of the Baltic Sea Region in 2040.
5. The Committee agreed that a document ‘Guidance for VASAB and stakeholders for the implementation of the VASAB Vision 2040’ is needed and content could be modified in the development process, and this document should be presented at the Ministerial Conference in June 2023 to show what VASAB intends to do with the Vision.
6. The Committee agreed that VASAB Vision 2040 and Background Report should be designed and printed for the Ministerial Conference in June 2023, as well as digital versions should be prepared for VASAB website and agreed that Background Report could have a more speaking title to attract the readers.
7. The Committee took information on preparations for the VASAB Ministerial Conference and Expert Conference on 1-2 June 2023 in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany and took note that Ministerial Declaration will be drafted in upcoming months. The Committee took note of the possibility to organise VASAB Ministerial Conference jointly with Foreign Ministers of the BSR countries to ensure the visibility of VASAB and its Vision and to demonstrate its role in the EU Strategy for the BSR.
8. The Committee took note of the results of Young Planners Summer School organised on 22-26 August in Greifswald, Germany and winners’ team participation in VASAB Ministerial Conference in June 2023.
9. The Committee took note of the stakeholder workshop on VASAB Vision 2040 held in Germany on 15 November 2022 during which potential project ideas were discussed to support the implementation of the VASAB Vision 2040.

10. The Committee took note of the information about political news and major challenges regarding national spatial planning issues.
11. The Committee agreed that each country submits a short paragraph about recent news (from ‘tour de table’) on spatial planning and development issues to be included in the Committee Report and Summary.
12. The Committee agreed that all VASAB member countries should regularly update the Country fiche on terrestrial spatial planning and send to Secretariat to publish on VASAB website.
13. The Committee took note of the information about the EUSBSR Annual Forum held on 28-29 September 2022 in Lappeenranta, Finland and VASAB’s active participation in the event.
14. The Committee took note of the information about Rules of Procedure of PA ‘Spatial Planning’ Steering Group.
15. The Committee took note of the information about EUSBSR Policy area “Spatial Planning” activities and work plan.
16. The Committee took note of the conclusion of “Let’s Communicate!” project and future cooperation possibilities with Baltic Sea Strategy Point.
17. The Committee agreed that VASAB and the Secretariat should be involved in organisation of the 14th EUSBSR Annual Forum which will be held on 4-5 October 2023 in Riga, Latvia.
18. The Committee agreed that VASAB should participate in new project calls and noted the importance of VASAB’s participation in projects to support implementation of VASAB Vision 2040, to increase the visibility and impact of VASAB. However, capacity of VASAB Secretariat should be taken into account.
19. The Committee took note of the outcomes of VASAB German chairmanship workshop „Offshore wind energy: Challenges and opportunities emerging from new European expansion targets” which was held on 9 June 2022 and concluded that the webinar was very well attended, fruitful and useful.
20. The Committee took note of the information on prolonged suspension of all HELCOM working groups meetings due to invasion of Ukraine by Russian Federation and informal consultation meetings among EU member states in the Baltic Sea Region have been introduced as an interim solution.
21. The Committee took note of the outcomes of the 1st informal consultation session of the HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (IC HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 1-2022).
22. The Committee gave its approval to the nomination of Ms. Tiina Tihlman from Finnish Ministry of Environment to act as Vice-Chair of the HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group.
23. The Committee approved HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group’s Work plan for 2022-2024.
24. The Committee approved the updated template of the national MSP country fiches.
25. The Committee took note of the information about the outcomes of Informal consultation session of the BSR MSP Data Expert Sub-Group online meeting held on 22 September 2022 and the next meeting in March 2023.
26. The Committee took note of the information about the outcomes of the first Planners’ Forum within ‘PASPS’ project held on 4 November 2022.

27. 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).
28. The Committee took note of the information about the ‘Baltic Sea2Land’ project and VASAB’s activities in the project.
29. The Committee took note of the information about the project “New Energy Landscapes (NEL)”.
30. The Committee decided to prolong the hosting of VASAB Secretariat in Riga by the end of year 2029.
31. The Committee accepts the VASAB budget for 2023 as proposed by the Secretariat with 293 464 EUR in revenues, 136 994 EUR Secretariat office expenses, 40 000 EUR additional expenses to be decided by CSPD/BSR, as well as 49 000 EUR – PASPS project, 90 000 EUR – eMSP NBSR project, 48 876 EUR – Baltic Sea2Land project and project reserve – 40 000 EUR.
32. The Committee took note of the information about operations of the VASAB Secretariat.
33. The Committee agreed to hold 89th CSPD/BSR meeting online in April 2023.