

The Expert's Conference will celebrate the completion of the VASAB Vision 2040. Experts in the field of spatial planning and regional development will come together to discuss what the VASAB Vision means for the Baltic Sea Region and how each of us can contribute to making it a reality.

The event will take place back-to-back with the adoption of the Vision 2040 by the Ministers responsible for spatial planning and development in the VASAB countries of the Baltic Sea Region on 2 June 2023. It will complement the Ministerial Conference by providing different practical and research perspectives and by highlighting what is needed for its implementation. Participants will learn more about projects and initiatives and will have the opportunity to discuss, network and reflect on future initiatives for a vibrant, resilient, and well-connected Baltic Sea Region.

Learn more about the VASAB Vision 2040 here: https://vasab.org/vision2040/

VISION AND STRATEGIES AROUND THE BALTIC SEA (VASAB)

VASAB is the intergovernmental multilateral co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region in spatial planning and development, guided by the Conference of Ministers responsible for spatial planning and development. VASAB prepares policy options for the territorial development of the Baltic Sea Region and provides a forum for exchange of knowledge on spatial planning and development between the Baltic Sea countries. VASAB is integrated into the network of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) organizations.

More information: https://vasab.org/









Programme as of 17 May 2023

Meeting venue: Rathaus Wismar (Town hall Wismar), Am Markt 1, D-23966 Wismar

All times CEST

31 May 2023 | **19:00** Dinner for early arrivals at <u>AHOI Wismar</u> (Stockholmer Str. 24)

1 June 2023

10.30 – 11.00	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
11.00 – 11.10	Welcome address Vera Moosmayer, Deputy Director General for Urban Development and Spatial Planning, Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building, Germany
11.10 – 11.20	Introduction & Who's in the room? Moderator Hauke Siemen, REM Consult GmbH
11.20 – 11.35	The VASAB Vision 2040 Kai Böhme, Spatial Foresight and Luciane Aguiar Borges, Nordregio
11.35 – 12.20	Reflections on the VASAB Vision 2040 from spatial planning research & practice - Prof. Jacek Zaucha, University of Gdańsk, Poland - Prof. Jörg Knieling, HafenCity University Hamburg, Germany - Paulina Szewczyk, City of Gdynia, UBC Planning Cites Commission - Mats Brandt, Regional Council of Ostrobothnia, Finland Moderated by Hauke Siemen, REM Consult GmbH
12.20 – 13.20	LUNCH BREAK
13.20 – 14.55	Making the VASAB Vision 2040 a reality — newly approved projects, reflections and discussion how to get involved Part 1: Pearls and Patches Part 2: Strings and Systems Facilitated by: - Hauke Siemen, REM Consult GmbH - Patrycja Artymowska, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Poland - Tālis Linkaits, Former Minister of Transport, Latvia
14.55 – 15.15	COFFEE BREAK



15.15 – 15.55	The VASAB Vision 2040 and the EUSBSR — how to ensure interaction and synergies? - Dimitry Frank-Kamenetsky, HELCOM/PA Spatial Planning - Liene Dreimane, PA Energy - Tarmo Ots, PA Transport - Tom Schumacher, EUSBSR Strategy Point Moderated by Liene Gaujeniete and Elina Veidemane, VASAB Secretariat/PA Spatial Planning
15.55 – 16.15	Wrap-up: Expectations to the VASAB Ministerial Conference Prof. Dr. Rainer Danielzyk, Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibniz Association (ARL), rapporteur to the VASAB Ministerial Conference
	Passing the baton from Germany to Finland – VASAB Chairmanship priorities 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 Daniel Meltzian, Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building, Germany Anna-Leena Seppälä, Ministry of the Environment, Finland
17.00 18.30	Guided tour through Wismar for Conference participants Get-together dinner at Brauhaus am Lohberg zu Wismar, Kleine Hohe Straße 15