

Policy area “Spatial Planning” within the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Encouraging the use of maritime and land-based spatial planning in all member states around the Baltic Sea and developing a common approach for cross-border cooperation.



PA “Spatial Planning”:




- aims to achieve territorial cohesion perspective for a better integrated and more coherent macro-region
- focuses on two areas:
 - ▶ land-based spatial planning
 - ▶ maritime spatial planning
- is coordinated by VASAB jointly with HELCOM

Share our Vision and let's shape the desired future of the Baltic Sea Region together!

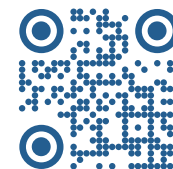
- Participate in VASAB events and activities
- Co-create vibrant, resilient and well-connected Region
- Develop projects contributing to spatial planning
- Join the discussions and share your views

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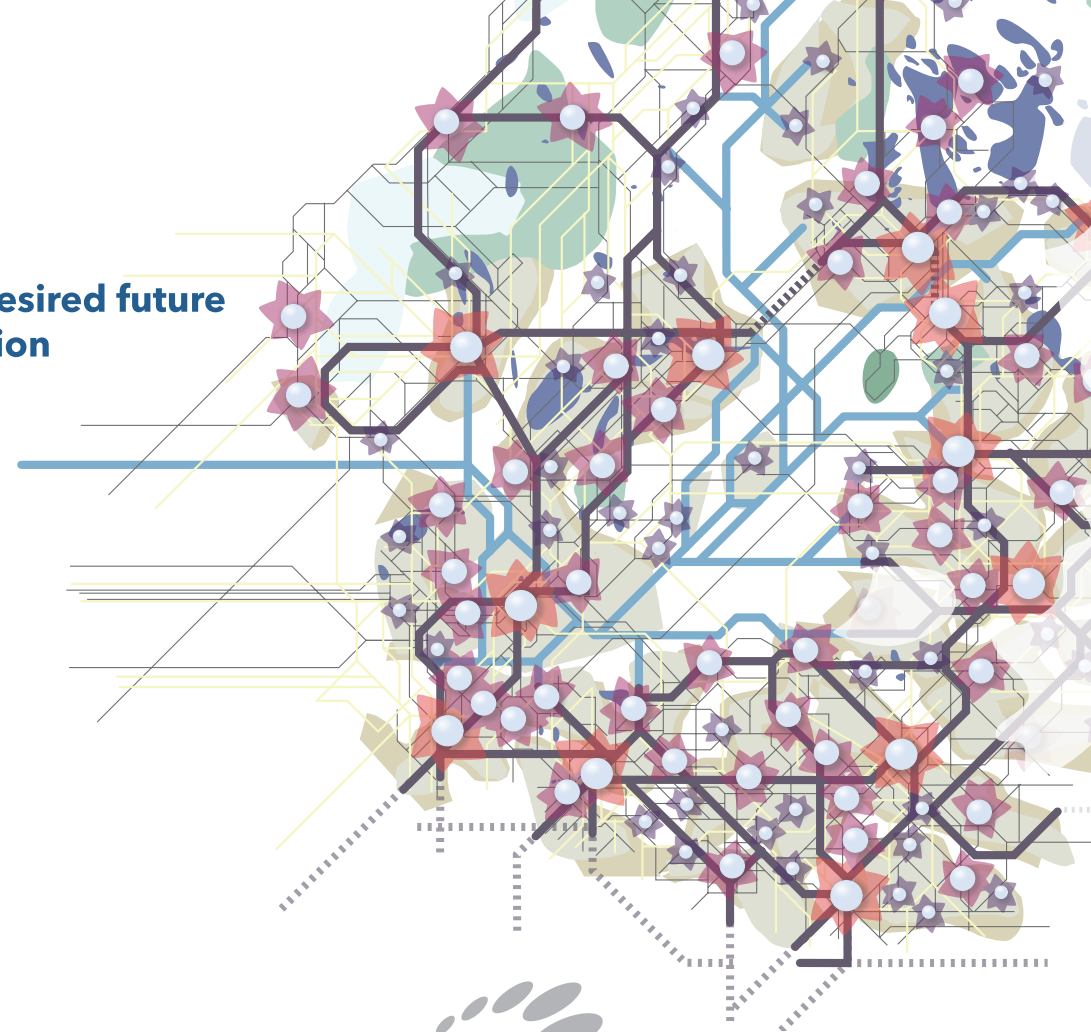
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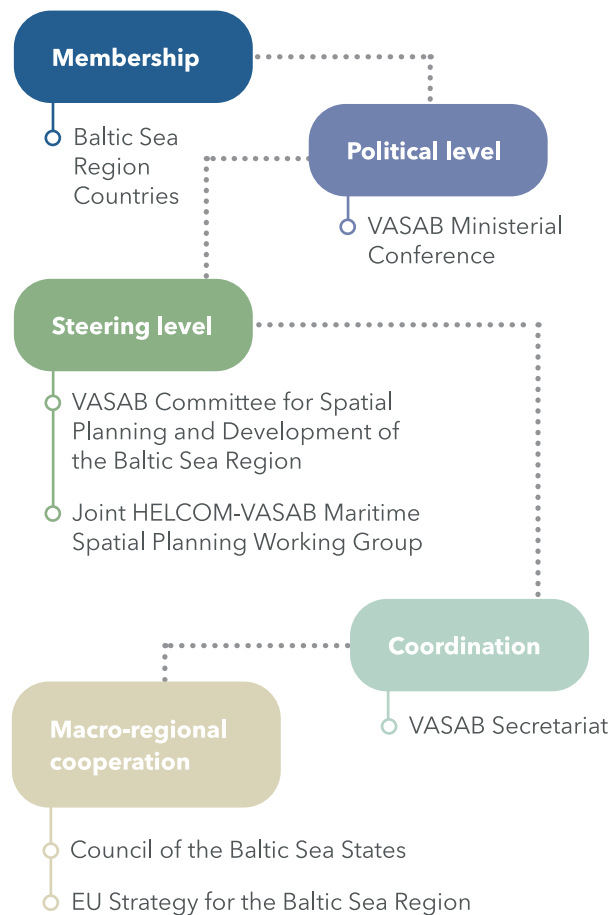
for a vibrant, resilient, well-connected Baltic Sea Region



VASAB for the Baltic Sea Region:

- Prepares policy options for the territorial development
- Provides a cooperation platform for exchange on spatial planning and development between countries

VASAB since 1992



Our work is guided by **VASAB Vision 2040** setting a long-term territorial perspective for a vibrant, resilient, well-connected region with diversity, sustainability, integration and cooperation as key values



PEARLS: Vibrant structure of urban networks & settlements

All places - rural areas, small and medium-sized towns, cities and metropolitan areas - offer high quality of life and are well networked, based on their own comparative advantages, capabilities and complementarities between them.



STRINGS: Physical and virtual connectivity for goods, people and knowledge

Connectivity for goods, people (and their knowledge) are secure, reliable, affordable, efficient and environment friendly, linking the region within itself and beyond. Energy production is carbon neutral, secure, decentralised and well-connected throughout the Region.



PATCHES: Sustainable management of ecosystems and unique areas at sea and land

Marine, coastal and terrestrial environments of the Region have high levels of biodiversity, intact, continuous and unbreakable ecosystems and overall a healthy nature securing the livelihood, blue and green economy and good quality of life in all parts of the Region.



SYSTEMS: Cooperative planning systems at sea and land

Advanced and transnationally coordinated land-use and maritime spatial planning systems across sectors, borders and levels of administration to sustain Region as frontrunner in the sea and land planning, improving the resilience and security.

