

COMMITTEE ON SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Draft Report of the 89th CSPD/BSR Meeting

Online, 28 April 2023

Chairperson: Mr. Daniel Meltzian (DE)

Participants: CSPD/BSR members: Mr. Lukas Kühne (DE), Mr. Jens Kurnol (DE), Ms. Kristi Grīšakov (EE), Ms. Anna-Leena Seppälä (FI), Ms. Tiina Tihlman (FI), Ms. Algimante Treiniene (LT), Ms. Anita Līvija Rozenvalde (LV), Ms. Patrycja Artymowska (PL), Ms. Maxi Nachtigall (SE), invited guests: Mr. Uģis Zanders (Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat), 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 88th CSPD/BSR online meeting on 13 December 2022 without changes.
2. The Committee adopted the Summary of 88th CSPD/BSR online meeting on 13 December 2022 without changes.
3. The Committee took note of the Report of the VASAB Open Troika online meeting on 31 March 2023.
4. The Committee took note on information on preparations for the Expert's Conference on the updated VASAB Vision: Vibrant, Resilient, Well-connected – The Baltic Sea Region in 2040 which will be held on 1 June 2023 in Wismar, Germany.
5. The Committee agreed that VASAB Secretariat will send to the Committee members the latest version of the VASAB Expert's Conference programme with incorporated guiding questions for the session 'Making the VASAB Vision 2040 a reality' in order to prepare for the interviews.
6. The Committee took note on information on preparations for the VASAB Ministerial Conference which will be held on 2 June 2023 in Wismar, Germany.
7. The Committee agreed that Wismar Ministerial Declaration will be agreed on in two written procedure rounds and if needed an online meeting will be organised to discuss the declaration.
8. The Committee took note on information of the prepared document 'Guidance for the implementation of the VASAB Vision 2040' and agreed on proposed approach. The Committee agreed to continue elaboration of the VASAB tasks supporting the implementation of the Vision 2040 in the next meeting.
9. The Committee took note of the information about political news and major challenges regarding national spatial planning issues, as well as implementation of the EU emergency regulation to accelerate renewable energy.
10. The Committee was reminded to submit a short paragraph to the Secretariat about recent news (from 'tour de table') on spatial planning and development issues to be included in the Committee Report and Summary.

11. The Committee took note of the information about EUSBSR Policy area ‘Spatial Planning’ activities and achievements in Policy area coordination in 2022.
12. The Committee agreed to have a written procedure for EUSBSR Policy area ‘Spatial Planning’ Steering Group’s for land-based planning feedback for the submission to the Interreg BSR Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat.
13. The Committee took note of the information about the approach for project needs identification as part of PASPS project.
14. The Committee took note of the information about VASAB’s engagement in organisation of the 14th EUSBSR Annual Forum which will be held on 4-5 October 2023 in Riga, Latvia.
15. The Committee took note of the information about possible VASAB’s representation at the 14th EUSBSR Annual Forum which will be held on 4-5 October 2023 in Riga, Latvia.
16. The Committee took note of the information about upcoming project calls and the new project proposal about VASAB Planners’ Forum initiating cooperation among land-based spatial planners, prepared by VASAB Secretariat.
17. The Committee took note of the information about the outcomes of informal consultation session of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group held on 8-9 March 2023 in Helsinki, Finland.
18. 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 7 March 2023 in Helsinki, Finland.
19. The Committee took note of the information about the outcomes of the second Planners’ Forum within ‘PASPS’ project held on 8 March 2023 in Helsinki, Finland.
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 European Maritime Day which will be held on 24-25 May 2023 in Brest, France and VASAB’s involvement in the event.
22. The Committee took note of the information about the progress of project ‘Baltic Sea2Land’.
23. The Committee acknowledged the execution of VASAB Budget 2022 and took note of the auditor’s Review Report by SIA “Auditorfirma Padoms”.
24. Taking into account the audited VASAB Budget 2022, the Committee decided to amend the VASAB Budget 2023 the following:
 - 1) Budget line A: Cash balance at 1 January 2023 add 22 727 EUR
 - 2) Budget line B: Revenues add 89 068 EUR
 - 3) Budget line B.2: Other revenues add 74 068 EUR
 - 4) Budget line C: Expenses add 100 092 EUR
 - 5) Budget line C.1: Secretariat office decrease by 4225 EUR
 - 6) Budget line C.1.1 Purchases of goods and services add 2 640 EUR
 - 7) Budget line C.1.2: Salaries, taxes, social contributions decrease by 11 865 EUR
 - 8) Budget line C.1.3: Duty travelling add 5 000 EUR
 - 9) Partners` ERDF add 46 112 EUR
 - 10) Budget line C.18: eMSP NBSR project add 22 522 EUR
 - 11) Budget line C.19: PASPS project add 26 863 EUR
 - 12) Budget line C.20: Baltic Sea2Land project decrease by 10 380 EUR
 - 13) Budget line C. 21: EUSBSR Annual Forum project add 19 200 EUR
 - 14) Budget line D: Cash balance at 31 December 2023 add 11 703 EUR.

Allow payout of the non-taxed salary bonuses in 2023 for the staff members of the Secretariat (total amount up to 1 860 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”).

25. The Committee took note of the information about operations of the VASAB Secretariat.
26. The Committee took note of the information about the upcoming Finnish chairmanship.
27. The Committee agreed to hold 90th CSPD/BSR meeting in November 2023.