

COMMITTEE ON SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Draft Report of the 90th CSPD/BSR Meeting

Online, 24 November 2023

Chairperson: Ms. Anna-Leena Seppälä (FI)

Participants: CSPD/BSR members: Mr. Daniel Meltzian (DE), Mr. Jens Kurnol (DE), Ms. Kristi Grišakov (EE), 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), Ms. Ignė Stalmokaitė (Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat), *VASAB Secretariat:* Ms. Alda Nikodemusa, Ms. Elīna Veidemane, Ms. Jana Patmalniece, Ms. Egija Stapkēviča and Ms. Margarita Vološina.

DECISIONS and OUTPUTS

1. The CSPD/BSR (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) adopted the Report of 89th CSPD/BSR online meeting on 28 April 2023 with one amendment proposed by Ms. Patrycja Artymowska in point about news and major challenges regarding national spatial planning issues.
2. The Committee adopted the Summary of 89th CSPD/BSR online meeting on 28 April 2023 with one amendment proposed by Ms. Patrycja Artymowska in point about news and major challenges regarding national spatial planning issues.
3. The Committee took note of the Report of the VASAB Open Troika online meeting on 2 November 2023.
4. The Committee took note on information on the results of VASAB Expert's Conference on 1 June 2023 and VASAB Ministerial Conference on 2 June 2023 in Wismar, Germany.
5. The Committee took note of the information about Finnish VASAB Chairmanship priorities and plans.
6. The Committee agreed that VASAB Secretariat sends a 'Save the Date' e-mail about the webinar on spatial resilience and spatial planning on 29th February 2023 to the Committee members as soon as possible and Committee members invite interested colleagues/stakeholders.
7. The Committee agreed that each Committee member prepares a 10-15 minute presentation for VASAB webinar on spatial resilience and spatial planning and/or suggests additional experts who can give presentations in this field.
8. The Committee took note of the information about VASAB Chairmanship calendar up to year 2030 that is followed accordingly to the CBSS rotating chairmanships. As there are some countries that are represented in CBSS, but are not members of VASAB, the Committee took note of upcoming challenge in shared chairmanships in year 2031 and that further discussion will be needed.
9. The Committee took note of the information about political news and major challenges regarding national spatial planning issues.

10. The Committee was reminded that all VASAB member countries should regularly update the Country fiche on terrestrial spatial planning and send it to Secretariat for publishing on VASAB website.
11. In the brainstorming session for the Implementation of VASAB Vision 2040 the Committee worked in two breakout-rooms - Group I: Pearls & Patches and Group II: Strings & Systems. Groups discussed potential future tasks for three potential future actions within VASAB Vision 2040 that were selected by Committee via online voting. Each group gave a summary from brainstorming session.
12. The Committee agreed that each Committee member checks again the Miro board and adds their proposals or clarifications until 15 January 2024 not only to the Potential Future Actions which were discussed in breakout-rooms, but also to the rest of the actions that weren't discussed but there is seen a need for an action. Additionally, the Committee agreed to provide the feedback on draft Guidance document for the Implementation of VASAB Vision 2040 until 15 January 2024.
13. The Committee took note of the information about EUSBSR Policy area "Spatial Planning" news and activities.
14. The Committee took note of the information about EUSBSR Policy area 'Spatial Planning' achievements in Policy area coordination in 2023 and suggested to include also achievements related to PA's involvement in organisation of 14th EUSBSR Annual Forum, as well as emphasized the need to address the implementation of VASAB Vision 2040 also to other organisations and networks, as well as an intended webinar on spatial resilience as for future tasks of PA in 2024.
15. The Committee agreed on proposed feedback for EUSBSR Policy area 'Spatial Planning' Steering Group's for land-based planning achievements in year 2023 and its submission to the Interreg BSR Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat.
16. The Committee took note of the information about VASAB's involvement in organisation of the 14th EUSBSR Annual Forum which was held on 4-5 October 2023 in Riga, Latvia.
17. The Committee took note of the information about upcoming project calls, funding opportunities, new project developments and VASAB's role, and agreed that VASAB Secretariat will submit project application on testing VASAB Planners' forum approach for land-based spatial planning for Swedish Institute Baltic Sea Neighbourhood Programme call which closes on 15 February 2024.
18. The Committee agreed to support VASAB participation in extension of 'eMSP NBSR' (Emerging Ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Planning Topics in North and Baltic Seas Regions) project by 4 months until 30 June 2024 in order to disseminate project results.
19. The Committee agreed on participation of VASAB Secretariat in potential new project application which will be prepared for European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) call with the objective to facilitate the implementation of MSP in the EU. Proposal for VASAB role in project: cooperation with other Baltic Sea Region Policy areas and support with project communication.
20. The Committee discussed potential funding sources for organising next Young Planners Summer School and potential universities which might be interested to host the event, as well as potential possibility to link VASAB Summer School with Global Planners Forum.
21. 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 24-25 October 2023 in Riga, Latvia.

22. The Committee took note of the information about the outcomes of 3rd informal consultation session of the BSR MSP Data Expert Sub-Group online meeting held on 2 October 2023.
23. The Committee took note of the information about the 3rd MSP Planners' Forum within 'PASPS' project to be held online on 28 November 2023 and hosted by VASAB Secretariat.
24. 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) and its final conference to be held on 31 January - 1 February 2024 in Gdansk (Poland).
25. The Committee took note of the information about the progress of project 'Baltic Sea2Land'.
26. The Committee accepted the VASAB budget for 2024 as proposed by the Secretariat with 317 335 EUR in revenues, 134 994 EUR Secretariat office expenses, 10 000 EUR additional expenses to be decided by CSPD/BSR, as well as 26 088 EUR – eMSP NBSR project, 51 402 EUR – PASPS project, 85 539 EUR – Baltic Sea2Land project and project reserve – 50 000 EUR.
27. The Committee took note of the information about operations of the VASAB Secretariat.
28. The Committee agreed to hold 91st CSPD/BSR meeting on 13-15 March 2024 in Koli, Finland.