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Survey for the elaboration of recommendations on coastal development and planning in the Baltic Sea Region

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Who should participate in this survey?

We invite you and anyone working with the coastal planning and development issues in the countries of the Baltic Sea Region to fill this survey. This includes competent professionals (of any governance level - local, regional or national) working on policy making, spatial planning, and research for terrestrial and marine areas, as well as those addressing land-sea interactions within one or across various sectors. We will be grateful if you forward this survey to colleagues or partners to whom it would be relevant.

What is the purpose of this survey?

By completing this survey, you will contribute to refining the recommendations for coastal development and planning in the Baltic Sea Region. Your insights will help us to know more on issues and gaps that hinder coastal development and to learn about existing valuable actions, policies, and practices that tackle, for example, sustainable blue economy, climate change adaptation and mitigation, resilience of places and biodiversity protection around the Baltic Sea.

Why should you take part?

To help us to understand the current situation with decent level of practical detail which only practitioner could possess and to identify areas needing improvement.

Would you like to follow results of this survey and upcoming recommendations?

VASAB is the intergovernmental organisation of the Baltic Sea Region with a focus on spatial planning and development. With this survey conducted as part of the Baltic Sea2Land project and survey results will be presented and discussed at two follow-up webinars (in Autumn 2024 and Spring 2025), where all identified challenges and good practices will help:

- to exchange knowledge on coastal planning and management issues;
- to explore possibilities of pan-Baltic cooperation on land-sea interactions, coastal governance, and spatial planning themes;
- to update VASAB Common Recommendations for Spatial Planning of the Coastal Zone in the Baltic Sea Region.

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More information will be available in September 2024.

If you wish not to be contacted regarding those activities, please, check the box at the end of this survey.

Your knowledge and experience

This survey contains questions with fixed answers and questions with open boxes as an opportunity to provide direct information sources and/or elaborate on your (respondent's) view/experience. Please expand on your answers wherever possible. The more information you provide, the more we know about the challenges and opportunities public authorities and sustainable blue economy stakeholders face.

Survey structure and volume

When you take part in this survey we will ask you about the aspects, themes and processes included in the existing version of the [VASAB Common Recommendations for Spatial Planning of the Coastal Zone in the Baltic Sea Region](#). The survey should take approximately 25 minutes to complete, and it will accept answers until 30 September 2024.

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Further information and data protection

VASAB Secretariat as Baltic Sea2Land project partner is responsible for this survey and all data treatment. If you have any further questions about this survey or would like to get in touch, please contact Emīls Rode (emils.rode@vasab.org). All responses to this survey will be treated as anonymous - we do not share any information on respondents with third parties.

The information gathered via this online survey will only be used for study purposes, such as a report writing and presentations during webinars and preparation of recommendations. Only summary statistics of the responses will be shared in these outputs. Data will be kept for the lifespan of the project (implementation period and 3 years afterwards). Project partner responsible for this survey will maintain confidentiality and anonymity throughout the study. The data will be processed in line with the [Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\) \(EU\) 2016/679](#).