

COMMITTEE ON SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Draft Report of the 92nd CSPD/BSR Meeting

Online, 11 June 2024

Chairperson: Ms. Anna-Leena Seppälä (FI)

Participants: CSPD/BSR members: Mr. Jens Kurnol (DE), Mr. Tiit Oidjärv (EE), Ms. Helen Madison (EE), Ms. Tiina Tihlman (FI), Ms. Algimante Treiniene (LT), Ms. Anita Līvija Rozenvalde (LV), Ms. Kinga Stańczuk-Olejniak (PL), invited guests: Mr. Uģis Zanders (Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat), Mr. Odd Godal (Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Norway), VASAB Secretariat: Ms. Alda Nikodemusa, Ms. Egija Stapkēviča, Ms. Jana Patmalniece, Ms. Margarita Vološina, Ms. Tīna Šipkēvica and Mr. Emīls Rode.

DECISIONS and OUTPUTS

1. The CSPD/BSR (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) adopted the Report of 91st CSPD/BSR meeting held on 14-15 March 2024 in Koli, Finland without changes.
2. The Committee adopted the Summary of 91st CSPD/BSR meeting held on 14-15 March 2024 in Koli, Finland without changes.
3. The Committee agreed that Estonian Chairmanship of VASAB Committee undertakes to explore the links between the emerging topic of spatial resilience and VASAB Vision 2040, and afterwards a decision will be made on how to proceed further.
4. The Committee took note of the information about EUSBSR Policy Area ‘Spatial Planning’ Work Plan 2022-2024 evaluation and suggested to include in the document organisation of VASAB Ministerial Conference on 2nd June 2023 in Wismar, Germany.
5. The Committee took note of the information about South Baltic Programme Annual event which will be held on 24-27 September 2024 in Stralzung, Germany and VASAB’s participation in the event.
6. The Committee took note of the information about EUSBSR Annual Forum which will be held on 30-31 October 2024 in Visby, Sweden and VASAB’s active participation: 1) with a seminar ‘Designing Liveable Cities in the Baltic Sea Region’ together with Interreg BSR project “Liveability” and UBC Planning Cities Commission, 2) with a VASAB stand in Networking Village where Policy Area ‘Spatial Planning’ related projects are welcome to promote their projects/results.
7. The Committee took note of the information on 1st draft of EUSBSR PA ‘Spatial Planning’ Work Plan 2025-2026 in frame of VASAB Vision 2040 implementation and discussed what should be added.
8. The Committee agreed to support VASAB participation in extension of EUSBSR policy area ‘Spatial Planning’ coordinators assistance project ‘PASPS’ by 2 years from January 2025 until December 2026 with an aim to coordinate policy area ‘Spatial planning’ and to support project generation and development.

9. 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 19-21 March 2024 in Gothenburg, Sweden.
10. The Committee took note of the information about the outcomes of 4th MSP Planners' Forum within 'PASPS' project held online on 18 April 2024 and hosted by VASAB Secretariat.
11. The Committee took note of the information about the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting held on 25 April 2024 and VASAB's participation in the event.
12. The Committee took note of the information about the progress of project 'Baltic Sea2Land'.
13. The Committee took note of the information about the progress of project 'Baltic Sea2Land' and update of VASAB Common Recommendations for Spatial Planning of the Coastal Zone in the Baltic Sea Region.
14. 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 Sea Regions).
15. The Committee took note of the information on resubmission of project application 'NESBp' by lead partner Netherlands Enterprise Agency to European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund call which is a continuation of the 'eMSP NBSR' project.
16. The Committee acknowledged the execution of VASAB Budget 2023 and took note of the auditor's Review Report by SIA "Auditorfirma Padoms".
17. Taking into account the audited VASAB Budget 2023, the Committee decided to amend the VASAB Budget 2024 the following:

1) Budget line A: Cash balance on 1 January 2024	add 142 108 EUR
2) Budget line B: Revenues	decrease by 18 178 EUR
3) Budget line B.2. Other revenues	decrease by 18 178 EUR
4) Budget line C: Expenses	decrease by 18 110 EUR
5) Budget line C.1.4. Other	decrease by 2 000 EUR
6) Budget line C.1.5: Services of Experts	add 2 000 EUR
7) Budget line D: Cash balance on 31 December 2024	add 142 040 EUR

Allow payout of the non-taxed salary bonuses in 2024 for the staff members of the Secretariat (total amount up to 2 100 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").
18. The Committee took note of the information on potential changes of VASAB Secretariat.
19. The Committee took note of the information about operations of the VASAB Secretariat.
20. The Committee took note of the information about the upcoming Estonian chairmanship.
21. The Committee agreed to hold 92nd CSPD/BSR meeting in November 2024 in Estonia.