

Online seminar: «Towards updated Coastal Planning and Development
Recommendations for the Baltic Sea Region»

Agenda

Wednesday, 20 November 2024

Time (CET)	Agenda Item
8:50-9:00	Connecting and joining
09:00-09:55 (55 min)	Part 1: VASAB Coastal Planning and Development Recommendations Background, need for an update, process
09:00-09:15 (15 min)	Welcome, agenda and introduction <i>Margarita Vološina, Spatial planning and communication expert and Emīls Rode, Project manager at VASAB Secretariat</i>
09:15-09:25 (10 min)	VASAB Vision 2040: Baltic Sea Region trends and challenges <i>Egija Stapkēviča, deputy head of VASAB Secretariat</i>
09:25-09:55 (30 min)	Updating the Coastal Planning recommendations: background, needs and challenges (incl. key insights from the survey) <i>Emīls Rode</i>
5 min	Comfort break
10:00-11:30 (90 min)	Part 2: Valuable Examples and Experience from BSR Countries Coastal Planning strategies, approaches and practices
10:00-10:20 (20 min)	Finnish Coastal Strategy: an integrated planning approach <i>Mari Pohja-Mykrä, Coordinator of the Finnish Maritime Spatial Planning Cooperation</i> The Finnish Coastal Strategy (2024) was informed by the Finnish MSP's Vision work and developed through extensive stakeholder collaboration. A systemic approach was employed to identify stakeholder networks, engage them in common principles, and identify key measures to support the sustainability of coastal use.
10:20-10:30 (10 min)	Discussion moderated by Rode and Vološina
10:30-10:45 (15 min)	Developing sustainable blue economy indicators for Klaipeda Regional Smart Specialisation Strategy (Lithuania) <i>Greta Tautavičiūtė, Coordinator at Association 'Klaipeda Region'</i> Join us as we explore the innovative and sustainable future of the Klaipeda Region's blue economy. We'll delve into port modernization, green maritime transport, and sustainable fisheries, while highlighting the sector's expanding influence beyond coastal areas.
10:45-10:55 (10 min)	Discussion moderated by Rode and Vološina
10:55-11:10 (15 min)	Challenges of Developing the Coastal Thematic plan at Kurzeme Region (Latvia) <i>Alla Kudiņa, Kurzeme Planning Region</i> The Baltic Sea coastline in the Kurzeme region stretches for 365 km and is an important, diverse and multi-stakeholder functional space.

	Work is currently underway to develop a thematic plan for the Kurzeme coast. This is a precedent-setting case of this type of planning at regional level in Latvia. As well as a challenge, it is also an opportunity to identify regional issues and draw visions for the future development of the coast.
11:10-11:20 (10 min)	Discussion moderated by Rode and Vološina
11:20-11:30 (10 min)	Summary and next steps

Logistic information

Seminar takes place online - Teams link will be sent to registered participants.

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