



WORKSHOP ON GOOD PLANNING & COOPERATION PRACTICES IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION

18 September 2025

9:00- 12:00 CEST

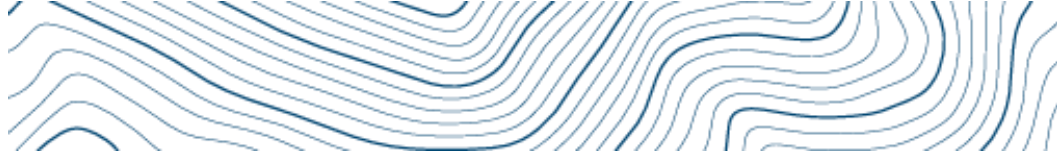
in-person in Itawa, Poland & online

Moderator

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Time CEST	Draft programme v18 August 2025:
8:45	Connecting online
9:00-9:10	Opening & Introduction Why a Planners' Forum for land-based planning in the BSR by VASAB and VASAB Secretariat
9:10	Baltic Sea Region Spatial Planning Systems Peter Schmitt, Stockholm University Land-based Planner' Forum Feasibility Study (incl. survey results) Myriam Chilvers & Kerstin Bly Joyce, Nordregio
5 min	Q&A
9:45	Inspiration talks – Good cooperation (for spatial planning & development) practice examples: METREX and Riga experience Guntars Ruskuls, Head of the Strategic Management Division, Department of City Development, Riga State City Municipality Network of metropolitan regions and areas in Europe – sharing urban and regional planning knowledge. MSP Planners' Forum Tīna Šipkēvica (VASAB Secretariat, Spatial planning expert) & Elin Celik (Marine Spatial Planner at the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, SwAM) A platform for maritime spatial planners in the Baltic Sea Region to regularly exchange experience.
10 min	Break
10:25	Small Town Academy Carola Thomsen, Advisor for Urban Development at the Small Town Academy URBACT (tbc)



	Estonian Spatial Planners Association (tbc)
	UBC – Union of the Baltic Cities (tbc)
11:15	Panel discussion participants (tbc): VASAB Secretariat, VASAB Committee member, Nordregio, Estonian Spatial Planners association, Small Town Academy, PA Spatial Planning coordinators, ARL
	...to help us understand how existing cooperation works and where there are still opportunities for the future Land-based Planners' Forum.
11:55-12:00	Summary & next steps

This event is intended for land-based spatial planners working in local, regional, or national public authorities across the Baltic Sea Region, as well as for existing cooperation networks focused on spatial planning issues. During the workshop, key findings will be presented, potential forum formats explored, and—most importantly—participant input welcomed.

Information and registration:

<https://vasab.org/event/land-based-planners-forum-workshop/>

Workshop takes place online – Final Agenda and Teams link will be sent to registered participants.

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