



Vibrant, Resilient, Well-connected – The Baltic Sea Region in 2040

Expert's Conference on the updated VASAB Vision

1 June 2023 • Wismar, Germany

The Expert's Conference will celebrate the completion of the VASAB Vision 2040. Experts in the field of spatial planning and regional development will come together to discuss what the VASAB Vision means for the Baltic Sea Region and how each of us can contribute to making it a reality.

The event will take place back-to-back with the adoption of the Vision 2040 by the Ministers responsible for spatial planning and development in the VASAB countries of the Baltic Sea Region on 2 June 2023. It will complement the Ministerial Conference by providing different practical and research perspectives and by highlighting what is needed for its implementation. Participants will learn more about projects and initiatives, and will have the opportunity to discuss, network and reflect on future initiatives for a vibrant, resilient, and well-connected Baltic Sea Region.

Learn more about the VASAB Vision 2040 here: <https://vasab.org/vision2040/>

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VASAB is the intergovernmental multilateral co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region in spatial planning and development, guided by the Conference of Ministers responsible for spatial planning and development. VASAB prepares policy options for the territorial development of the Baltic Sea Region and provides a forum for exchange of knowledge on spatial planning and development between the Baltic Sea countries. VASAB is integrated into the network of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) organizations.

More information: <https://vasab.org/>



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Meeting venue: Rathaus Wismar (Town hall Wismar), Am Markt 1, D-23966 Wismar

All times CEST

31 May 2023 | 19:00 - Dinner for early arrivals

1 June 2023

10.30 – 11.00	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE	
11.00 – 11.20	Welcome	Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building Ministry of Economics, Infrastructure, Tourism and Labour, State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
11.20 – 11.30	Who's in the room? Introduction by Moderator	
11.30 – 11.45	The VASAB Vision 2040	Kai Böhme, Spatial Foresight and Luciane Aguiar Borges, Nordregio
11.45 – 12.30	Reflections on the VASAB Vision 2040 from spatial planning research practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prof. Jacek Zaucha, University of Gdańsk, Poland- Prof. Jörg Knieling, HafenCity University Hamburg, Germany- UBC (tbc)
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH BREAK	
13.30 – 14.45	Making the VASAB Vision 2040 a reality	Presentations of newly approved projects and discussion on opportunities to get involved
14.45 – 15.00	COFFEE BREAK	
15.00 – 15.40	The VASAB vision 2040 and the EUSBSR – How to ensure interaction and synergies?	Panel discussion with <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dimitry Frank-Kamenetsky, HELCOM- Liene Dreimane, PA Energy- Tarmo Ots, PA Transport- EUSBSR Strategy Point (tbc) Moderated by Liene Gaujeniete and Elina Veidemane, VASAB Secretariat/PA Spatial Planning



15.40 – 16.00	Passing the baton from Germany to Finland – VASAB Chairmanship priorities 2022/2023 and 2023/2024	Daniel Meltzian, Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building, Germany Anna-Leena Seppälä, Ministry of the Environment, Finland
	Wrap-up: Expectations to the Ministerial Conference	Prof. Dr. Rainer Danielzyk, Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibniz Association (ARL), rapporteur to the Ministerial Conference
16.30	<i>Guided tour through Wismar for conference participants and get-together afterwards</i>	