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## FLAGSHIP PROJECTS



**Baltic LINes - Coherent Linear Infrastructures in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans** is aiming to increase transnational coherence of shipping routes and energy corridors in maritime spatial plans in the BSR in order to prevent cross-border mismatches and secure transnational

connectivity as well as efficient use of the Baltic Sea space.

**Project's lifetime:** March 2016 - March 2019

**Budget:** € 3 409 458

**Financed from:** Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020

## OTHER RELEVANT PROJECTS

### MARITIME



**Plan4Blue - Maritime Spatial Planning for Sustainable Blue Economies** supports growth of the marine and maritime sectors in a way that emphasizes the need to find a balance between economic, social and

environmental goals.

**Project's lifetime:** October 2016 - December 2019

**Budget:** € 1 997 882

**Financed from:** Interreg Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020



**BALTSPACE - Towards sustainable planning of Baltic marine space** provides science-based approaches and tools to clarify and improve the capacity of MSP as a policy integrator in the BSR. The project is testing and evaluating individual tools and combinations of tools, resulting in practical guidance for their application in MSP in the future.

**Project's lifetime:** April 2015 - March 2018

**Budget:** € 2 000 000

**Financed from:** The joint Baltic Sea research and development programme (BONUS) 2010-2017



**BaltCoast - A systems approach framework for coastal research and management in the Baltic** tackles complex problems and challenges in the coastal zone integrating the different

human activities with the ecosystem capacity and external forcings by using the Systems Approach Framework (SAF). Project will focus on linking existing Baltic Integrated Coastal Management activities into lasting Baltic coastal management competence network.

**Project's lifetime:** April 2015 - March 2018

**Budget:** € 2 900 000

**Financed from:** The joint Baltic Sea research and development programme (BONUS) 2010-2017



**BEA-APP Baltic Energy Areas - a planning perspective** aims to improve the capacity of regional and renewable energy planning actors by developing, testing and

implementing new spatially adjusted spatial planning instruments, innovative stakeholder involvement modes and financing systems, as well as place-based pilot actions assessing local circumstances and conditions.

**Project's lifetime:** March 2016 - March 2019

**Budget:** € 2 700 000

**Financed from:** Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020

### LAND-BASED



**Live Baltic Campus - Campus Areas as Labs for Participative Urban Design** - aims at developing campuses as innovation hubs and integration of them in the overall urban management and transport system, thus creating better urban environment for businesses and

residents.

**Project's lifetime:** October 2015 - March 2018

**Budget:** € 1 850 000

**Financed from:** Interreg Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020



**Baltic Urban lab - Integrated Planning and Partnership Model for Brownfield Regeneration** aims at improving urban planning by developing and testing new integrated models for brownfield regeneration. The project tackles an increasing need to build attractive, high-quality and

sustainable urban areas and will provide an integrated planning and partnership model for brownfield regeneration.

**Project's lifetime:** October 2015 - March 2018

**Budget:** € 2 200 177

**Financed from:** Interreg Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020

## PAST PROJECTS

**Baltic SCOPE** - Towards Coherence and Cross-border Solutions in Baltic Sea Maritime Spatial Plans. Web: [www.balticscope.eu](http://www.balticscope.eu)

**PartiSEApate** - Multi-level Governance in Maritime Spatial Planning throughout the Baltic Sea Region. Web: [www.partiseapate.eu](http://www.partiseapate.eu)

## SEED MONEY CALLS

Seed money is funding provided by Interreg Baltic Sea Region to support the preparation of projects in line with the Action Plan of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats serve as contact points on preselection of draft applications. More information about Seed money calls can be found on [www.interreg-baltic.eu](http://www.interreg-baltic.eu).

## SEED MONEY PROJECTS

**MSP & MHM** project focuses on integration of Maritime Cultural Heritage to MSP processes. With Seed money support the project application "Baltic Sea Region Integrated Maritime Cultural Heritage Management" (BalticRIM) was prepared and applied for the 2nd call of Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020.

**Project's lifetime:** April 2016 - March 2017

**Smart Coast** project focused on coastal zone management by local and regional cooperation in a transboundary context and strengthening interlinkage of a land-based and maritime spatial planning with the emphasis on environmentally sustainable approach. With Seed money support the project application "A systems approach framework for coastal research and management in the Baltic" (BaltCoast) was prepared and applied for the joint Baltic Sea research and development programme (BONUS) 2010-2017.

**Project's lifetime:** November 2014 - November 2015

**Baltwise Seed** project aimed to provide added value in the field of MSP by engaging in further practical studies involving particularly the Russian Federation. The project area was Gulf of Finland. With Seed money support the project application "Maritime Spatial Planning for Sustainable Blue Economies" (Plan4Blue) was prepared and applied for the 2nd call of Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020.

**Project's lifetime:** April 2014 - March 2015

**LiveBaltic** project aimed to understand how the quality of living indicators are included in municipal and regional planning, and what are the best practices of the most 'liveable' cities. With Seed money support the project application „Campus Areas as Labs for Participative Urban Design" (Live Baltic Campus) was prepared and applied for the 1st Call of Interreg Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020.

**Project's lifetime:** April 2014 - March 2015

**BSR-TeMo** - Territorial Monitoring for the Baltic Sea Region  
Web: <http://bsr.espon.eu>

**PLAN BOTHNIA** - Maritime Spatial Planning preparatory action for the Baltic Sea. Web: [www.planbothnia.org](http://www.planbothnia.org)

**BaltSeaPlan** - Planning the future in the Baltic Sea.  
Web: [www.baltseaplan.eu](http://www.baltseaplan.eu)

## WHAT DO WE DO

- ▶ ensure transnational approach in spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region
- ▶ facilitate coherent MSP across the borders
- ▶ observe the territorial development processes
- ▶ recommend transnational policy measures
- ▶ promote methodology development
- ▶ provide a forum for regional, trans-boundary and cross-sectoral dialogue
- ▶ promote co-operation projects
- ▶ co-operate with other initiatives and macro-regions
- ▶ promote a dialogue with different sectors
- ▶ assist the Baltic Sea Region in profiling itself as a global and European forerunner in spatial planning
- ▶ ensure communication and visibility of the Horizontal Action
- ▶ monitor progress within the Horizontal Action and report on it

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# HORIZONTAL ACTION SPATIAL PLANNING

ENCOURAGING THE USE OF MARITIME AND LAND-BASED SPATIAL PLANNING IN ALL MEMBER STATES AROUND THE BALTIC SEA AND DEVELOP A COMMON APPROACH FOR CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION

HORIZONTAL ACTION COORDINATORS



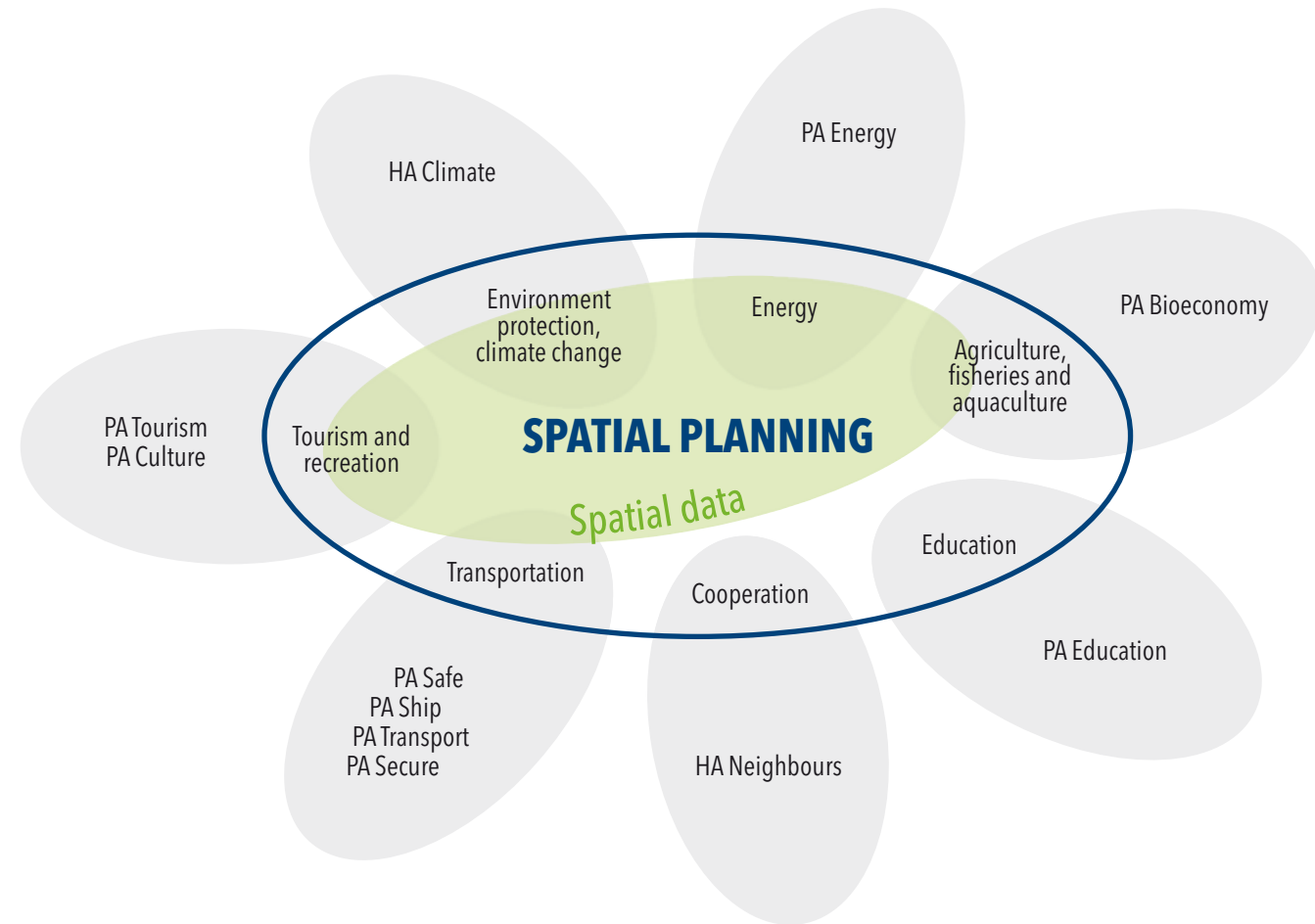
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## HORIZONTAL ACTION "SPATIAL PLANNING" IN EUSBSR FAMILY



Horizontal Action "Spatial Planning" is of key importance in ensuring consistency of actions and in maintaining an integrated approach in Baltic Sea region.

Comprehensive overview of the Region and knowledge of sensitive areas, populations, economic pressures and other factors, both at sea and on land, are prerequisites for feasible sustainable development.

## GOAL AND TARGET

The **overall goal** of this horizontal action is to achieve territorial cohesion perspective in the Baltic Sea region by 2030. In 2030 the Region shall be a well-integrated and coherent macro-region, and it has overcome the socio-economic development divides between its individual parts and turned the global challenges into assets.

The **strategic target** of the Horizontal Action is to **draw up and apply trans-boundary, ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Plans throughout the Region in 2020/2021**. It means the Baltic Sea countries should aim at developing national maritime spatial plans by applying an ecosystem-approach, and that the planning should be coherent across the borders which entails close cross-border cooperation.

## LAND-BASED SPATIAL PLANNING

Land-based spatial planning has been carried out by all Baltic Sea region countries at national, regional and local level. VASAB has established a common platform, which allows partners to meet, network, exchange knowledge and experiences. VASAB sketched a first common spatial vision for



the Baltic Sea region - 'Vision and Strategies around the Baltic Sea 2010' - (VASAB 2010) that was adopted by ministers responsible for spatial planning in Tallinn in 1994. The VASAB Long Term Perspective for the Territorial Development of the Baltic Sea region (LTP) is the latest contribution to these efforts. The coordinators of policy areas should take the LTP into account when addressing spatial objectives, conditions and impacts of their actions.

The LTP concentrates on issues which require transnational solutions such as urban networking and urban-rural cooperation, improving external and internal accessibility and maritime spatial planning. It also calls to overcome territorial disparities and socioeconomic divides between parts of the Baltic Sea region.

**In order to implement LTP within the EUSBSR and achieve coherent development of the BSR, horizontal action aims to:**

- 1) contribute to better adaptation of strategies to different types of areas and propose specific approaches for a diverse urban pattern;
- 2) apply place-based approaches to territorial development policies as well as effective use of functional area's concept and territorial impact assessment tools;
- 3) observe the territorial development processes in the BSR;
- 4) encourage improving accessibility and connectivity of the BSR using potential of TEN-T for regional development.

**VASAB Committee for Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region** (VASAB CSPD/BSR) acts as a coordination platform for the territorial development in the BSR, in close cooperation with the Council of Baltic Sea States.

## WHO IS WHO IN HA "SPATIAL PLANNING"



Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden.

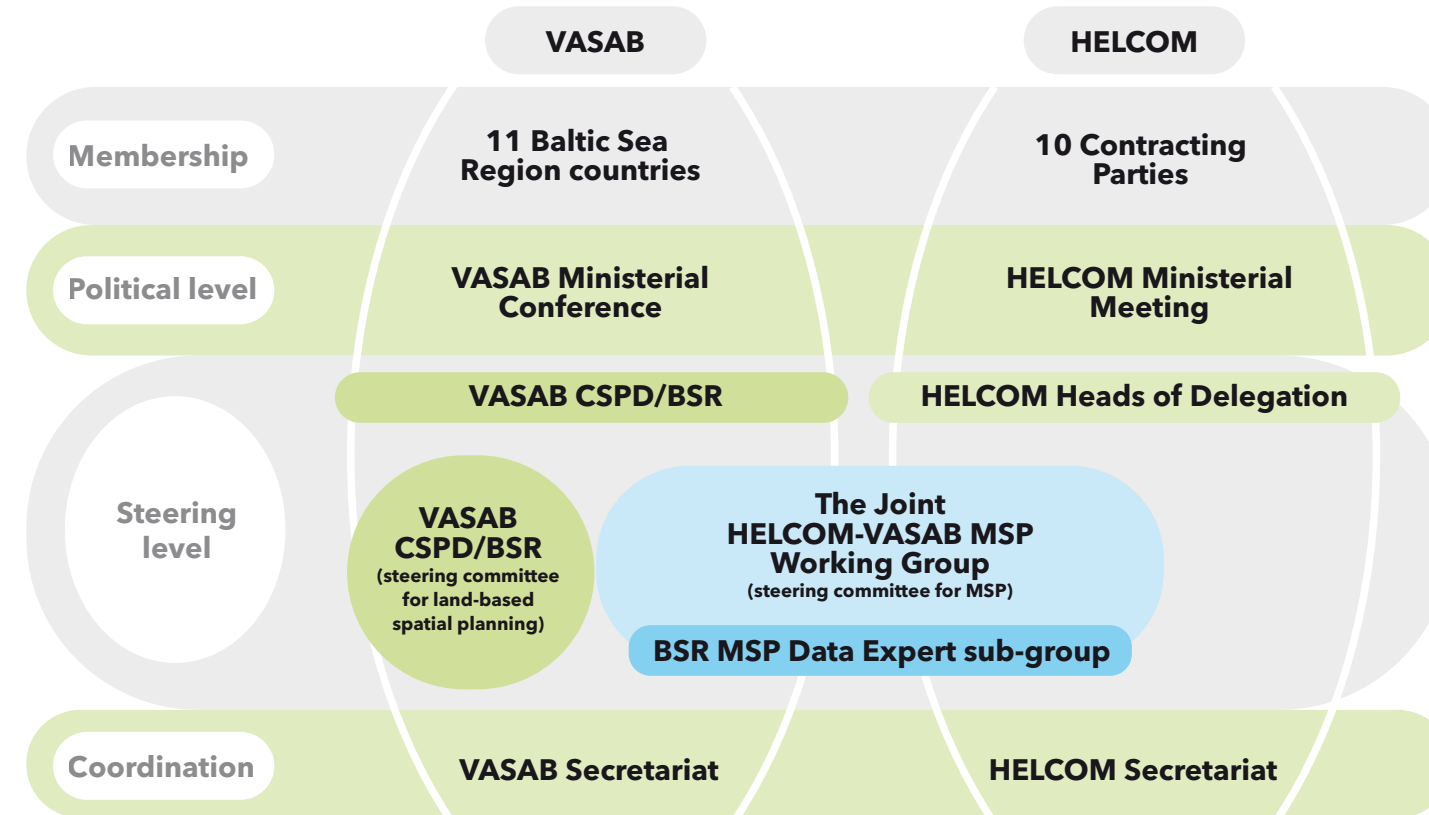
VASAB prepares policy options for the territorial development of the Baltic Sea Region and provides a forum for exchange of know-how on spatial planning and development between the Baltic Sea countries.



HELCOM (Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - Helsinki Commission) is the governing body of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, known as the Helsinki Convention. The Contracting Parties are Denmark, Estonia, the European Union, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Sweden.

HELCOM is an environmental policy maker for the Baltic Sea area. It develops common management solutions and actions to protect the marine environment of the Baltic Sea from all sources of pollution through intergovernmental cooperation.

## HA "SPATIAL PLANNING" GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



## MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING

Augmentation of activities in the Baltic Sea has led to increased competition for limited marine space between sectoral interests, such as shipping and maritime transport, extraction of gravel and minerals, offshore energy, ports development, tourism, fisheries and aquaculture in addition to environmental concerns. Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) and Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) are



important tools and processes for improved decision making. They help various users to balance sectoral interests that compete for marine space, and contribute to achieving sustainable use of marine areas to the benefit of economic and social development as well as the marine environment.

The establishment and implementation of MSP by applying the ecosystem approach is required by the EU MSP Directive. Other regulatory frameworks and policy initiatives in the Baltic Sea, addressing both MSP and ICM, can be further facilitated by common cross border cooperation for the implementation of MSP in the Baltic Sea according to the regional set of MSP principles adopted by all BSR countries within VASAB and HELCOM.

The Regional Baltic MSP Roadmap 2013-2020, adopted by the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting in 2013 and endorsed by the VASAB Ministerial Conference in 2014, includes the necessary steps to achieve the goal to draw up and apply maritime spatial plans throughout the BSR which are coherent across borders and apply the ecosystem approach.

In addition, the Guideline for the implementation of ecosystem-based approach in MSP in the Baltic Sea area and Guidelines on transboundary consultations, public participation and co-operation in MSP process have been adopted.

The **joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group**, established in 2010, is the regional platform for cooperation between BSR countries to ensure coherent MSP processes in the cross-border context and pro-active implementation of the EU MSP Directive as far as EU countries are concerned.

In 2015 the BSR MSP Data Expert Sub-group was established as an expert group under the joint HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group. The aim of the sub-group is to support data, information and evidence availability for MSP processes with regard to cross-border / trans-boundary planning issues.