

# **”Territorial Scenarios for the Baltic Sea Region”**

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# Baltic Sea Region



# BSR challenges

## Territorial divides

- West/East economic divide;
- North/South demographic divide;
- Urban/Rural

## Some other challenges

- Integration non-EU countries;
- Sea level rising;
- Culture ...



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## TIME SPAN:

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## PROJECT PARTNERS:

- Nordregio
- Spiekermann & Wegener
- Spatial Foresight
- IGSO- PAS

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Aim: Develop territorial scenarios for the BSR in order to increase evidence based on the territorial dimension of the EUSBSR, as well as contribute to EU MS policy-making and cooperation between BSR countries on territorial development. (ESPON EGTC, ToR BT2050, July 2018)

- 1) BSR territorial capital and identification of the main factors shaping the spatial development
- 2) Development of two baseline scenarios 2030 and 2050
- 3) Formulation of territorial development scenarios
- 4) Proposal for political action

**Engagement of stakeholders throughout all the phases of the project**

# Macro-regional approach, visions and scenarios

- Allows dealing with challenges that cannot be addressed or solved neither at the national level nor at the EU level;
- Visions are powerful tools for macro-regions - enhancing cooperation where formally regulatory competences do not exist;
- Scenarios are efficient tool to deal with uncertainties and to mediate the dialogue between stakeholders.
- Alternative scenarios facilitates the process of identifying potential benefits and drawbacks of territorial development and situates current decisions in a longer time frame

# Thank you

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