

NEW VASAB LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE FOR THE TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BALTIC SEA REGION

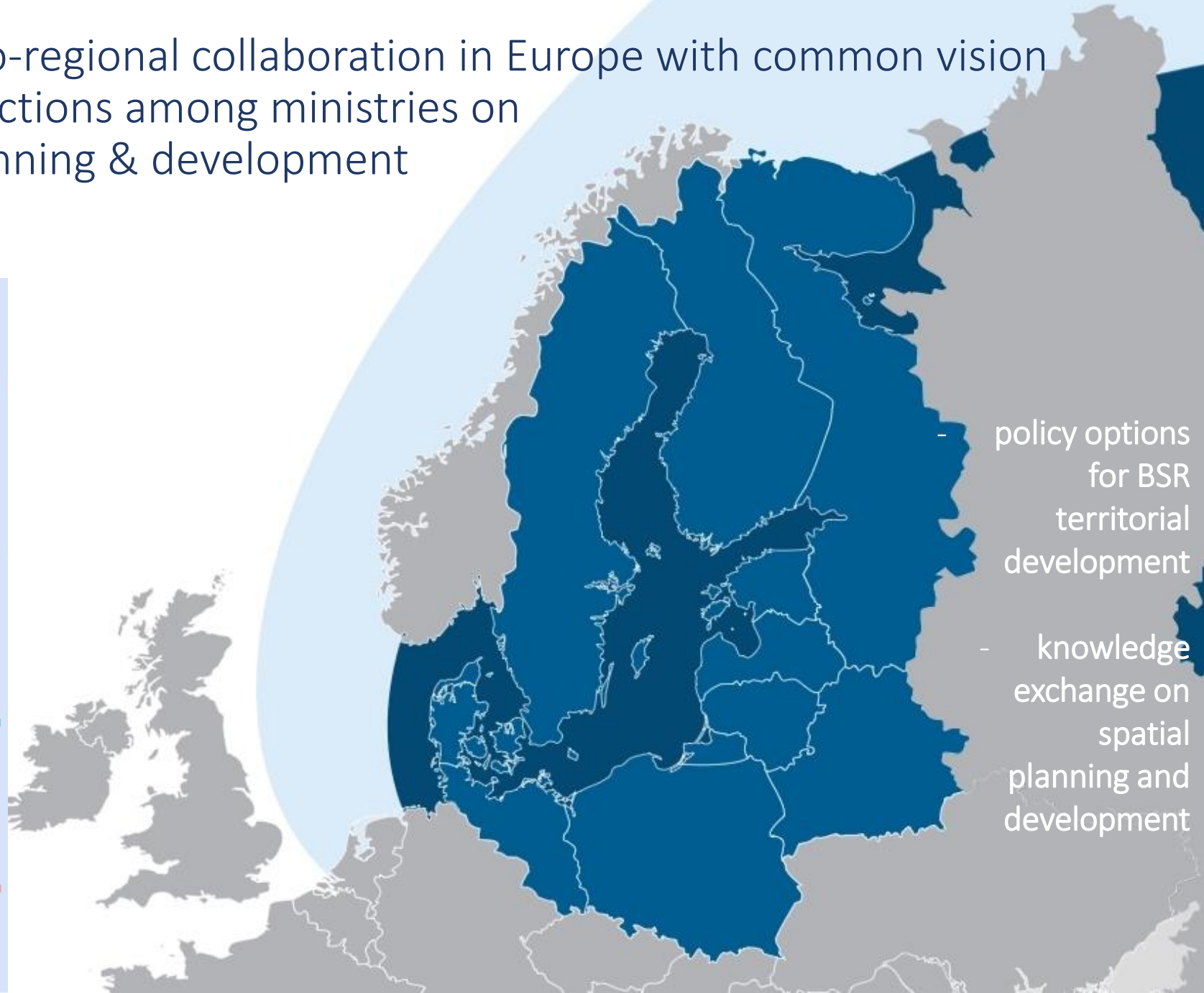
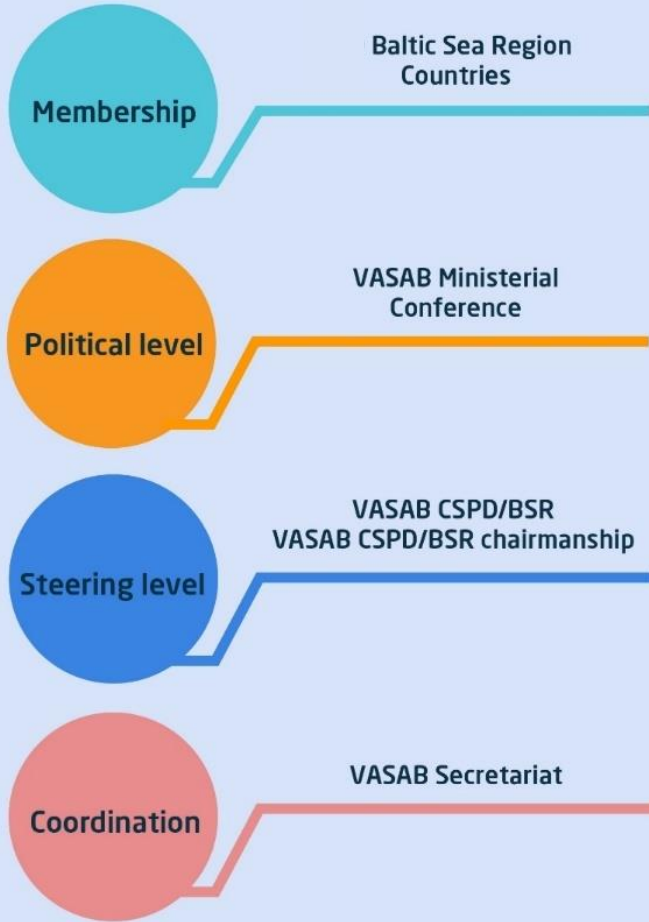
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First macro-regional collaboration in Europe with common vision and joint actions among ministries on spatial planning & development

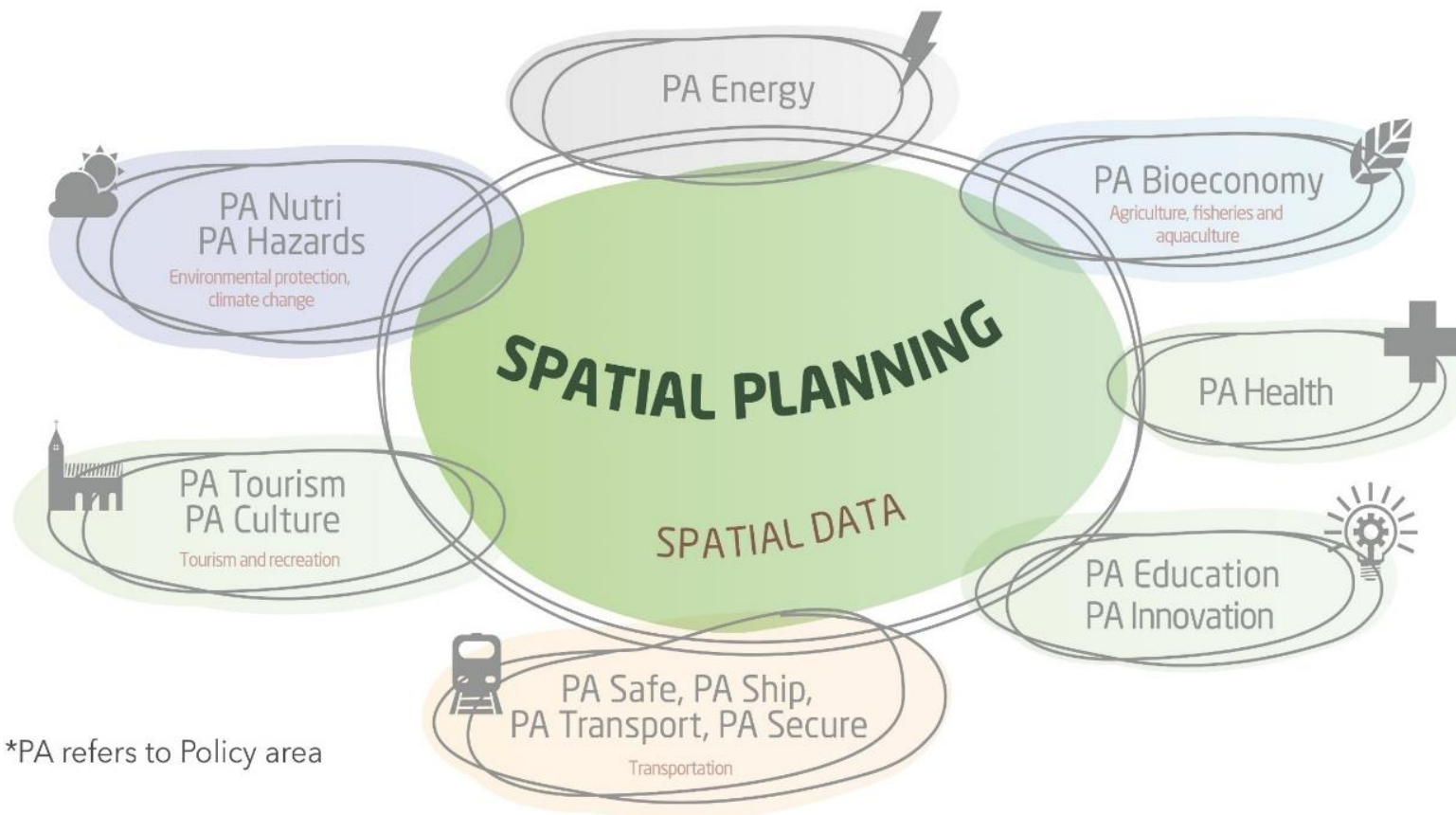
VASAB since 1992



- policy options for BSR territorial development

- knowledge exchange on spatial planning and development

VASAB – lead coordinator of Policy area ‘Spatial Planning’ within EUSBSR family



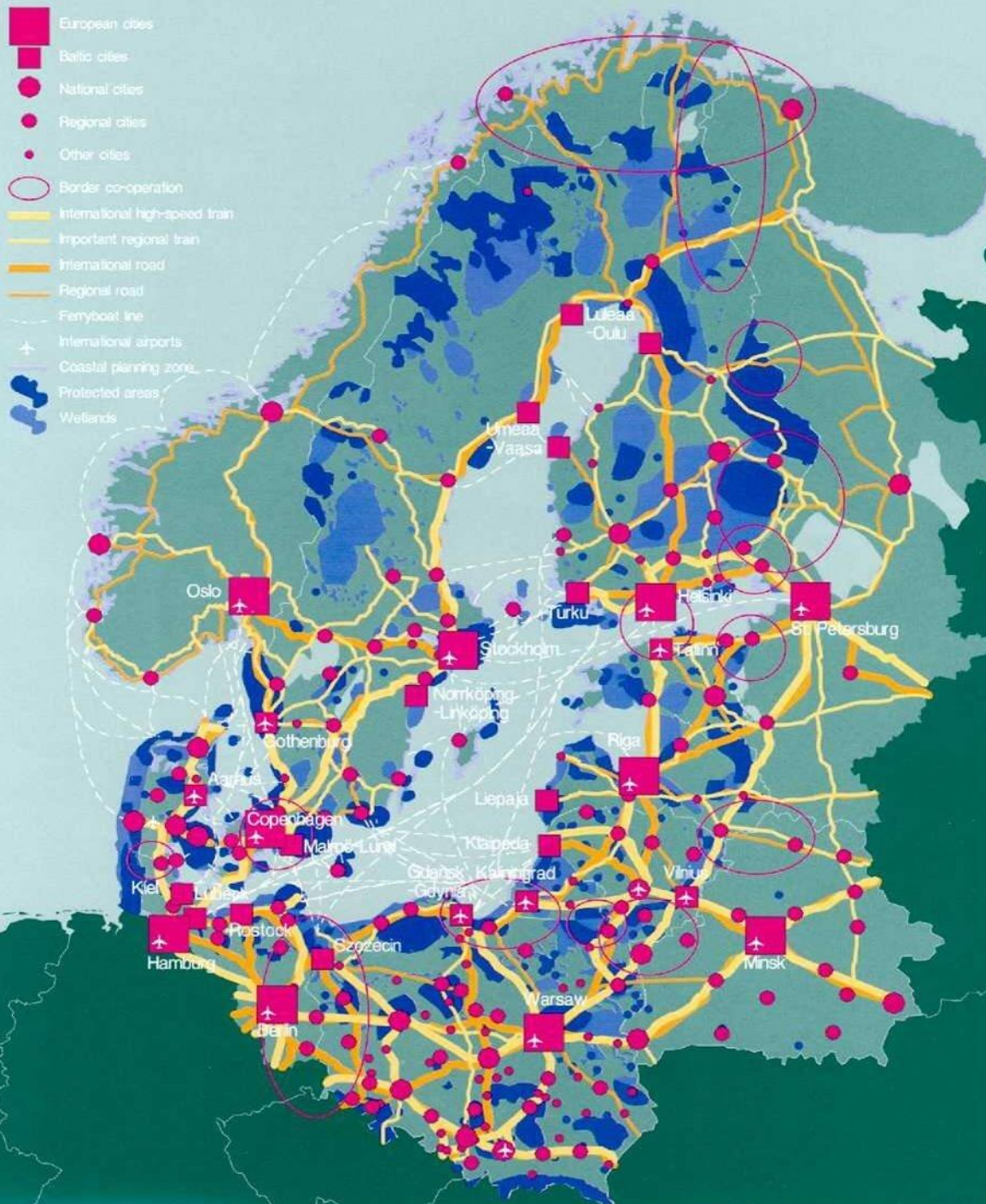
Overall goal:

To increase territorial cohesion in BSR by 2030:

- Better-integrated & more coherent macro-region
- Reduced socio-economic divides
- Global challenges turned into assets

Two focus areas:

- Land-based spatial planning
- Maritime spatial planning



1994 First common BSR vision



Agreed by the 3rd Conference of Ministers for Spatial Planning and Development, 8 -9 December 1994, Tallinn

- * PEARLS: system of cities and urban settlements
- * STRINGS: effective and sustainable infrastructure networks
- * PATCHES: selected types of uses supporting dynamism and quality of life
- * SYSTEM: spatial planning in function

2009 VASAB Territorial development perspective

Agreed by the 7th Conference of Ministers for Spatial Planning and Development,
16 October 2009 in Vilnius

- Well integrated and coherent macro-region
- Well-balanced setup of metropolitan centres, medium-sized cities & towns and rural areas
- Fast, reliable and environmentally efficient technologies of transport, information and communication
- Integrated energy system with diversified sources of energy
- Integrated land and maritime spatial planning and management
- Protected Baltic Sea environment and sustainable use of the marine resources



VASAB Long-Term Perspective
for the Territorial
Development of the Baltic Sea Region

Currently being updated!

2021-2022

Update of the VASAB Long-Term Perspective 2040

«Bridging the old with the new»:

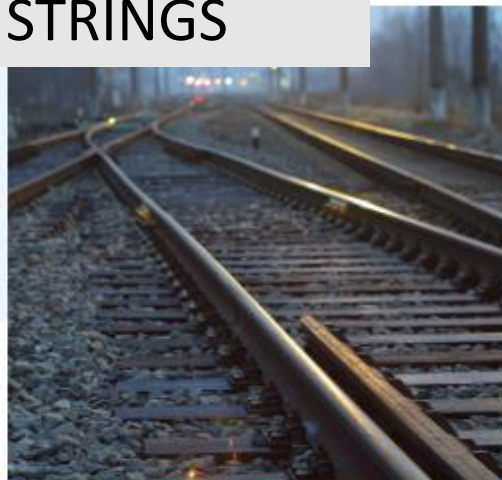
First common BSR vision 1994 & VASAB Long-Term Perspective from 2009

PEARLS



Urban - rural

STRINGS



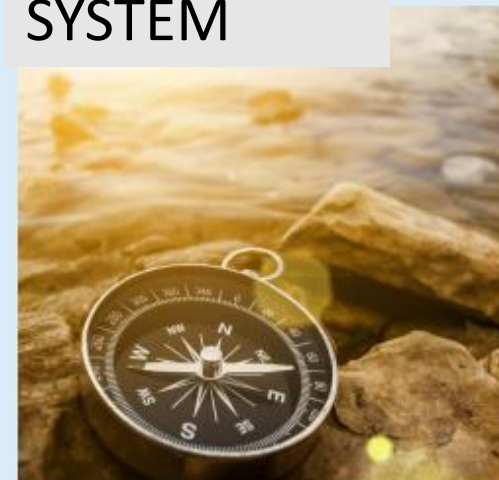
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PATCHES

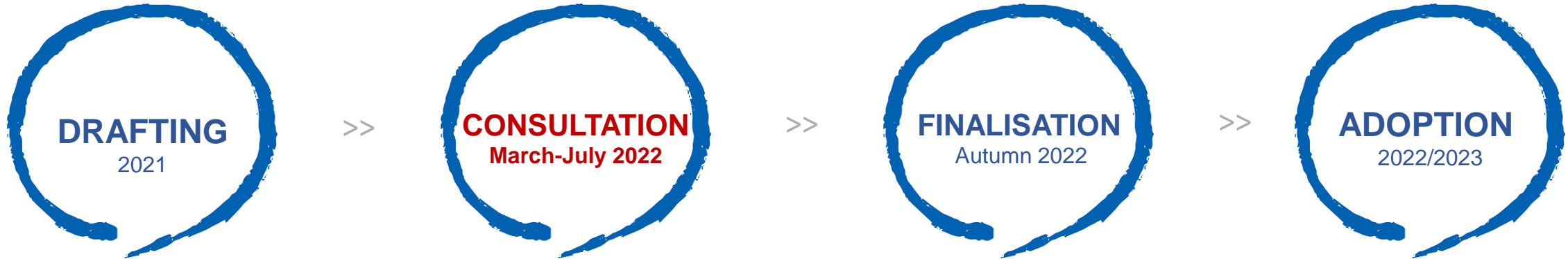


Maritime spatial
planning

SYSTEM



Territorial monitoring



UPDATE OF THE VASAB LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS ARE OPEN!

More info at www.vasab.org



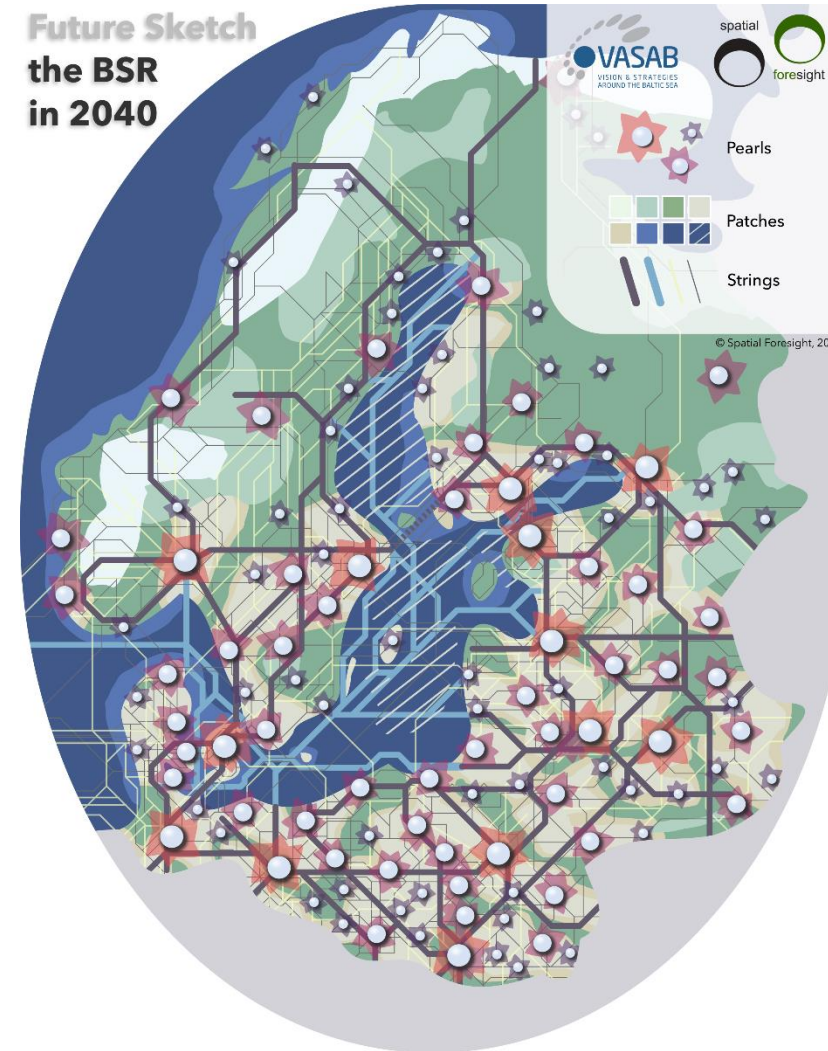
The Baltic Sea Region 2040

A healthy Baltic Sea is the central asset around which the region prospers.

Sea and land environments of the Baltic Sea Region have high levels of biodiversity, intact ecosystems and overall a healthy nature.

Energy production is carbon neutral.

Physical and virtual connectivity for goods, people -and their knowledge- is green.



Pearls in 2040

Pearls and their functional areas are drivers of change towards a green transition.

Local pearls are the green gears characterised by a large share of nature contributing to quality of life and attractiveness. They focus on environmental resilience and climate action.

Maintaining ecosystems is becoming an important element of rural economies.

Metropolitan pearls are innovators and lead the way towards a green society and economy. Smaller green areas in the metropolitan pearls contribute to green wellbeing.



Strings in 2040

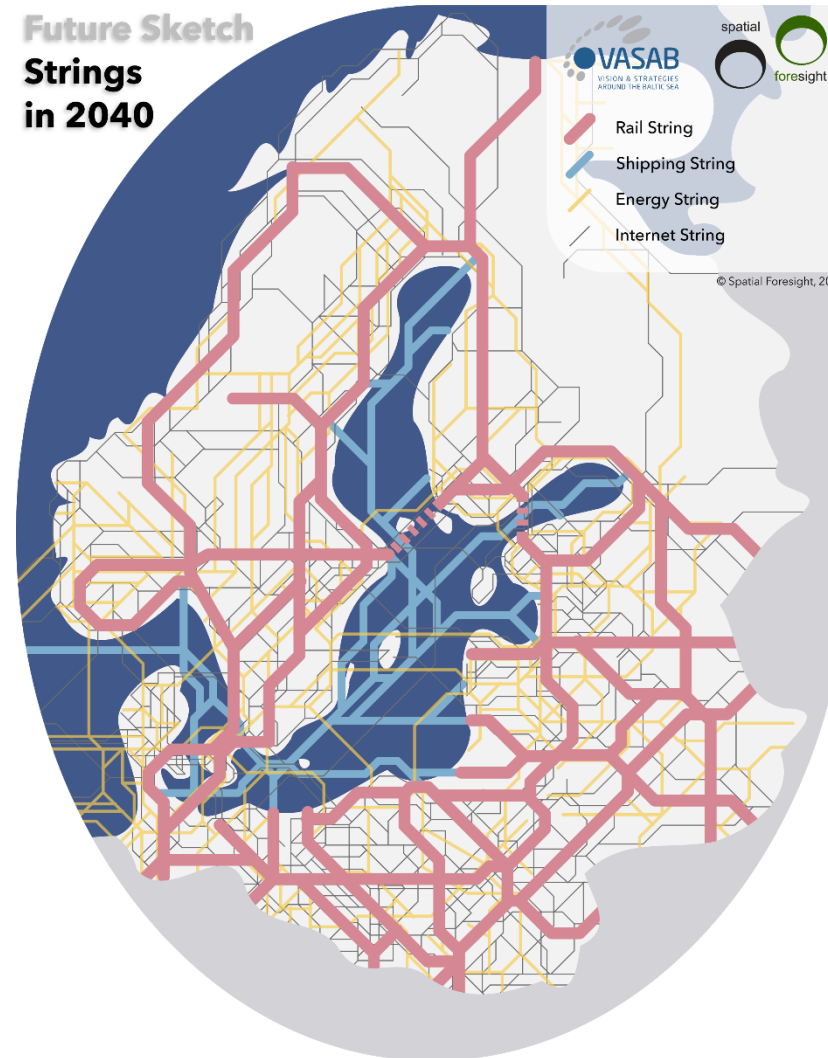
Early achiever of carbon neutral goals set for 2050.

Strong focus on public transport, biking, urban mobility platforms, micromobility schemes and climate-friendly means of individual transport, such as electric cars, and car sharing schemes.

Green transport corridors allow transferring larger cargo volumes from road to rail and sea.

Green maritime transport as an alternative to air travel.

Green transformation of information technology.



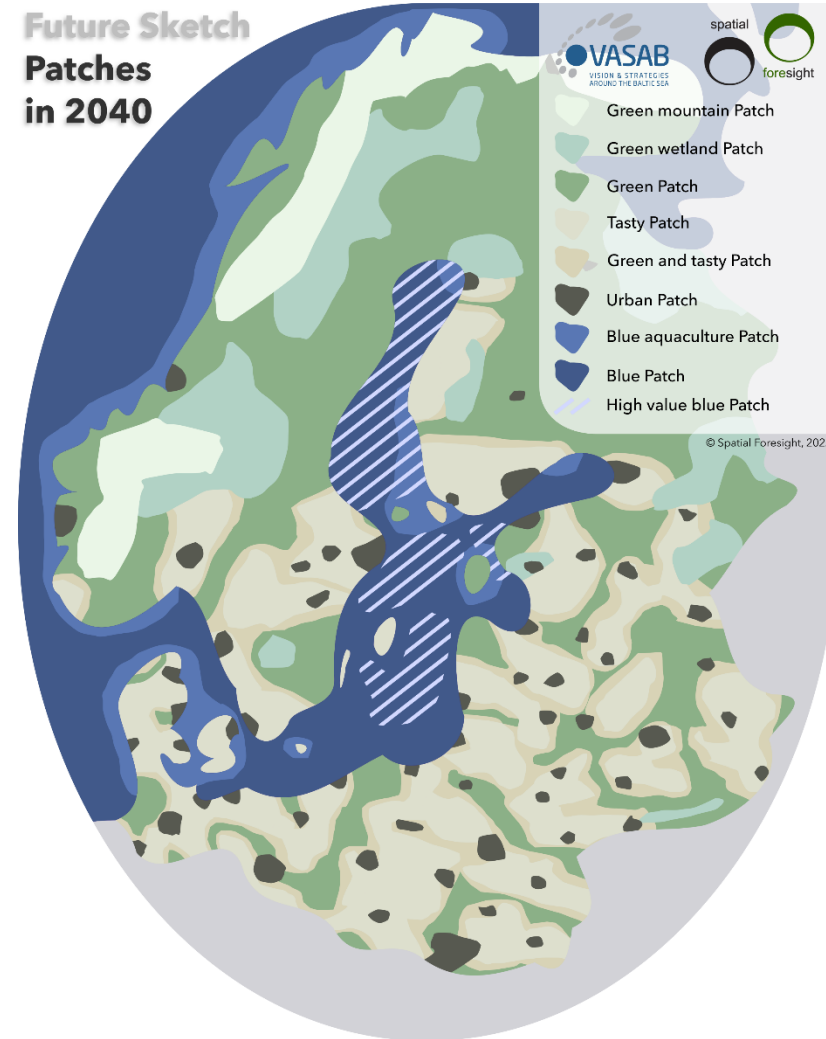
Patches in 2040

The Baltic Sea is a clean and healthy maritime environment with a rich fauna and flora.

Green patches in different types of territories and pearls offer ecosystem services. They contribute to temperature regulation.

Green corridors are tackling issues such as air pollution, reduce the impacts of climate change and provide essential habitats for wildlife.

In the context of climate change and changing vegetation zones, agriculture adjusts to new conditions and sustainable ways of producing.

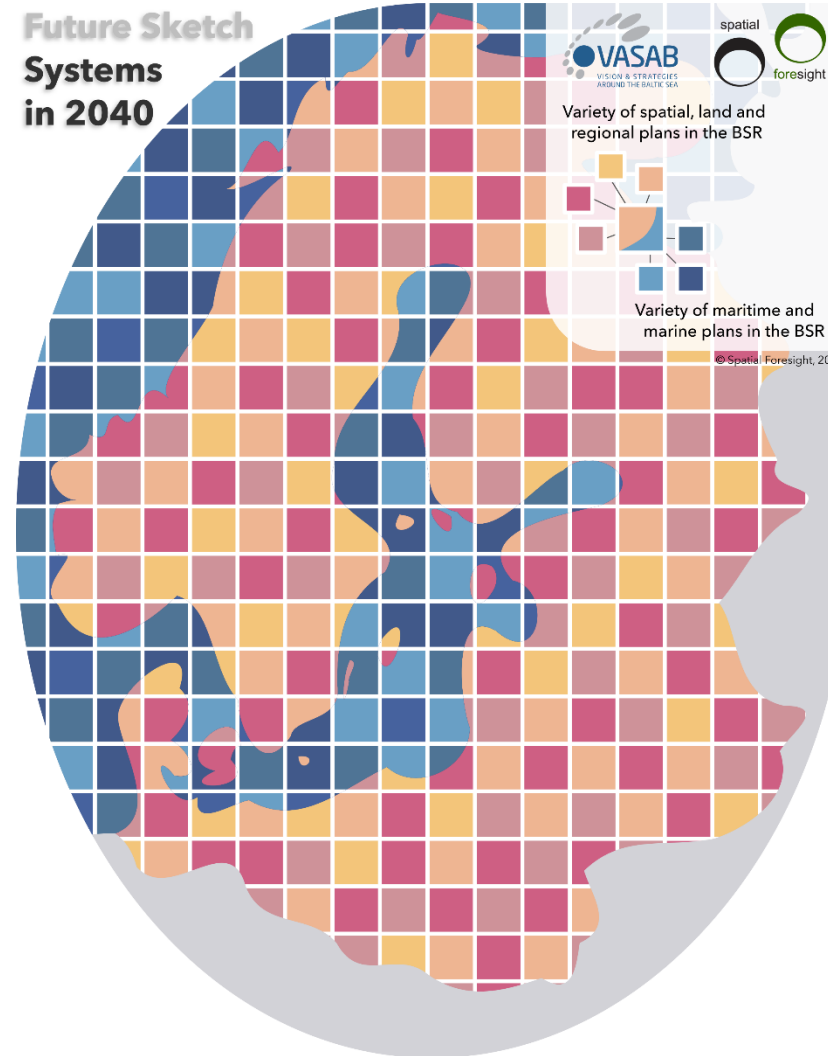


System in 2040

Advanced and transnationally coordinated land-use and maritime planning systems across sectors, borders, and levels of administration.

A shared Baltic Sea Region digital platform allows for multilingual information on analysis, objectives and measures from the various plans.

Participation and involvement of local and regional actors, citizens and the business sector.



Thank you!

More information: <https://vasab.org/ltp-update-2021-2022/>

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