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Visions of the Baltic Sea Region

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A cooperation of ministers of the 11 Baltic Sea Region countries responsible for spatial planning and development

Organization

Intergovernmental network founded in 1992 to promote cooperation on spatial planning and development in the Baltic Sea Region







Origin

"...such a plan when completed will be of use to all decision-makers around the Baltic Sea as a tool for identifying priorities in the public as well as in the private sector, regarding the planning of the use of our natural resources and the need for investments for our future environment"

Ms Görel Thurdin Swedish Minister of Physical Planning

1st VASAB High Level Conference Karlskrona, 20-21 August 1992



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Purpose

Support the **development of networks** for co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region

Provide a practical forum for the **transfer of competence** to the countries in transition to democratic market economies

Improve the level of information in BSR countries on current trends and problems in other countries in the region

Assess important infrastructure projects to receive international financial contributions

Promote spatial planning in the participating countries and regions



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Principles

Joint visions and strategies are **not a comprehensive "mega plan"** for the region. But they are to be taken into account by the authorities when drawing up their own spatial policies

Strategies and actions concentrate on **aspects of cross-national** or **Baltic interest**

Concertation on a broad scale was sought with other organizations and international initiatives

Based on prognoses for 2010 and taking into account trends / challenges

General
The Ministers welcome the report "Vision and Strategies around the Ballic Saa 2010 (VASAB 2010) as a spatial development perspective for the Ballic Saa Report (BSIR) and useluk basis for turther strengthering and harmonization of national and regional apatial planning policies.
The VASAB 2010 initiative acquires special importance since it combines to the Arstendere and development efforts of the Vest, Certral and East European countries, constituting one area of communication between countries - namebas of the European Union and countries waiting for admission or expecting close relations with it.

Third Conference of Ministers for Spatial Planning and Development of the Baltic Sea Region Tallinn. 7-8 December 1994

Resolution

3. VASAB 2010 is an essential element of a wider process of harmonization of spatial devolutionent on a European scale, being a programme compatible with the efforts of the European Union, Central European Initiative and the Barents Sea Council in this respect. The member states of the European Linician are urged to take VASAB into due consideration when preparing its European Spatial Development Perspective.

B Approval

VISION & STRATEGERS 2010 ABSCND THE BALTIC

4. The Ministers stress the need for democratic spatial planning to promote sustainable development. Spatial planning shall contribute to spatial cohesion and rely on the principles of subsidiarity, participation and transparency.

5. The proposed visions and goals for the lature spatial structure of the BSP are an important frame of inference for the long-term statil development of the region. The visions for the urban system, the notility network, the specific types of areas and the lanning system prior out a direction that can promote spatial cohesion around the Baits sea and have an impact on spatial development at regional, national and international level.



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Tallinn Vision 2010

- THE PEARLS an urban network of international importance
- THE STRINGS effective and sustainable links between cities
- THE PATCHES areas supporting dynamism and quality of life

COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED MAP VISION FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION 2010





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Territorial development perspective of the Baltic Sea Region in 2030

Functional profile of urban regions and centres *

> Global gateway with prominent R&D and knowledge intensive business services

BSR gateway with well developed R&D and knowledge intensive business services

Urban region in process of metropolisation with growing globally linked R&D and knowledge intensive services

Regional development centre providing high quality services to residents in the surrounding area

Bi-polar and multipolar urban development

* Urban regions as defined in the report 'Towards an Integrated Battic Sea Region', Nordregio, Stockholm 2008 Cross-border cluster cooperation areas



Potential



Integrated transport system and international links

Integrated maritime spatial planning







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