



# VASAB 2010

## VISION AND STRATEGIES AROUND THE BALTIC

# Multinational Spatial Planning experience of the Baltic Sea Region

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## VISION AND STRATEGIES AROUND THE BALTIC

- Co-operation of Ministers responsible for spatial planning and development
  - Covers all countries bordering the Baltic Sea, plus Belarus
    - „Old“ EU members (DK, SE, FIN, DE)
    - „New“ EU members (PL, LT, LV, EE)
    - Non-EU members (NO, RUS, BY)
    - + RU and DE regions
  - Permanent co-operation since 1992 served by Committee on Spatial Development in the Baltic Sea Region (CSD/BSR), since 1994
  - Since 2007 secretariat located in Riga
  - Latvian Chairmanship July 2007 – June 2008
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# The Vision and Strategies (1994)

## I Pearls

Urban network of international importance

## II Strings

Effective and sustainable links between cities

## III Patches

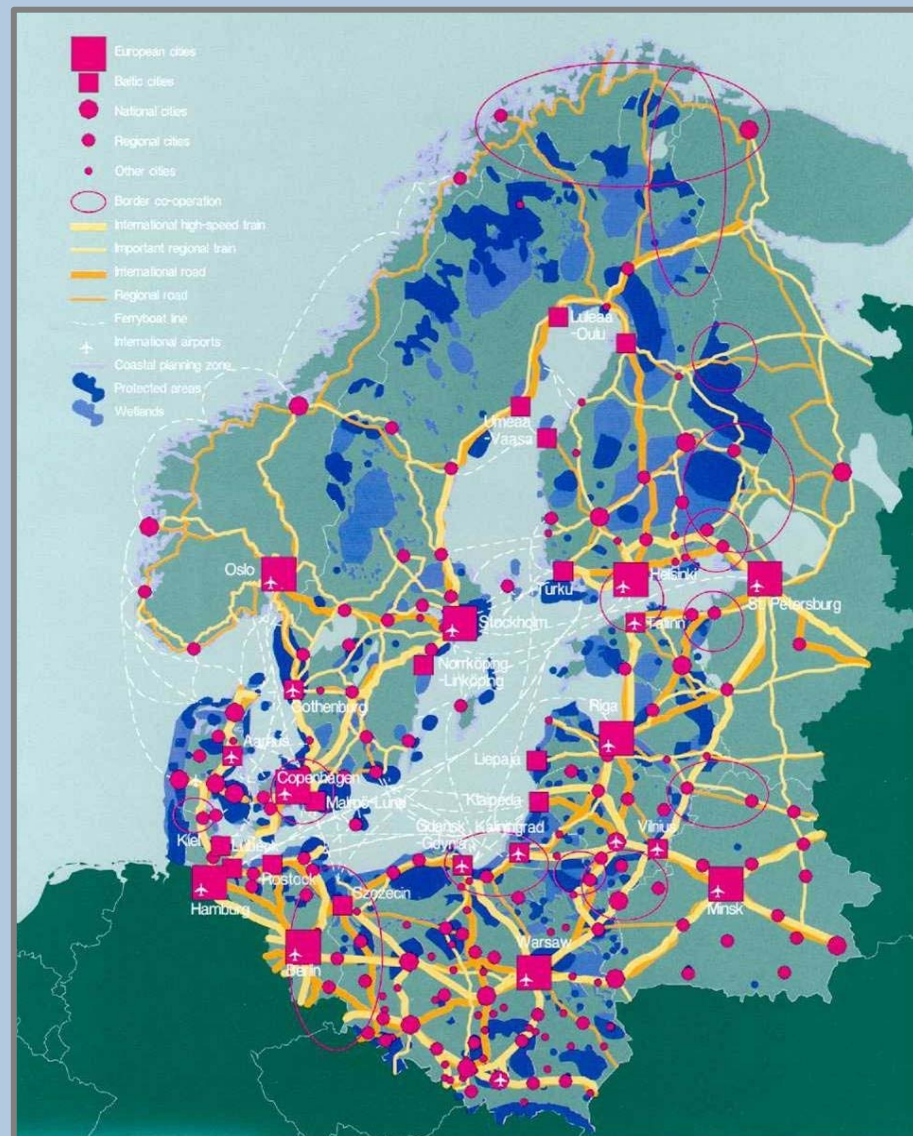
Areas supporting dynamism and quality of life

## IV System

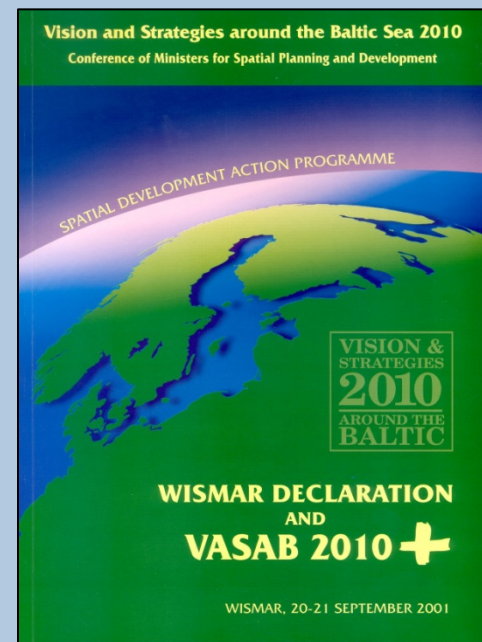
Comprehensive spatial planning in function

**Stockholm 1996**

Recommendations for spatial planning of the coastal zones

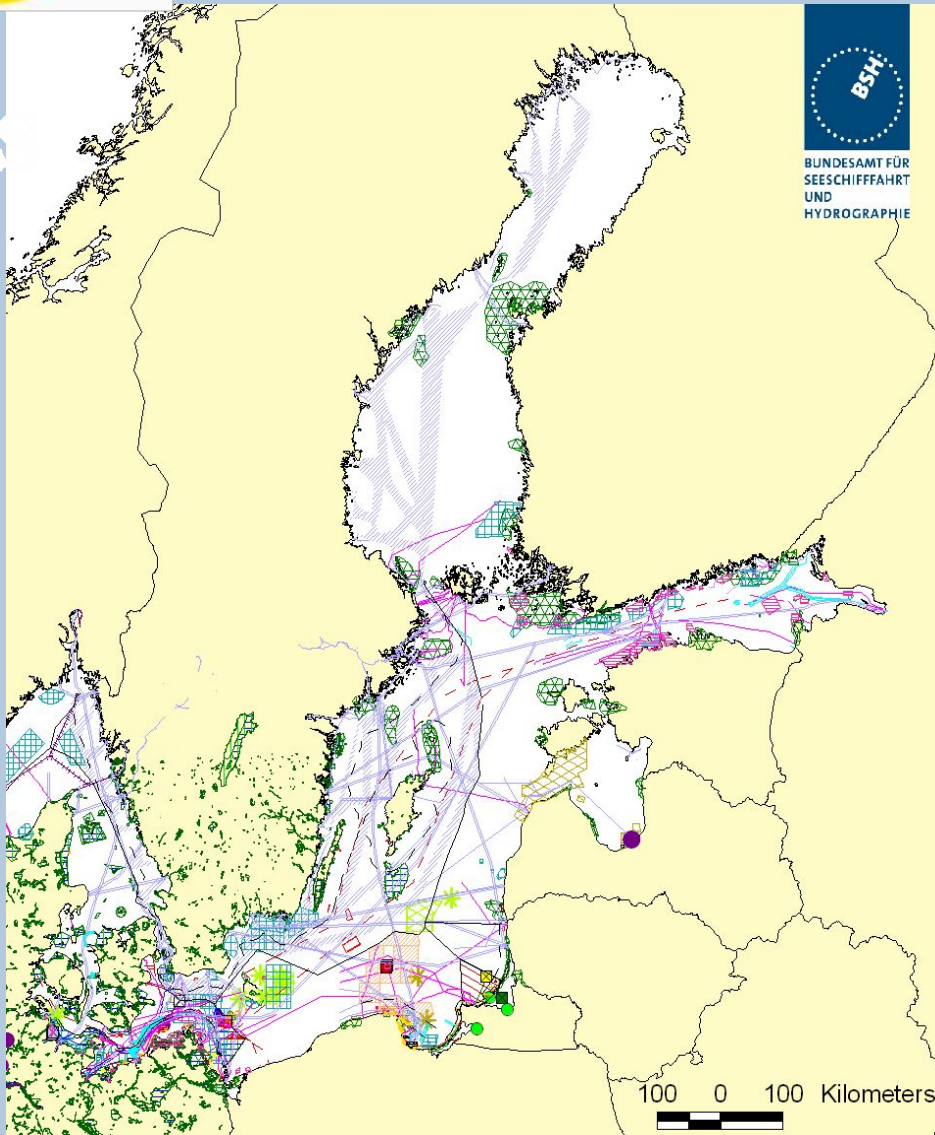


# VASAB 2010 PLUS 6 Key Themes (2001)



1. **Co-operation of urban regions**  
on key issues of sustainable development
2. Strategic **spatial development zones**  
important for transnational integration  
within the BSR
3. Transnational **transport links**  
important for cross-BSR and cross-Europe integration
4. Diversification and strengthening of **rural areas**
5. Development of transnational **green networks** incl. cultural  
landscapes
6. Integrated development of **coastal zones** and islands

# Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Baltic Sea Region (2005)



## Recommendations

**Framework for the  
co-ordinated use of  
offshore areas**

**The role of spatial  
planning in integrated  
coastal zone management**

## Baltic Sea as the common resource – Gdansk, 2005

A joint VASAB and Baltic 21 input to the EU Green Paper on Maritime Policy - June 2007

VASAB Chairmanship statement on cooperation with HELCOM on marine spatial planning issues in BSR  
Krakow, November 2007



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**Main task of the Committee on Spatial Development  
of the Baltic Sea Region (CSD/BSR) till 2009**

**TO PREPARE**

**LONG TERM PERSPECTIVE FOR  
THE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE BSR**

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# LONG TERM PERSPECTIVE FOR THE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BSR

LTP outlook:

## Key concepts

Integration

Networking

## LTP structure

1. Analyses

2. Vision and Objectives of the BSR Space in 2030

3. Action Agenda



# LONG TERM PERSPECTIVE FOR THE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BSR

## **Prioritized key three themes – LTP Working Groups**

WG1 - Urban and urban-rural networking

WG2 - Accessibility and transnational development zones

WG3 - Sea use planning and ICZM

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## **I Analysis Performed by WG3 (June 2008)**

- Mapping the current sea space conflicts and main potentials
- Screening of legal systems with regard to relevant instruments for sea use planning and management, as well as integration of sea use and terrestrial spatial planning and management at different levels of territorial structures
- Analysis of important policies influencing sea use planning
- Analyzing territorial implications of findings and draw conclusions

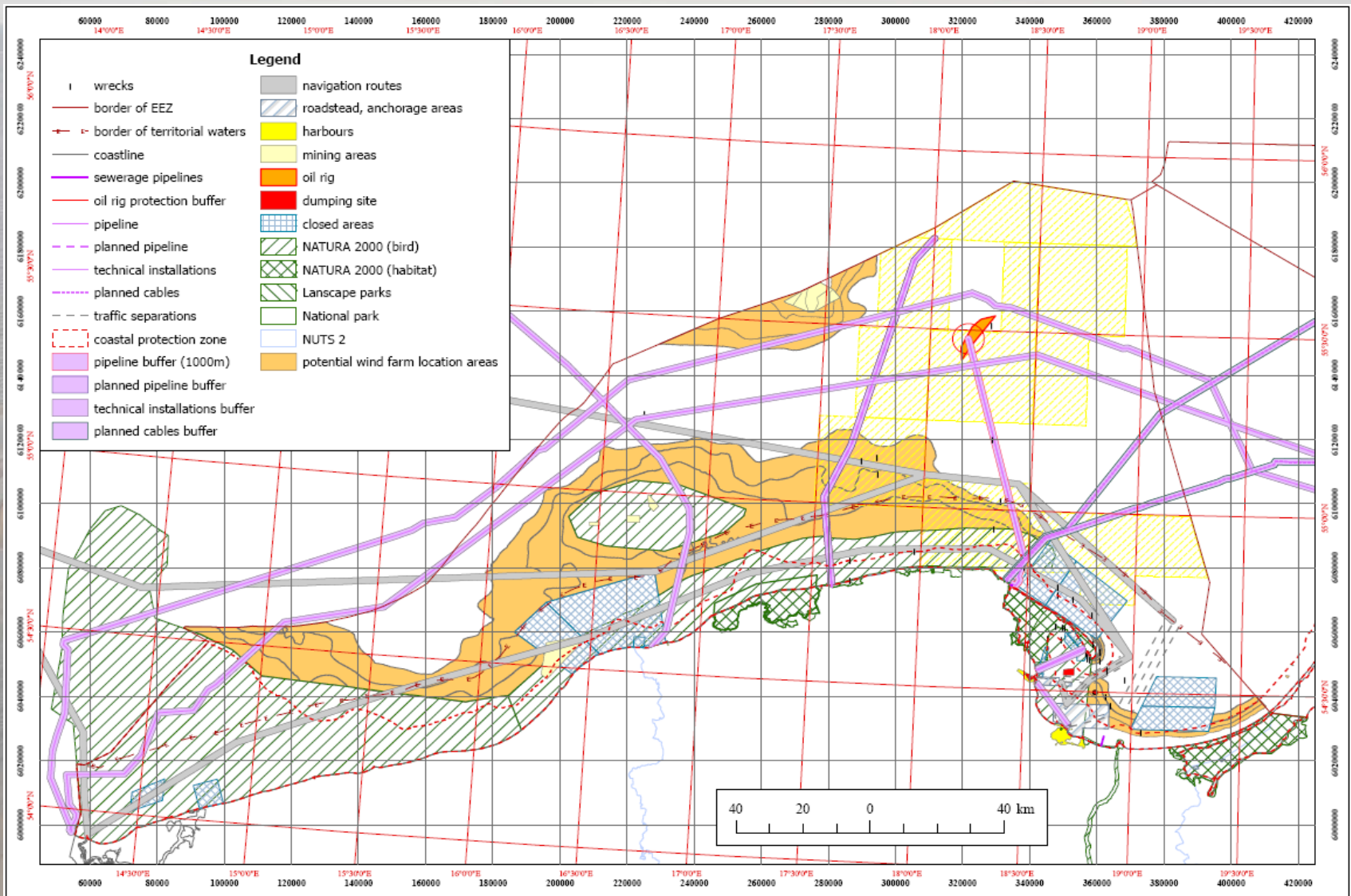
## **II WG3 Policy making phase (June 2008 - 2009)**



**Main potentials and conflicts**  
**in the Polish sea space**

***Maritime Institut Gdańsk***

***Kaliningrad, 30th of October 2007***



**Renewable energy**  
**Tourism**  
**Fishery**

**Nature**  
**Minerals**  
**Sea transport**

***Main potentials***

# Wybrane elementy potencjału turystycznego w województwie pomorskim

## Tourism pressure



# Conflicts

## Main expected/ potential use conflicts

	wind farms, connecting cables	other cables	mineral oil/ gas extraction & connecting pipelines	other pipelines	aquaculture	sand/ gravel extraction	shipping routes	nature protection areas	dumping areas	fishing/ military training areas	Other offshore and onshore uses
Wind farms & connecting cables /landside infrastructure			Xx			xx	xx	x	xx	xx	x
Other cables (electricity, telecom)			X	x(?)		xx	x		xx	xx	x
Mineral oil/ gas mining and connecting pipelines	xx	x		x(?)		xx	xx(x)	xx(x)	xx	xx	x
Other pipelines		x(?)	x(?)					x			x
Aquaculture											
Sand/ gravel extraction	xx	xx	Xx					x	xx	xx	
Shipping routes/ anchorage areas	xx	x	xx(x)					x	xx	xx	x
Nature protection areas	x		xx(x)	x		x	x		x(xx)	x	x
Dumping areas	xx	xx	Xx			xx	xx	x(xx)		x	x
Important fishing/ Military training areas	xx	xx	Xx			xx	xx	x	xx		x(xx)
Other offshore uses:											
coastal safety	x	x	x	x			x	x	x		
recreation	x	x	x	x			x			x(xx)	

# ***Sea use planning system - Poland***

## **Sea Use Planning Legislation**

- the Act on Maritime Areas of Poland and Maritime Administration of March 21<sup>st</sup> 1991. Sea use planning have been added to the Act in 2003 and slightly amended in 2005.
- Act “On Spatial Planning and Management” of 17 March 2003 (with several later amendments)
- Act “Construction Law” of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1994 (with later amendments)

## HELCOM is invited to:

**Provide input to the analytical part of the LTP work**

**Participate in the VASAB Annual Conference in Riga on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2008**

**Participate in the WG3 seminar in June in Gdansk, 2008**

**Participate in the summing up of the LTP analytical phase at the Stakeholders Conference in St.Petersburg on 21<sup>st</sup> October , 2008**



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