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Visions of the Baltic Sea Region

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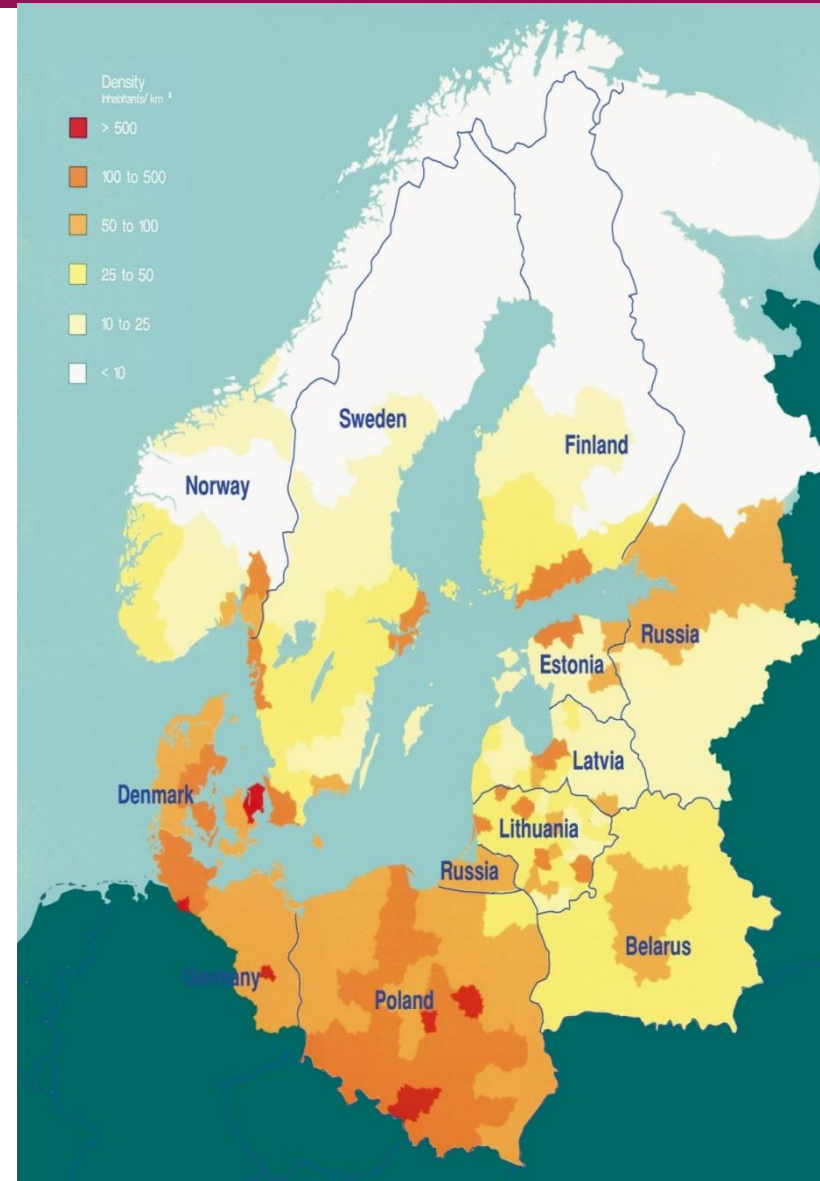


A cooperation of ministers of the
11 Baltic Sea Region countries
responsible for spatial planning and
development

Organization

Intergovernmental network founded in
1992

to promote cooperation on spatial
planning and development
in the Baltic Sea Region





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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”

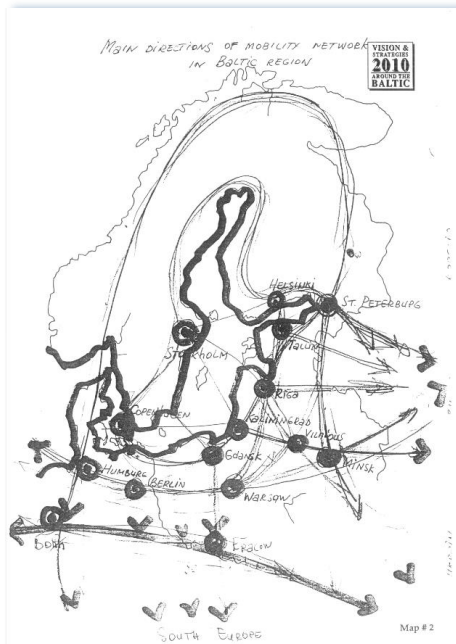
Ms Görel Thurdin

Swedish Minister of Physical Planning

1st VASAB High Level Conference

Karlskrona, 20-21 August 1992

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*

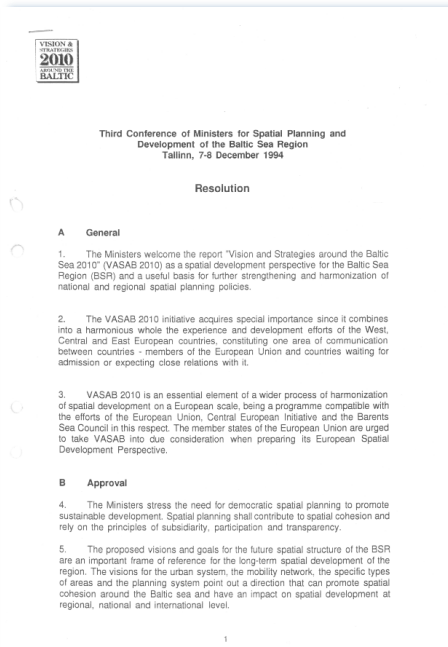
Principles

*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



Tallinn Vision 2010

THE PEARLS an urban network of international importance

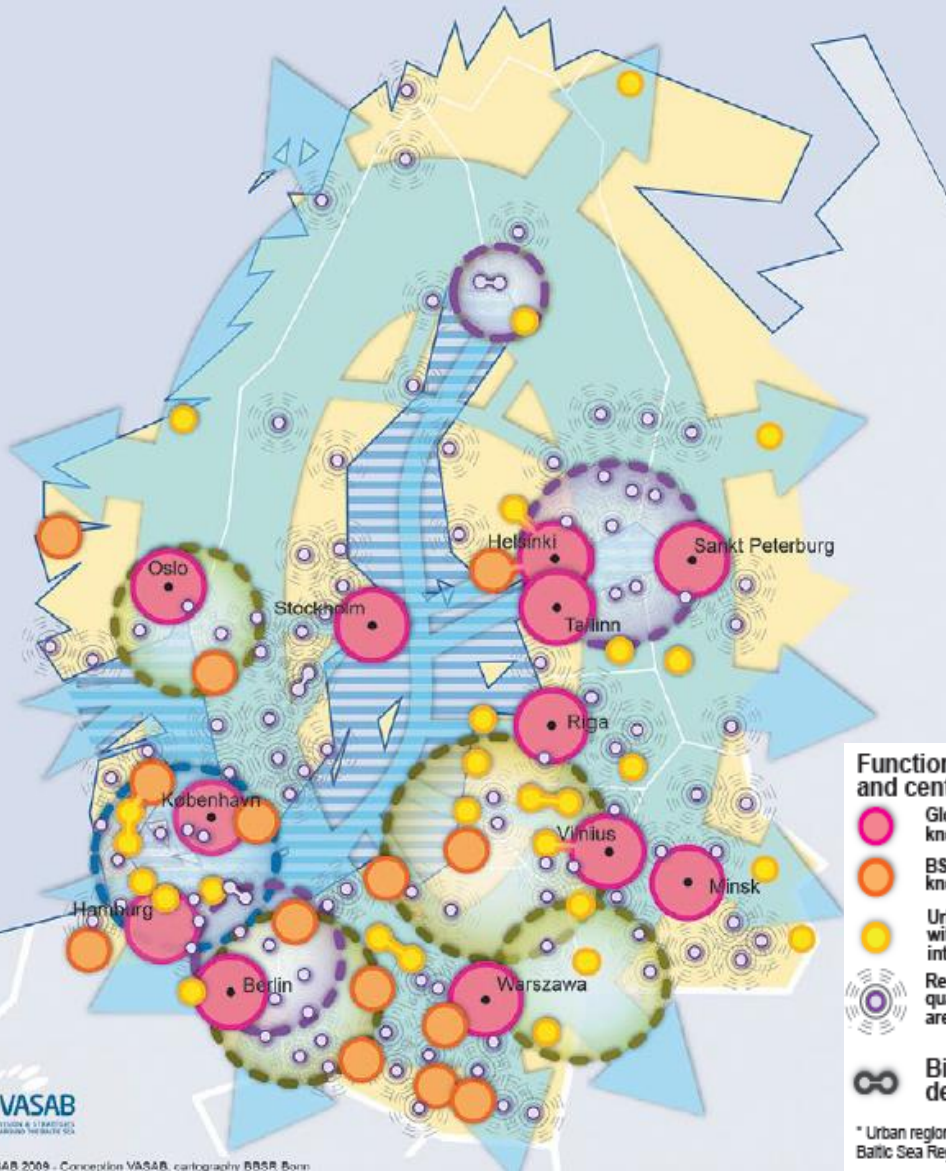
THE STRINGS effective and sustainable links between cities

THE PATCHES areas supporting dynamism and quality of life

COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED MAP
VISION FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION 2010



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

Cross-border cluster cooperation areas

-  Existing
-  Potential
-  Cross border global integration zone
-  Integrated transport system and international links
-  Integrated maritime spatial planning

* Urban regions as defined in the report 'Towards an Integrated Baltic Sea Region', Nordregio, Stockholm 2008



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