

Inspire Policy Making with Territorial Evidence

# Territorial scenarios for the Baltic Sea Region in 2050 - ESPON BT2050

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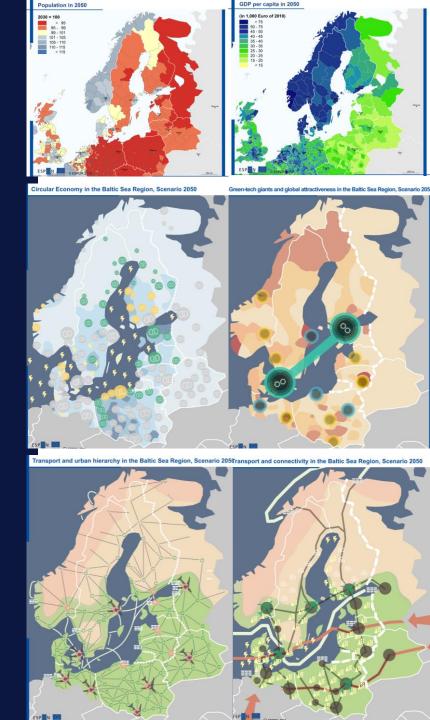








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#### Aim & outcomes

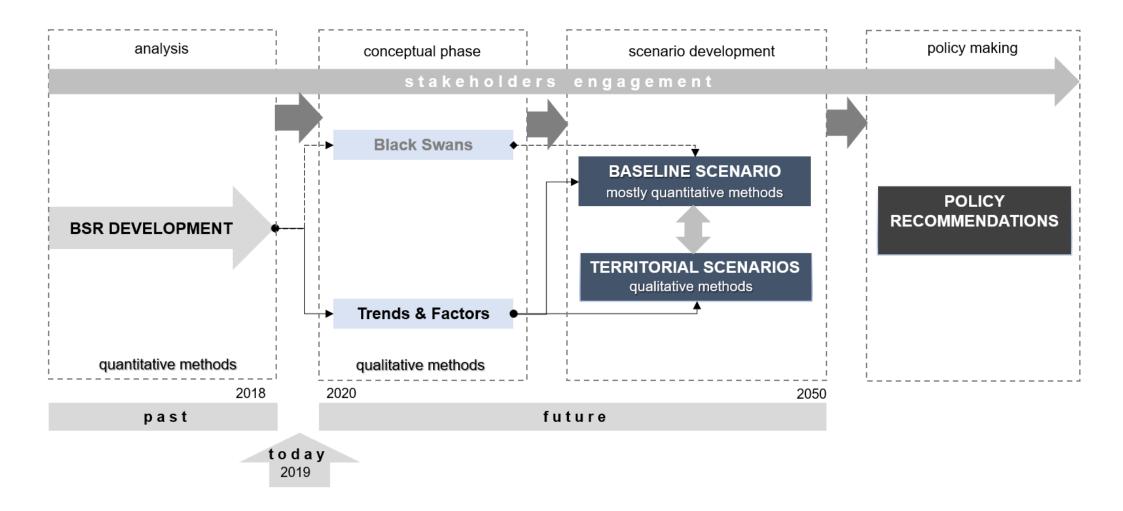
#### Aim:

- Develop territorial scenarios for the BSR in order to increase evidence based on the territorial dimension
- Support the VASAB members in their work of designing and implementing sound policies for the future of the Baltic Sea Region

#### Main outcomes:

- An overview of the development of the region based on recent data
- Baseline Scenario for the Baltic Sea Region for the years 2030 and 2050.
- Two alternative territorial scenarios for the BSR 2050.
- Policy recommendations for the future of the Baltic Sea Region

#### ESPON BT 2050 – research framework

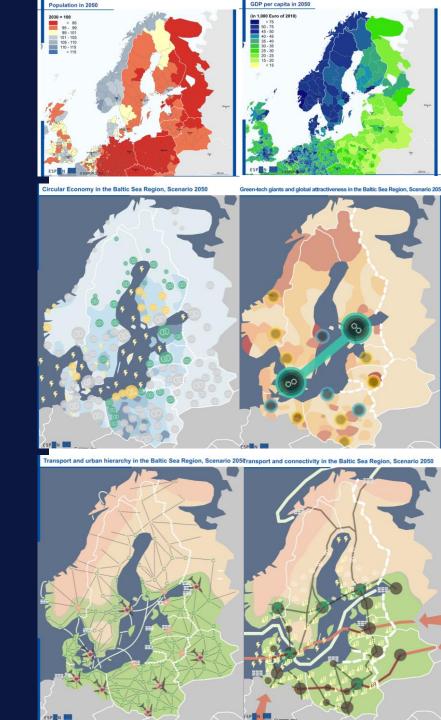


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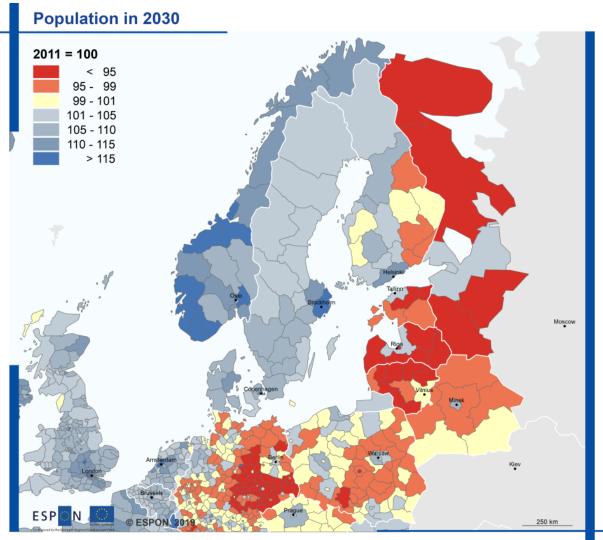


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**Baseline Scenario** 

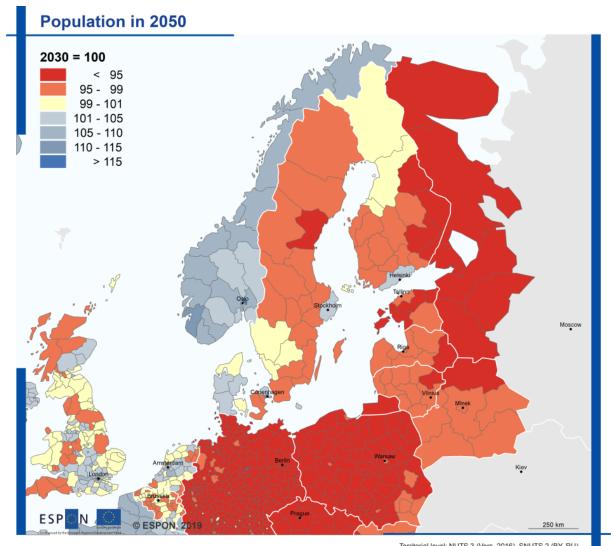


#### Baseline scenario - population development



Territorial level: NUTS 3 (Vers. 2016), SNUTS 2 (BY, RU)
Source: ESPON BT2050, 2019
Origin of data: SASI Model, Spiekermann & Wegener,
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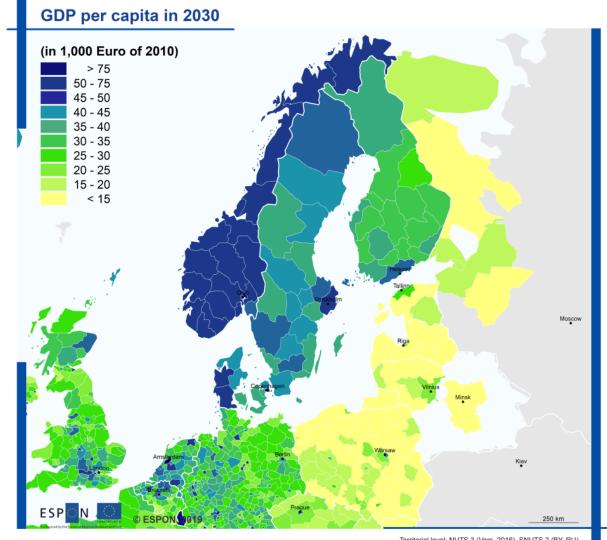
Map 1:Population in 2030 (2011=100) in the BSR Source: S&W, SASI Model, 2019



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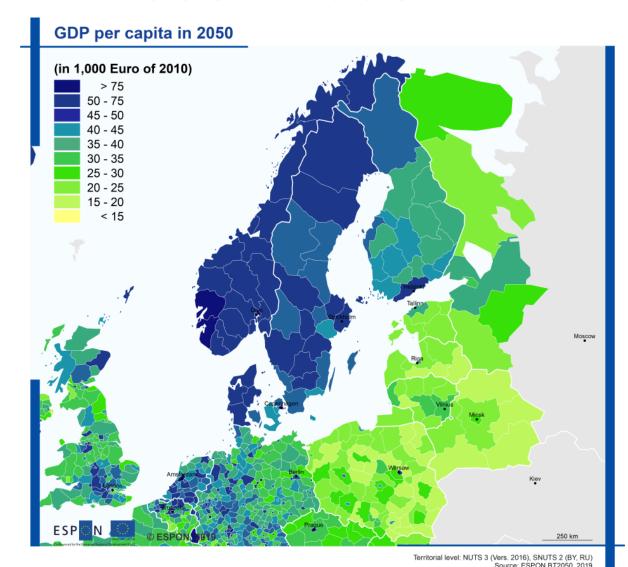
Map 2: Population in 2050 (2001=100) in the BSR Source: S&W, SASI Model, 2019

#### Baseline scenario - GDP 2030 - 2050



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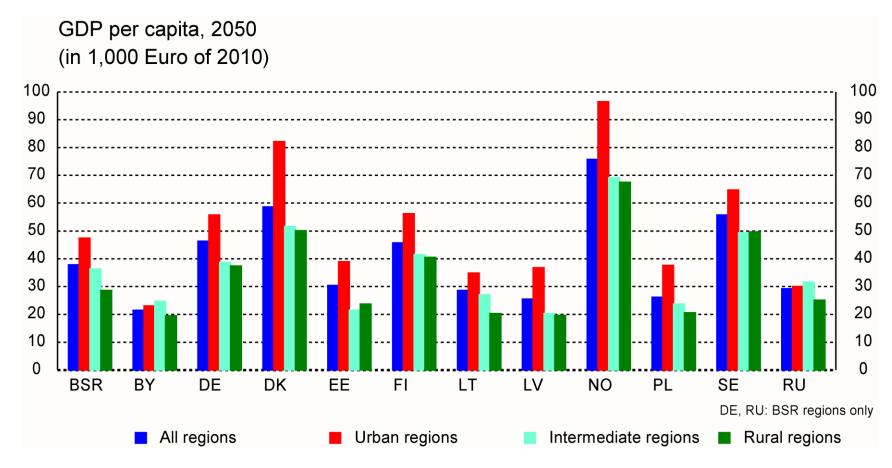
Map 3: GDP per capita in 2030 (in 1,000 Euro of 2010) in the BSR Source: S&W, SASI Model, 2019



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Map 4: GDP per capita in 2050 (in 1,000 Euro of 2010) in the BSR Source: S&W, SASI Model, 2019

#### Baseline Scenario: territorial implications

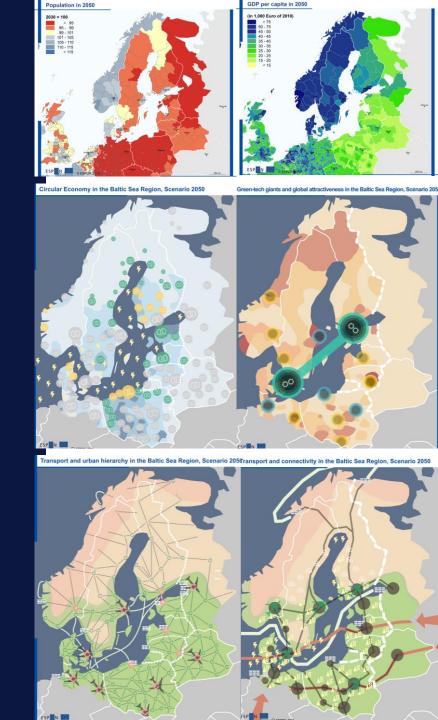


- Urban areas have much higher GDP per capita than intermediate and in particular rural areas.
- Urban areas of the Nordic countries have the highest economic performance by 2050, one of the reasons for the positive population development there.



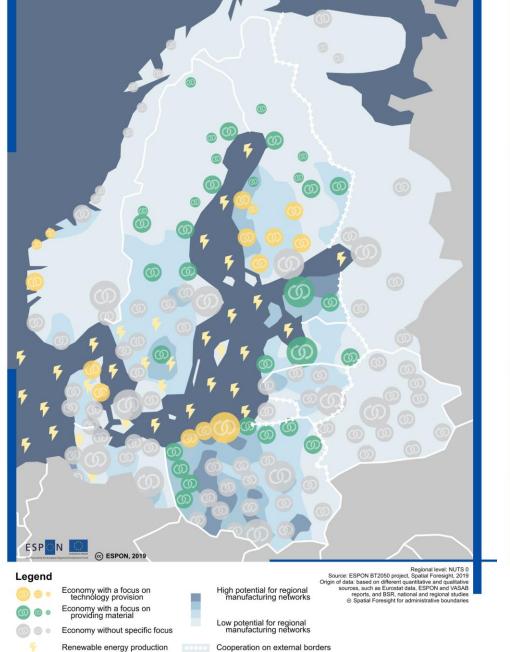
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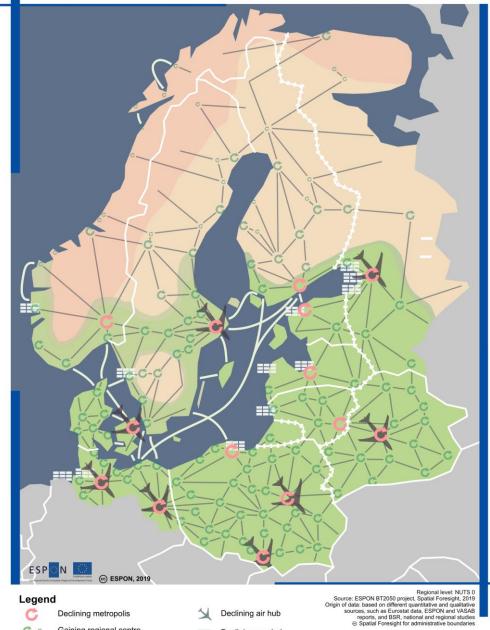
**Territorial Scenarios** 



#### Well-being in a C-E: a RE-mind for a good life

- In 2050 the Baltic Sea Region has developed into a sharing and circular economy region, where citizens have consciously decided to change the existing linear economic model in favour of a better quality of life.
- A repairing and sharing culture, manufacturing and re-industrialisation and technology play a key role in this scenario.
- Bio and organic agricultural production is in focus, while extensive agricultural practices have become less intensive.





Declining sea hub

Food production zone

No food production possible

Declining metropolis

Gaining regional centre

Regionalised transport network

Cooperation on external borders

Remaining road of the sea

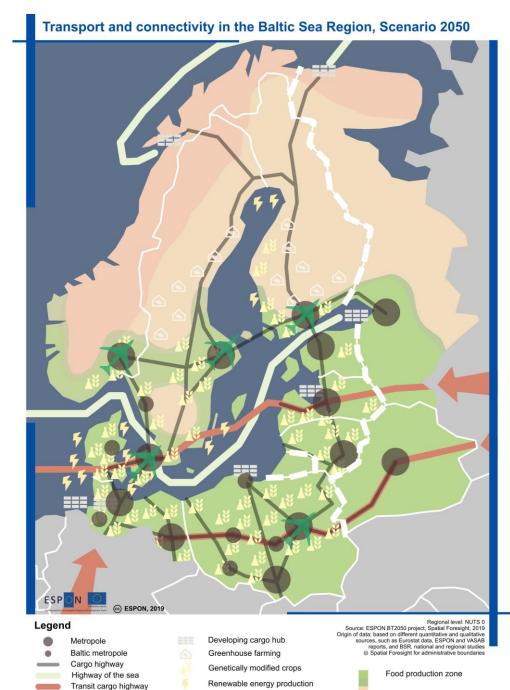
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## Growing into green-tech giants: the ecological footprint clear-up

- In 2050 the Baltic Sea Region is a giant in green technology. The achievements of the 4th industrial evolution are in the epicentre of everyday life. This mix of innovation and green technology have led to a reduction of the ecological footprint of the region.
- High-end innovation and the race for more growth have led to an increased 'guilt-free' consumerism.

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## Green-tech giants and global attractiveness in the Baltic Sea Region, Scenario 2050 ESP N @ ESPON, 2019 Regional level: NUTS 0 Source: ESPON BT2050 project, Spatial Foresight, 2019 Origin of data: based on different quantitative and qualitative sources, such as Eurostat data, ESPON and VASAB Legend Geen-tech global giants High number of extra-EU FDI reports, and BSR, national and regional studies Spatial Foresight for administrative boundaries Greentech innovator Low number of extra-EU FDI Green innovation diversification area Competition, cooperation on energy



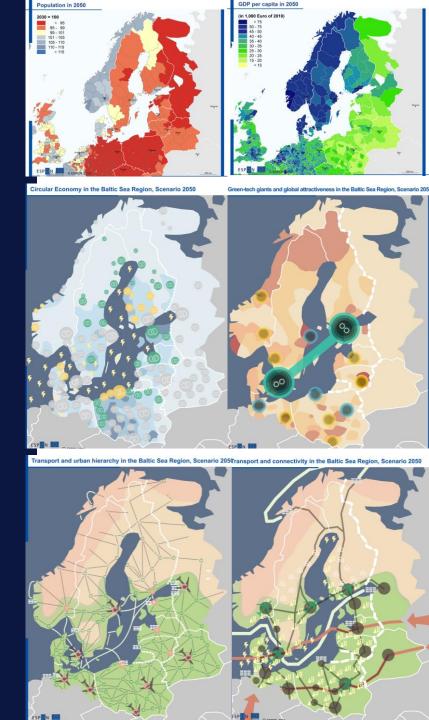
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Developing global hub

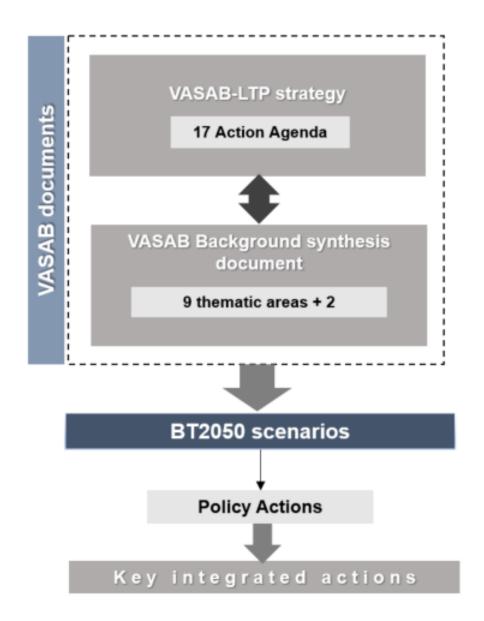
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#### Policy recommendations



### Framework for policy recommendations



- 1. Strengthening of the network of Baltic medium-size cities.
- 2. Supporting regional and local cross-border service networks based on new technologies.
- 3. Connecting the Baltic infrastructure on the regional level.
- 4. Supporting cross-border metropolises.
- 5. Using the Baltic Sea assets wisely
- 6. Adapting to climate change (water and green crossborder corridors).
- 7. Attracting migrants to the BSR
- 8. Improving BSR integration through data integration, monitoring, research and spatial planning.



#### Thank you

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