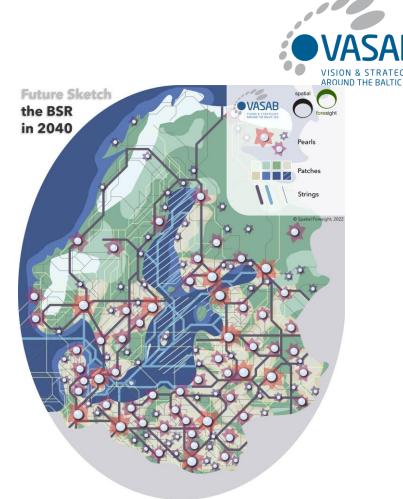
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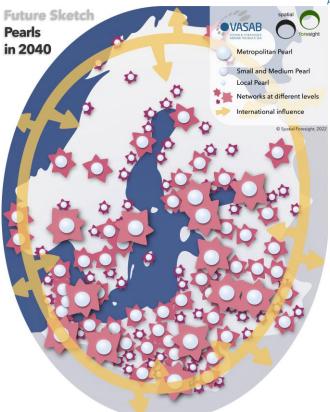
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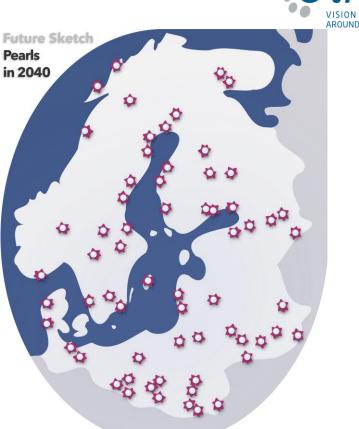
PEARLS IN 2040

By 2040 all places, rural areas, small and medium-sized areas and metropolitan areas offer high quality of life, building on their own comparative advantages and complementarities and being networked with and across each other.



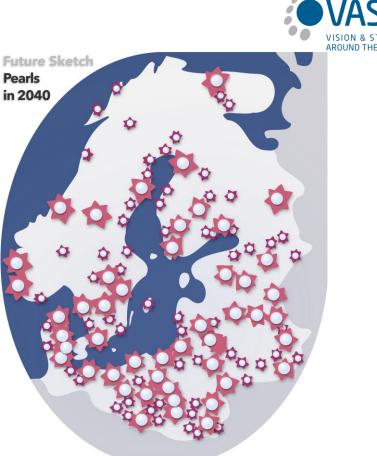


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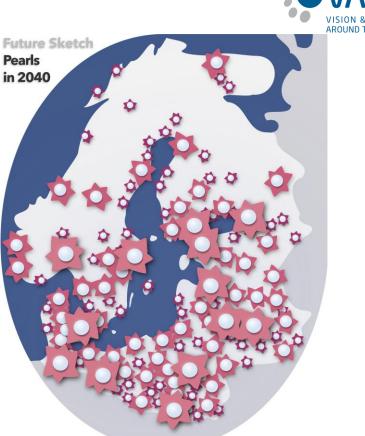


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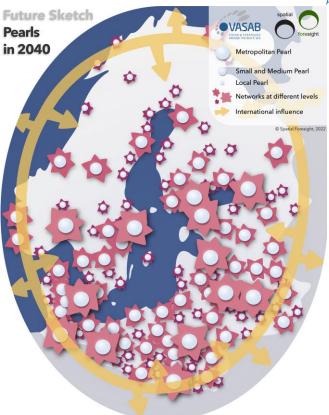


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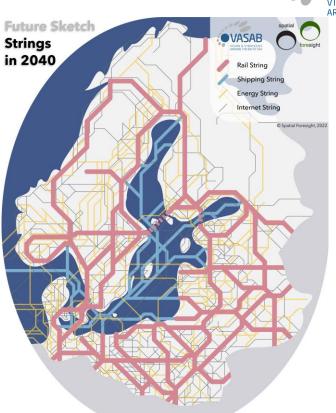




STRINGS IN 2040

By 2040 the physical and virtual connectivity for both goods and people is green, efficient, reliable and affordable all over the Baltic Sea Region.

By 2040 energy production is carbon neutral, secure, decentralised and well-connected throughout the Baltic Sea Region.

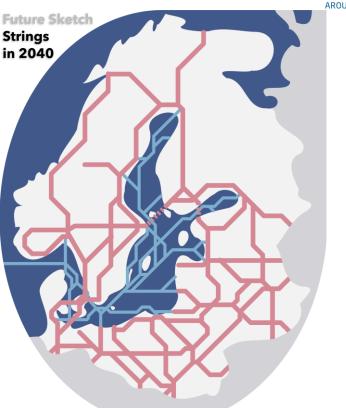




Both goods and people transport benefit from efficient and sustainable rail networks connecting the East with the West and the North with the South in the Baltic Sea Region by 2040.

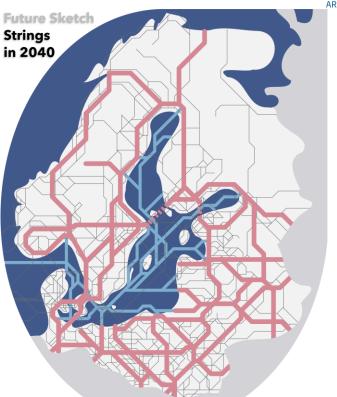


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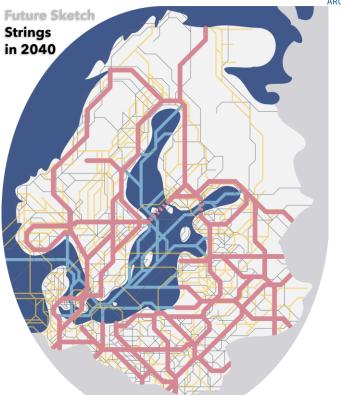


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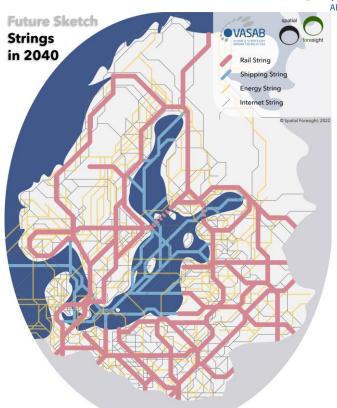


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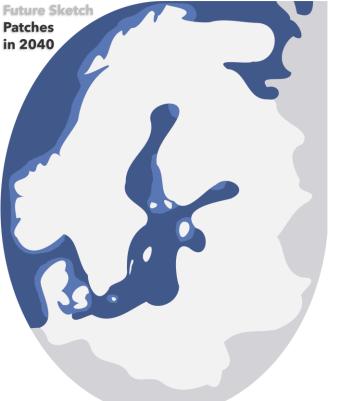
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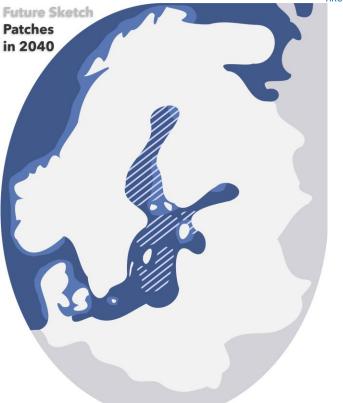


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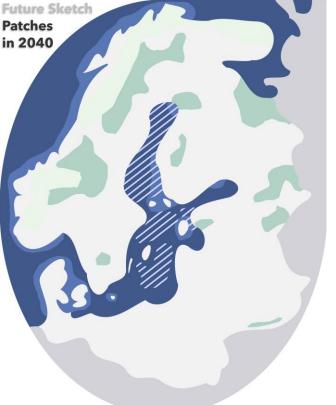


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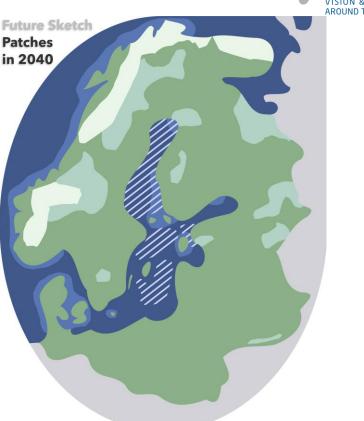


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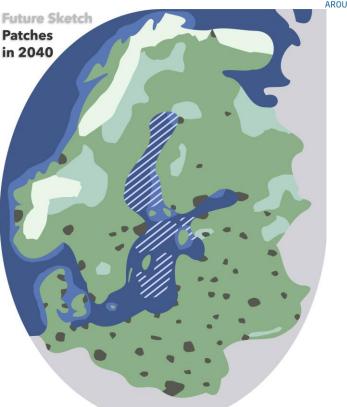


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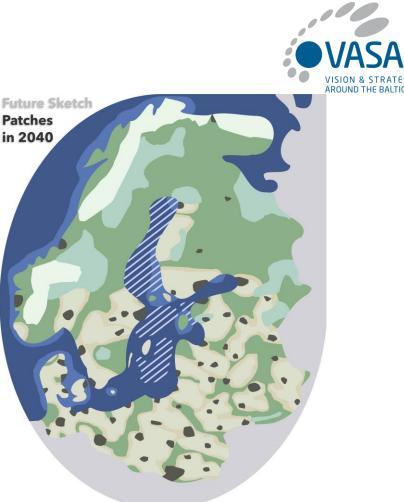


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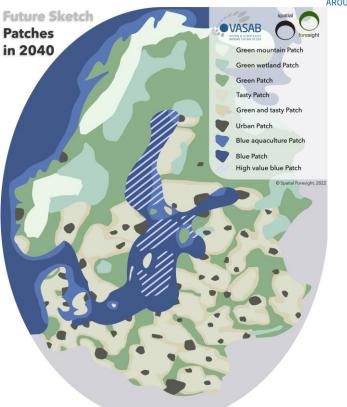




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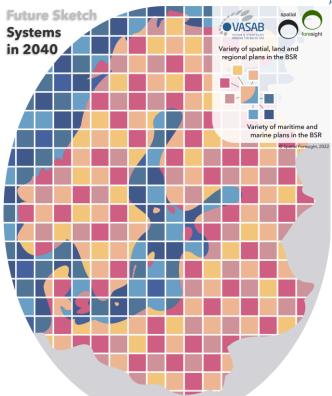






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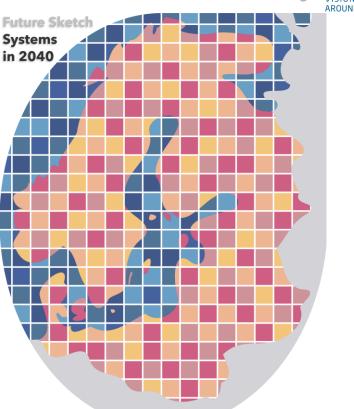


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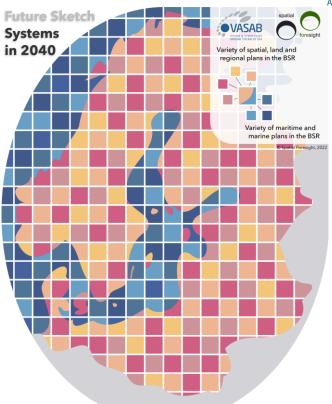


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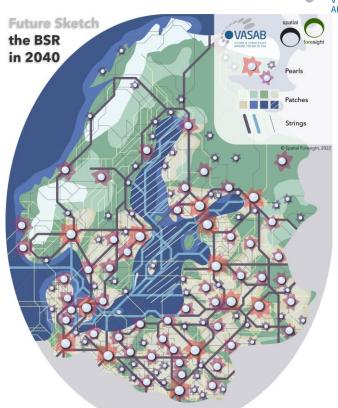
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