



## COMMIN project partners

COMMIN incorporates 28 partners from eleven countries: a consortium of universities, state and administrative bodies, ministries and local institutions, non-university institutes and private companies from Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden and Germany combining their manifold qualifications and interests.

Scientists and practitioners work hand in hand on experience transfer and exchange, training and knowledge input towards implementation in day-to-day policy making and planning practice.

**CONTRIBUTE YOUR KNOWLEDGE  
TO THE COMMON LANGUAGE –  
SPEAK SPATIAL!**

**COMMIN – the Baltic spatial conceptshare –  
be part of the experience!**

- ✦ precise understanding of other Baltic countries' planning concepts
- ✦ helpful and complete translations and explanations
- ✦ efficient transnational communication
- ✦ mutual understanding and common knowledge levels



PROJECT REGION



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ON SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND SPATIAL PLANNING!**



## What is the COMMIN project?

The COMMIN project works towards a common understanding of spatial development and spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region. It aims to improve transnational experience exchange and to make transnational communication more efficient.

COMMIN makes knowledge available, creates a base for communication between equals, qualifies practitioners, and organises experience exchange in the field of spatial development.

### COMMIN: Promoting Spatial Development by Creating COMMON MINDscapes

'Mindsapes' combines mind and landscapes. 'COMMON MINDscapes' stands for common ground and mutual understanding – a shared comprehension of spatial development terminology in all COMMIN countries.

### COMMIN's objectives are

- ✦ to enable transnational partners to communicate effectively
- ✦ to facilitate future transnational projects and investments
- ✦ to qualify professionals
- ✦ to make experience publicly available online
- ✦ to transfer policy methods and to promote innovative approaches

The COMMIN project runs from September 2004 till August 2007. Coordinator is the Academy for Spatial Research and Planning in Hanover, Germany.



## The COMMIN Work packages

COMMIN is structured in three main work packages that are strongly interlinked and interactive, e.g. thematic workshops will produce recommendations which will then support measures of the other work packages and be made publicly accessible online.

### ✦ WORK PACKAGE 1: internet portal on spatial development in the Baltic Sea Region

The main tool of the COMMIN project is a publicly accessible and up-to-date internet portal to promote the transnational information exchange for all involved in spatial planning and development throughout the Baltic Sea Region.

### ✦ WORK PACKAGE 2: advanced training network

The project will develop an advanced training network on spatial planning and regional development in the Baltic Sea Region. To enhance capacity building amongst planners and to forge links, COMMIN will run eight three-day seminars and two summer schools.

### ✦ WORK PACKAGE 3: transnational exchange of innovative spatial development approaches

An analysis of current and finalised INTERREG projects will provide experiences made and guidelines for future transnational projects and policies. Thematic workshops on Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) will bring knowledge and experience together. Elaborated recommendations will help to better meet the future transnational challenges in these fields.



## The COMMIN tool: Website and online glossary

The main website language will be English, and updated national information and practical examples will also be provided in eleven languages! Project partners from eleven countries will introduce their planning and administrative systems they are embedded in supported by practical examples, as well as national glossaries on spatial planning terms. Results and material of all work packages will be made publicly available.



The COMMIN website is designed as a dialogue platform, its core being a constantly growing online glossary of planning terminology. It will develop a key planning terminology database in English: the most important planning terms from eleven national languages will be harmonised and expressed as common English terms, based on a shared understanding and a generally accepted reliable definition. This spatial development terminology glossary promotes the mutual understanding within the Baltic Sea Region and will be the very first of its kind.

The COMMIN glossary will sort, define, organise, connect and structure planning terminology for mutual understanding in a transnational approach for the Baltic Sea Region. The glossary lives from input, discussion and idea exchange. External input is vital to steadily improve it and make it a vivid and reliable resource for scientists and practitioners, planners and developers as well as future EU policy development. It will become an effective communication tool for transnational cooperation, planning and development.