



EUSBSR EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Overview on possible next steps - the link between the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, EUSBSR and the Baltadapt project

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Council of the Baltic Sea States, CBSS

- Overall political forum for regional inter-governmental cooperation in the BSR
- Members: the 11 states of the Baltic Sea Region (incl. Russian, Norway and Iceland) as well as the European Commission
- **Steered by representatives of the BSR Ministries of Foreign Affairs**
- www.cbss.org



Finnish Presidency Council of the Baltic Sea States, CBSS 2013 - 2014

- (programme of the Finnish CBSS presidency)
- CBSS long term priority "Environment"
- Continue the work on the implementation of the proposal of a BSR wide climate change adaptation strategy



CBSS-Baltic 21

- Initiated by the Prime Ministers of BSR countries in 1996
- **(macro) regional expression of the global Agenda 21 process**
- CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development – Baltic 21

Forum for continuous dialogue among governments and stakeholders in the Baltic Sea Region on Sustainable Development

- **Climate Change (mitigation and adaptation)**
- Sustainable Urban Rural development
- Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Innovation and Education for Sustainable Development
- Cooperation with EU neighbouring countries, incl. Russia & Belarus

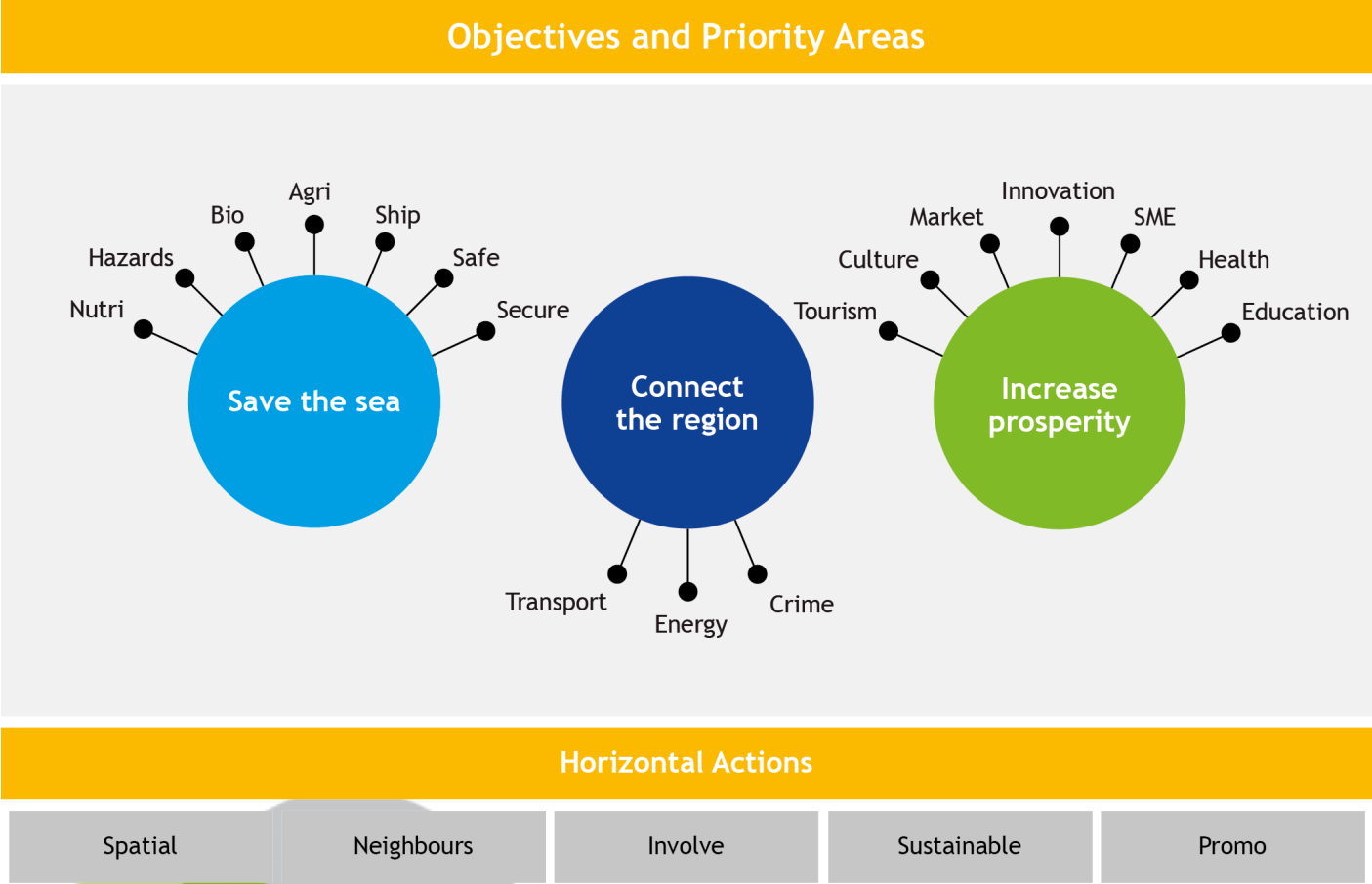




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**Horizontal Action Sustainable Development (CBSS) and
Bioeconomy (NCM)**

EUSBSR Objectives and Priorities





Aim of the HA Sustainable Development

Increase coordination and **synergies** among initiatives and projects dealing with sustainable development in the BSR.

Promote **science-policy dialogue** and facilitate **cross-sectorial policy** discussions and alignment of policies

Consolidate findings and **disseminate good examples**, methods and experiences in the field of SD.

Establish networks and dialogue amongst actors across national and sectorial borders in the Baltic Sea region in order to develop common methods and strategies for macro-regional climate adaptation and mitigation.

Promote sustainable consumption and production as well as sustainable lifestyles.

Support the transition towards a **climate adapted and low carbon** Baltic Sea region.





Actions and Flagship Projects:

1. Green Economy: promote sustainable consumption and production and sustainable lifestyles

Flagship Projects and activities:

Baltic GPP , EFFECT – BSR Dialogue Platform on Energy and Resource Efficiency, Develop a network of sustainable cities and villages, Ecovillages, RECO Baltic 21 TECH ; GABBS

2. Climate change and mitigation: support the transition towards a low carbon Baltic Sea region

Flagship Project: Implement fully the EU – Russia Energy Efficiency Initiative.

3. Climate change adaptation: support the transition towards a climate adapted BSR;

Elaboration of the **climate change adaptation strategy and action plan for the BSR**

Flagship Project: BALTADAPT





BSR Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan

- EU funded project **Baltadapt** (EUSBSR flagship)
- Presentation of **final proposal: 3 September 2013, Riga, Latvia**
- Follow-up work 2013 – 2014:
 - **BSR Working Group** on Climate Change Adaptation
 - **EUSBSR 4th Annual Forum** 10 – 11 November 2013 in Vilnius, LT
 - **Climate Change Adaptation Forum in the Baltic Sea Region**
 - **Mainstreaming CCA across PAs and HAs**





BSR Working Group on Climate Change Adaptation

- Proposal on the establishment to be discussed again on 5th September 2013 at **8th meeting CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development, Baltic 21**
- Experts are invited to nominate relevant MS representatives (national ministries and state agencies)
- **Proposal** as outlined in the CCA-Strategy
- Proposal CBSS-Baltic 21

Core working group:

- CBSS, UBC, BSSSC, HELCOM





Proposed roles and tasks of the BSR WG CCA

- **Monitor and follow-up** on the implementation of the proposal of a BSR-wide climate change adaptation strategy
- Prepare the **political endorsement** of the BSR **Climate Adaptation Strategy**, and that an Action Plan for Climate Adaptation is agreed on and jointly implemented by all EUSBSR states
- Agree on the **most important issues to focus on and initiate policy-science and multilevel governance dialogues** related to climate adaptation of common concerns in the Baltic Sea Region, with specific consideration to issues with cross-border implications.
- **Promote actions based on recommendations emanating from these dialogues** or other relevant initiatives.





Financing new flagships and strategic actions

- **EU Seed money** facility; IB Schleswig-Holstein
- Council of the Baltic Sea States, CBSS Project Seed money facility, **PSF**
- **Swedish Institute, SI** – Thematic Partnership, Seed money
- Nordic Council of Ministers, **NCM**
- **BONUS**
- **Horizon 2020**
- **Life +**, sub-programme on climate change
- National funding schemes
- First call for ETC programmes to be launched in autumn 2013

Preparatory project calls (?)





New project developments and activities:

- Analysis on the **state of play of SD in BSR**, transnational gaps and challenges & added value of cross-border cooperation in BSR
- BSR Network on Education of Sustainable Development, **BSRNESD**
- Baltic **Waste Management Council**
- BSR **Climate Change Adaptation Working Group**
- **REALS** - Resilient and Ecology Approaches for Living Sustainably (Permaculture Sweden, Ecohome)
- Baltic Sea Region Urban Forum for Smart Cities, **BUF** (UBC & Smart City Lab Tartu & BDF)





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4th Annual Forum of
the EU Strategy for
the Baltic Sea Region

11-12 November 2013
Vilnius, Lithuania

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Thank you!

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