Implementing the 2030 Agenda through the EUSBSR

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- Global Agenda 2030 & Sustainable Development Goals in BSR
- EUSBSR Horizontal Action CLIMATE

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Transforming our world

SDGs are:

A set of 17 goals for the world's future, through 2030

Agreed to by nearly all the world's nations, on 25 Sept 2015

Backed up by a set of 169 detailed Targets

Monitored through 244 indicators

National & local governments, private sector & civil society actors are aligning their activities to the SDGs

SUSTAINABILITY

TREATING THE WORLD AS IF WE PLANNED TO STAY

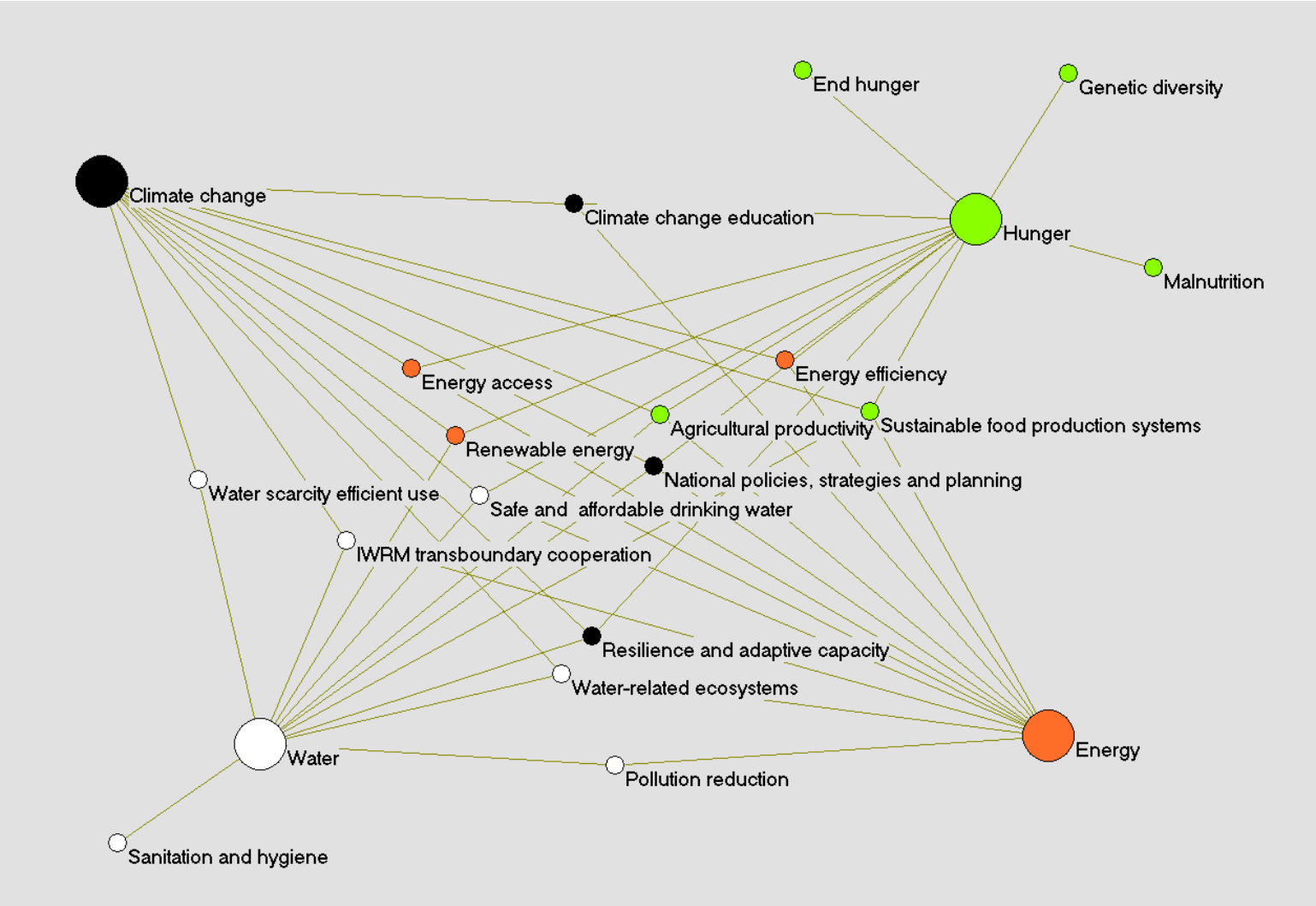
3 CONCEPTUAL DIMENSIONS, HOLISTIC IMPLEMENTATION

SDGs are designed as a quality of life targets:

- well-being of the **present generation** (“here and now”)
- the well-being of **future generations** (“later”)
- the well-being of people living in **other countries** (spill-ower, “elsewhere”, but also how decisions in one sector impact other policies internally)

Better Policies for Sustainable Development 2016: A New Framework for PCSD, OECD (2016)

SDGs as a network of targets



David Le Blanc „Towards integration at last? The sustainable development goals as a network of targets“ DESA Working Paper No. 141, March 2015

“We acknowledge also the **importance of the regional and sub-regional dimensions**, regional economic integration and interconnectivity in sustainable development. Regional and sub-regional frameworks can facilitate the effective translation of sustainable development policies into concrete action at national level.” (2030 Agenda)

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6 Priority Focus Areas

Sustainable&Resilient Cities and Communities

Climate Action

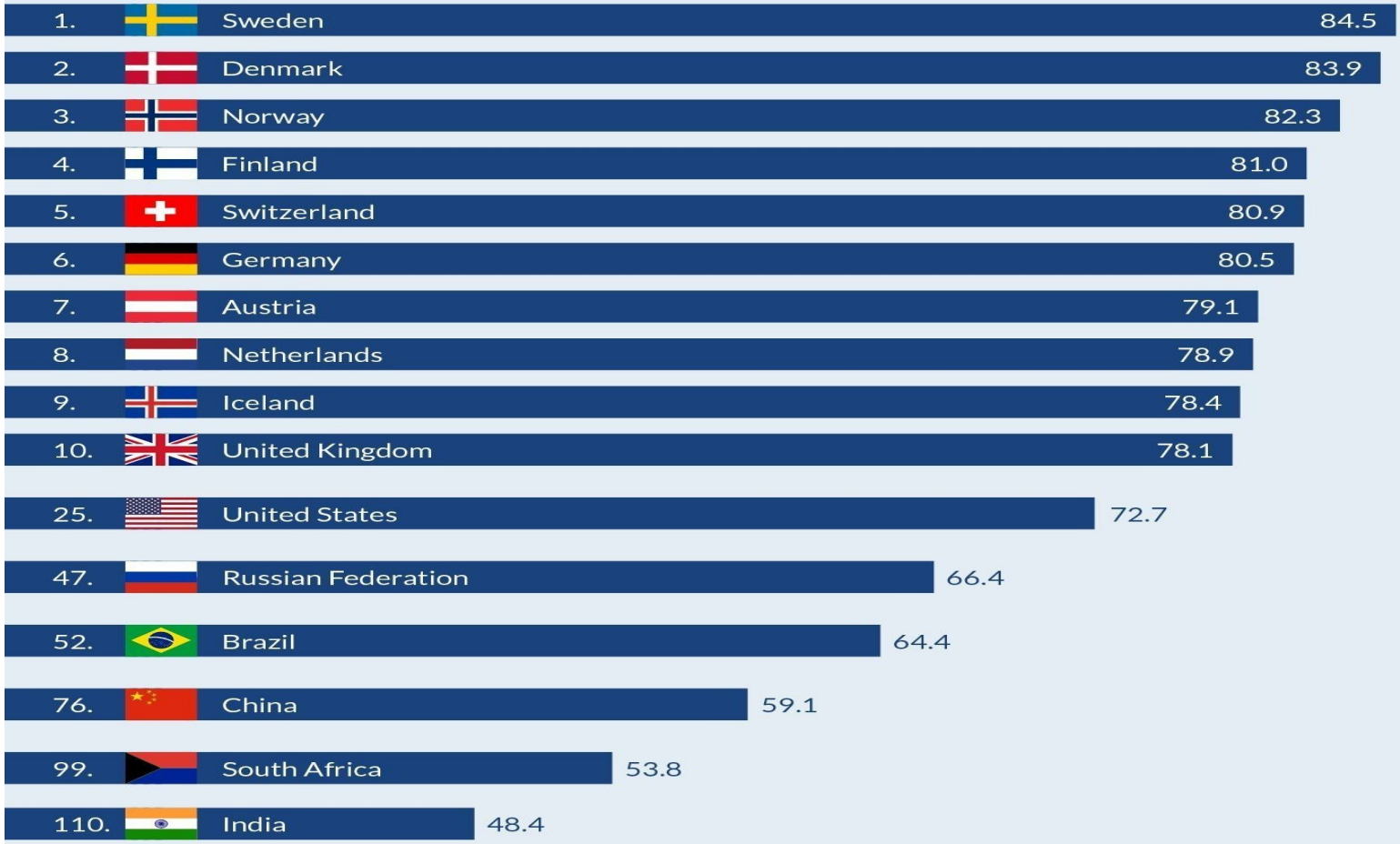
Equality and Social Wellbeing for All

Transition to a Sustainable Economy

Quality of Education & Lifelong Learning

Partnerships

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) – Overall Country Rankings



The Scores represent the overall rankings from the SDG-Index (149 country's) for individual countries. 100 is the maximum score.

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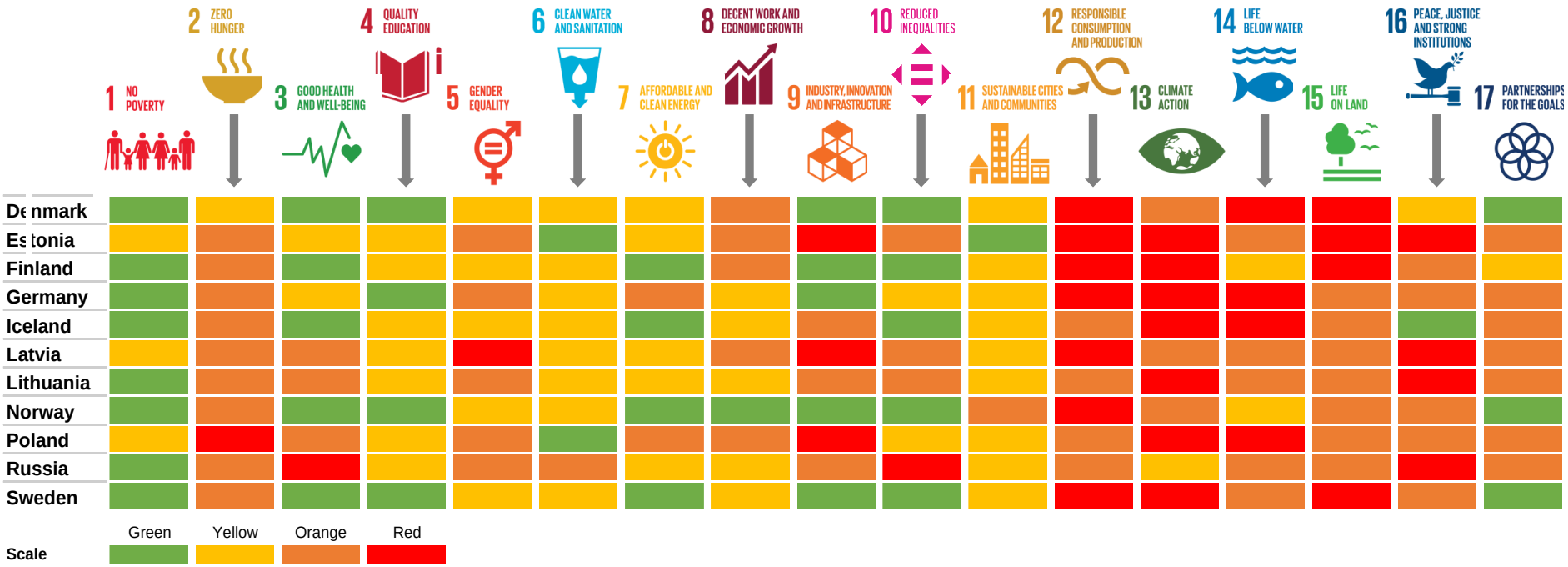
The most critical SDGs for the BSR countries



Takeaways

- Results show ambitious nature of SDGs
- Others with discrepancy of results across BSR
- Some SDGs challenging across all countries
- Decisive action needed across almost all SDGs

CBSS EGSD Report „Baltic 2030: Bumps on the Road – How the Baltic Sea States are performing on the SDGs“, by Nordic Sustainability, April 2018.

EU Action for Sustainability

Governance

- EC Communication "*Next steps for a sustainable European future European action for sustainability"* (22.11.2016 COM(2016) 739)

2 work streams:

- Mainstreaming the SDGs - full integration of the SDGs in the EU policy framework
- Developing EU long-term vision post 2020

- EC Reflection Paper on long-term SDGs implmentation "Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030" *(will be published June 2018)*

- EP Resolution on Implementation the EU MRSs *(16 January 2018)* - „MRS implementation should be based on long-term vision; strengthen link btw. EU policies and MRS implementation;concrete challenges need to be met"

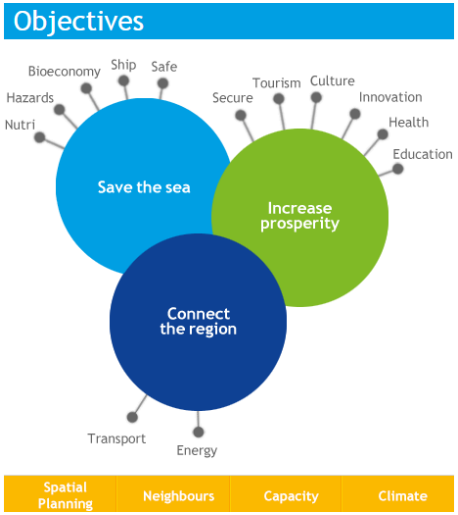
EU Action for Sustainability

Finances

- 14 February 2018 EC Communication ”A new, modern Multiannual Financial Framework for a European Union that delivers efficiently on its priorities post-2020”
- *The EU must also make good on its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*

- EC proposal on EU budget: Regional Development and Cohesion Policy beyond 2020 (29th of May)

EUSBSR and the 2030 Agenda



- The SDGs will align us to European and global policies
- Help identify synergies but also obstacles and trade-offs
- Spatial Foresight report „EUSBSR After 2030:Governance remastered“ – integration of the global priorities and challenges (UN SDGs, Paris Climate Agreement) into the EUSBSR objectives&PAs

As HACs and PACs we have responsibility and can prepare the ground for the revision of the EUSBSR

A lot is already happening

- Baltic Leadership Programme on 2030 Agenda
- Discussions at the EUSBSR Annual Forum in Tallinn

But there is room for improvement

- Map connections of each HA and PA to the SDGs, identifying potential trade-offs and spill-owers.
- Map connections between HACs and PACs and increase cooperation
- Making the SDGs operational, using them as a framework for planning the activities and creating synergies with relevant PAs/Has (trade-offs).

NDC-SDG Connections (the German Development Institute & the Stockholm Environment Institute 2018). https://klimalog.die-gdi.de/ndc-sdg/

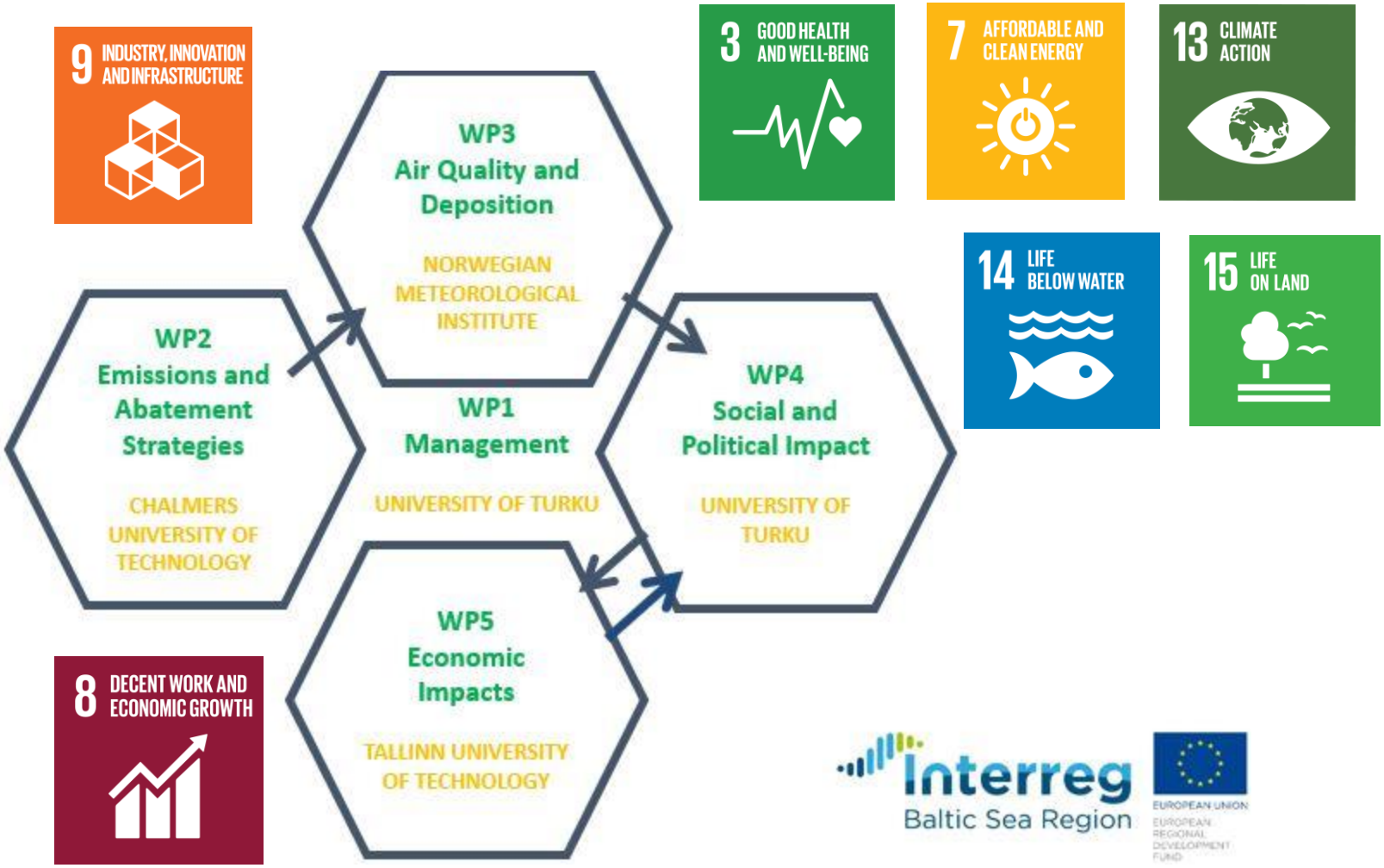
HA Climate - iWater

FROM WASTE TO RESOURCE www.integratedstormwater.eu

PA Ship Objectives - Examples

Reducing emissions from the shipping in the Baltic Sea, while at the same it is predicted that the intensity of maritime activities will increase.	 Potential trade off Potential spill-ower
Establishment of upgraded reception facilities for sewage in passenger ports of the Baltic Sea through exchange of experiences and best practices, investments and cooperation between shipping industry, ports and municipal wastewater treatment plants.	 **Potential trade off**

Flagship example - EnviSum



FROM SHARED NARRATIVE TO SHARED ACTION
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PA Ship – a partnersip for sustainable shipping in the BSR!

Thank you!

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