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EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

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Commission report on the implementation of macro-regional strategies

COM (2016)805 final of 16 December 2016
SWD (2016) 443 final

- *Implementation of four current macro-regional strategies since 2009*
- *19 EU Member States + 8 non EU countries covering 270 million inhabitants*
- *Draw lessons in the light of post-2020 reform*

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State of implementation of MRS

EUSBSR - *a stable cooperation framework (flagships and new networks) but needs to keep momentum and to improve policies coordination and content by building on projects results*

Results: networking/partnering, projects/processes, MLG, coordination and cooperation, policy development, funding…

Challenges: broad scope, human ressources, funding, communication, monitoring, cross-cutting cooperation, project to policy, capacity building…

Recommendations: ensure sufficient ressources, more discussions at political level, better alignment of funding, communications plans at national level, more cross-cutting cooperation, improve liaison project results and policy discussion/change, strengthen capacity building…

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Other ongoing EUSBSR developments

- *"Let's Communicate": Implementation of the EUSBSR Communication Strategy*
- *"EUSBSR support" towards policy impact: capacity building*
- *Funding: 'Pilot' European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Managing Authorities' (MA) Network in the Baltic Sea region in support of the EUSBSR*
- *Interreg IBSR: second call closed (MC 23/24 May 2017: 39 new projects approved)*
- *EUSBSR funding portal: http://funding.balticsea-region.eu/*
- *Update of KEEP database (including MRS)*
- *Study 'Macro-regional strategies and their links with cohesion policy' (findings expected to be available in 2017).*
- *8th EUSBSR Annual Forum: 13/14 June 2017 in Berlin*
- *9th EUSBSR Annual Forum: 4-5 June 2018 in Tallinn*

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Annual Forum of the EUSBSR

- *8th EUSBSR Annual Forum: 13/14 June 2017 in Berlin*
- *Hosted by Germany together with the CPMR – BSC, in close cooperation with the European Commission*
- *Overall topic: "Connectivity", 3 plenary sessions, around 30 seminars, 800 participants*
- *Registration open (until 2nd June 2017)*
- *More information: http://www.balticsea-region-strategy.eu/8th-annual-forum/*

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