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**STATUS REPORT FAMOS**

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# FAMOS (FINALISING THE BALTIC MOTORWAYS OF THE SEA)

**Main project goal:** To perform hydrographic surveying in the Baltic Sea according to the BSHC-HELCOM re-survey plan 2014-2020. For this, additional financial resources are needed. Therefore, the project will apply for EU co-financing from the currently open CEF Transport calls for proposals (multi-annual, priority Motorways of the Sea).

## How has your project progressed and what has been achieved since the most recent Steering Committee meeting?

On 11 September 2014, INEA and DG Move have opened the 2014 CEF Transport calls for proposals, with a total volume of almost 12000 MEUR (250…350 MEUR for Motorways of the Sea). With this, the work with the CEF proposal has got into its final phase, ending with the call deadline 26 February 2015.

The project consortium has found its (probably) final shape with 10 partners from six countries (SE, FI, EE, LV, DE and DK). The definition of project activities has been finalized (one main surveying activity, two supporting activities and one “piggy-back” activity). The project organizational structure has been finalized: SMA will lead the action, whereas the four activities will be led by different partners from four of the participating countries. Budget work is on-going.

Several planning meetings have been held in various locations. A three-day proposal writing workshop has been held at the SMA conference facilities on Arkö, Sweden. The project has been present at the CEF info days at the Commission in Brussels, and participates in any relevant national CEF events whenever possible.

SMA has procured consultants to help with the administrative work related to the CEF proposal.

In order to prepare for the required national government approvals, contact with the respective governmental institutions has been established in all participating countries. National approval processes also impose strict deadlines on the proposal submission, earlier than the final deadline of the Commission. In practice this means that the CEF proposal must be more-or-less finished already by the end of this year.

## What kind of difficulties has your project encountered since the most recent Steering Committee meeting?

The project faces several challenges; all related to the national approval processes:

(1) National processes impose additional very early deadlines on the project, which even have been moved closer in one occasion. Earliest is the Danish Transport Ministry, which wants the (virtually) final proposal by 5 January, 2015 – effectively taking seven weeks from the 24 week long opening of the calls at the Commission.
(2) As the national approval processes are handled at rather high level, it proved difficult to get answers to specific national questions in some countries (especially EE and LV). The approval process is still not completely clear in all countries.
(3) For works projects, the proposals must include a complete Cost-Benefit Analysis. There are however no usable guidelines available regarding CBA methodology, apart from that it should in all countries be a "methodology recognised in the respective national context". For a multinational project it is hard to find out what this means in practice.

## Future activities

- Finalize the planning process (budget, milestones, goals)
- Compile the information needed for the proposal forms
- Work with the technical part of the proposal (project and activity descriptions etc.)
- Outreach to relevant fora to gain support for the project
    - EUSBSR
    - EC: Visit of the Motorways of the Sea coordinator onboard the Swedish survey vessel *Jacob Hägg* on 17 November 2014
    - Participation in HELCOM Maritime 14 to get endorsement for the project

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## How can the Priority Area Coordinators help your project to progress further?

- By trying to speed up the flagship project status process for FAMOS
- By communicating the goals and value of FAMOS in relevant fora