Review of the EUSBSR – presentation of the process

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Purpose of the revision of the EUSBSR action plan

- The last up-date of the EUSBSR Action Plan was in 2014/2015, updates of policy areas have been made in 2017:
  - Currently, many of the targets for the objectives and sub-objectives are set for 2020.
- To support the development of an up-to-date document for the ESIF-programming 2021 – 2027 period:
  - a review of the EUSBSR Action Plan itself (thematic and governance)
  - Update (revision) of Action Plan i.e. the work programmes of the PAs/HAs.

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Assessment of objectives

	Objectives/Sub-objectives	Indicators	Main contributing PA/HA	Comment
Save the sea	› Clear water in the sea	Environmental statues (HELCOM) 2013	Nutri, Hazards	is still relevant – but this is one of the indicators that is influenced by many factors – the work of the EUSBSR is only one of them.
	› Rich and healthy wildlife	Biodiversity status and ecosystem	Bio	Indicator is still relevant
	› Clean and safe shipping	Number of shipping accidents	Ship, Safe	(PA does not find this a good indicator)
	› Better cooperation	HELCOM BSAP (implementation) MSPs	HA SP (maritime part)	Unclear – why only in save the sea It is not clear from the objective that this refer to MSP
Increase prosperity	› Baltic Sea region as a frontrunner for deepening and fulfilling the single market	Intraregional trade, cross border services		Very broad and unspecific Generally no t seen as very useful
	› EUSBSR contributing to the implementation of Europe 2020 Strategy	Employment rate, R&D expenditure., about productivity , human development index	Tourism, Health (?)	Very broad and unspecific Needs to be changed (2020) A number of PA/HA find them selves here
	› Improved global competitiveness of the Baltic Sea region	GDP	Education, Innovation, HA Capacity	Objective still valid Indicators may not be very suitable
	› Climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management	Integrated coastal protection plan	Climate	Objective still valid Indicator very limited – it may be worth considering to use the indicators from the policy area here
Connect the region	› Good transport conditions	Internal and external connectivity (travel time)	Transport, HA SP	Overall objective still valid (as part of economic development) reformulation may be needed Indicators still valid
	› Reliable energy markets	State of the market conditions (BEMIP)	Energy	Objective still valid Indicator valid
	› Connecting people in the region	Participation in cultural, educational and scientific cooperation	Culture, HA Neighbours	Objective very board an unspecific Indicators at very different levels (compared to the other objectives) parts of the indicator refers to activities under Increase property (PA Education)
	› Better cooperation in fighting cross-border crime	No indicator	PA Secure	Objective may in general be valid but is not a focus in the current AP

Focus of the review

- Thematic discussions
  - whether the objectives and sub-objectives of the strategy still are relevant
  - continued relevance of the thematic focus of the PA and HA in relation of the objectives and sub-objectives
  - a revision of the target indicators for the sub-objectives
- Governance
  - Review of organizational and governance issues of the EUSBSR.
  - This covers a range of issues:
    - the functioning of the PAs/HAs,
    - how PAs/HAs should intervene,
    - measuring performance of the PAs/Has
    - funding.

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Question of the review

- Is thematic focus of the PAs and HAs in light of the discussions of the objectives and sub-objectives still relevant
  - what are the main BSR challenges
  - How do they support the SDGs
- How to align the PAs/HAs to the objectives of the EUSBSR, EU priorities and the relationship to other initiatives.
- What is macro-regionally relevant.
- How can macro-regional added value can be strengthened within a future framework.
- How is the governance and how could this be improved.
- Review of the indicators

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Assessment of the PA/HAs

Macro-regional relevance.

- **important for the region:**
  - addressing a key challenge (according to the global challenges and prioritized by regional stakeholders)
- **makes sense to do together:**
  - common approaches will increase the possibility for overall better performance (challenging performance) of the macro-region.
- **promotes macroregional integration:**
  - sharing experiences and common approaches will improve the macroregional performance (through better overall performance reducing the macroregional difference between countries in the region).

Criteria:

- **Main global challenges** – the PA/HA addressing a key priority challenge
- **Performance on -** there a need for the region to perform overall or in certain parts
- **Macroregional added value** – something which is better done at the macroregional level
- Support the **implementation of a policy/strategy** (EU, BSR regional, or international) – PA/HA involved in implementing a key policy and if yes how (policy loop)?
- **Priority of stakeholders** –the area prioritized by stakeholders at EU, national, regional, local level.
- **Governance and functioning PA/HA** – the work involve relevant stakeholders, the PA/HA sets the strategic framework for the policy/thematic issues, etc.

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PA/HA correspondence with SGDs

Objective	Save the sea				Increase prosperity				Connect the region			
Sub-objectives/SGDs	Clear water in the sea	Rich and healthy wildlife	Clean and safe shipping	Better cooperation	Baltic Sea region as a frontrunner for deepening and fulfilling the single market	EUSBSR contributing to the implementation of Europe 2020 Strategy	Improved global competitiveness of the Baltic Sea region	Climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management	Good transport conditions	Reliable energy markets	Connecting people in the region	Better cooperation in fighting cross-border crime
Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere												
Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	PA BIOECON											
Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages						PA HEALTH						
Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all						PA EDU						
Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls												
Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	PA NUTRI PA HAZ					PA HEALTH						
Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all								HA CLIMA		PA ENER		
Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all						PA EDU	PA TOUR PA CULT					
Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation			PA SHIP PA SAFE				PA INNO		PA TRANS		PA TRANS	
Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries												
Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable						PA SECURE	PA TOUR	HA CLIMA	PA TRANS			PA ENER
Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns						PA BIOECON						
Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*			PA SHIP PA SAFE					HA CLIMA		(PA ENER)		
Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development	PA HAZ	PA BIOECON	PA SHIP PA SAFE									
Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss		PA BIOECON										
Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels											HA NEIGH	PA SECURE
Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development						PA EDU PA HEALTH						

Involvement of stakeholders

- Involvement of regional stakeholders
  - Workshops and seminar in connection with regional events (Interreg BSR Conference, EUSBSR Forum)
  - Participation in meetings with regional organizations (CPRM)
  - Wider consultation of regional stakeholders (possible survey)
- PA/Has;
  - Interviews with all PA/Has (on going)
  - Participation in PA/HA steering meetings (on going)
- Interview with EU COM (DG MOVE, ENV, ENER; etc)
- Meetings with NCs (on-going)

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Inputs to the process

- Commission Staff Working Documents
- PA/HA work programmes/reports/outputs/websites
- ESIF and Interreg programmes
- BSR Strategic documents
- Global strategies (SDGs)
- EUSBSR studies, evaluations and PA/HA reports
- And much more

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Outputs

- An input paper covering the thematic focus of the EUSBSR
- An input paper covering the governance issues of the EUSBSR
- A final paper synthesizing the discussions on the thematic and governance focus of the EUSBSR
- Participation and facilitation of EUSBSR key stakeholder workshops/seminar/processes in cooperation with the European Commission
- Survey of stakeholders - June

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Timeline for review

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Interviews with PA/HA	x	x	x	x					
Regional stakeholders + survey			x		X		x	x	
Preparation of input thematic	x	x	x						
Preparation of input governance			x	x	X				
Final review paper							x	x	

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Points for the revision

- How does the PA/HA reflect current challenges in the BSR - including the SDGs?
- What have you archived so far?
- What are the key actions for the future?
- What is the timing (prioritisation) ?
- How will you measure – indicators for actions (right level) ?
- Governance structures
  - how is the PA/HA structure?
  - who do you involve?
  - synergies
- How are you going to fund the actions ?
- Implementations and processes – how do you work ?

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Thank you for the attention

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