The Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

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The Three Long-Term Priorities

2014: three renewed long-term priorities for the Council of the Baltic Sea States.

SUSTAINABLE & PROSPEROUS REGION

MARITIME POLICY; SCIENCE & INNOVATION; LABOUR ISSUES

Goals

- **To develop** the Baltic Sea Region as a model region of sustainable societies able to manage and use resources efficiently

Objectives

- **To improve** the overall competitiveness of the Baltic Sea Region through sustainable economic growth and labour markets, research and development, innovative infrastructure, *an integrated maritime policy*, transport and communications;
- **To strengthen** the region`s capacity to adapt to climate change
- **To ensure** further mainstreaming of sustainable development at all levels and in all policy sectors
- **To promote** sustainable and green technologies and initiatives in order to protect the ecosystem and biodiversity of the Baltic Sea Region

Expert Group on Maritime Policy

- Established 2009 “intended to contribute to sustainable growth and employment in the maritime sector, to combine and better coordinate all sea related activities and tasks, as well as to strike an appropriate balance between economic, social and ecological aspects”
- The mandate is prolonged 2016

EXPERT GROUP ON MARITIME POLICY

- CBSS EGMP - partner in Baltic Sea Maritime Dialogue, joint efforts with EUS BSR (PA SHIP and PA SAFE) and Northern Dimension Partnership on transport and logistics.
- Provide politically coordinated support to relevant efforts to support the improvement of the BS region's international competitiveness with regard to development of the sustainable maritime economy - positioning of the Baltic Sea region as a model region for maritime best practice

CBSS EGMP

- **Topics recognized as of common concern in Maritime policy:**
- ***the field of education, training, research, innovation technologies and green shipping: :*** researches, experts, professors, student exchanges; joint research programming in BSR, giving inputs to the development' processes defining needs and gaps, working in closer interaction with industries from the branch; spreading information and enlighten about financial mechanisms which make profitable to be green;
- ***the field of maritime/coastal tourism*** is mutual beneficial, it covers cruising companies, harbours, marinas and ports, maritime culture heritage including light houses, old ships, maritime heritage museums, maritime historical routes (Vikings, medieval Hanseatic links, etc.); maritime nature.

Swedish Presidency 2017 - 2018

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2017-2018

Sustainability – Continuity – Adaptability

Swedish chairmanship in EGMP

- Solutions in SDG14 implementation with maritime sustainability indicators and – follow the Swedish Maritime Strategy - Strategy for people, jobs and the environment - three legs of sustainability - social, economic and environmental
- Define tools to measure Integrated Maritime Sustainability Indicators (how close or far away from maritime sustainability we are).
- To keep track on the work done by organisations such HELCOM, EU and UN

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