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EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
Priority Area on Clean Shipping

3rd meeting of the International Steering Committee, 7 October 2014

Welcome

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Images from yesterday´s conference

"Cleaner and more energy efficient shipping"

Relevant programme for PA Ship Steering Committee members?

Worthwhile for our project-exhibitors?

EU macro-regional strategies

Definitions:

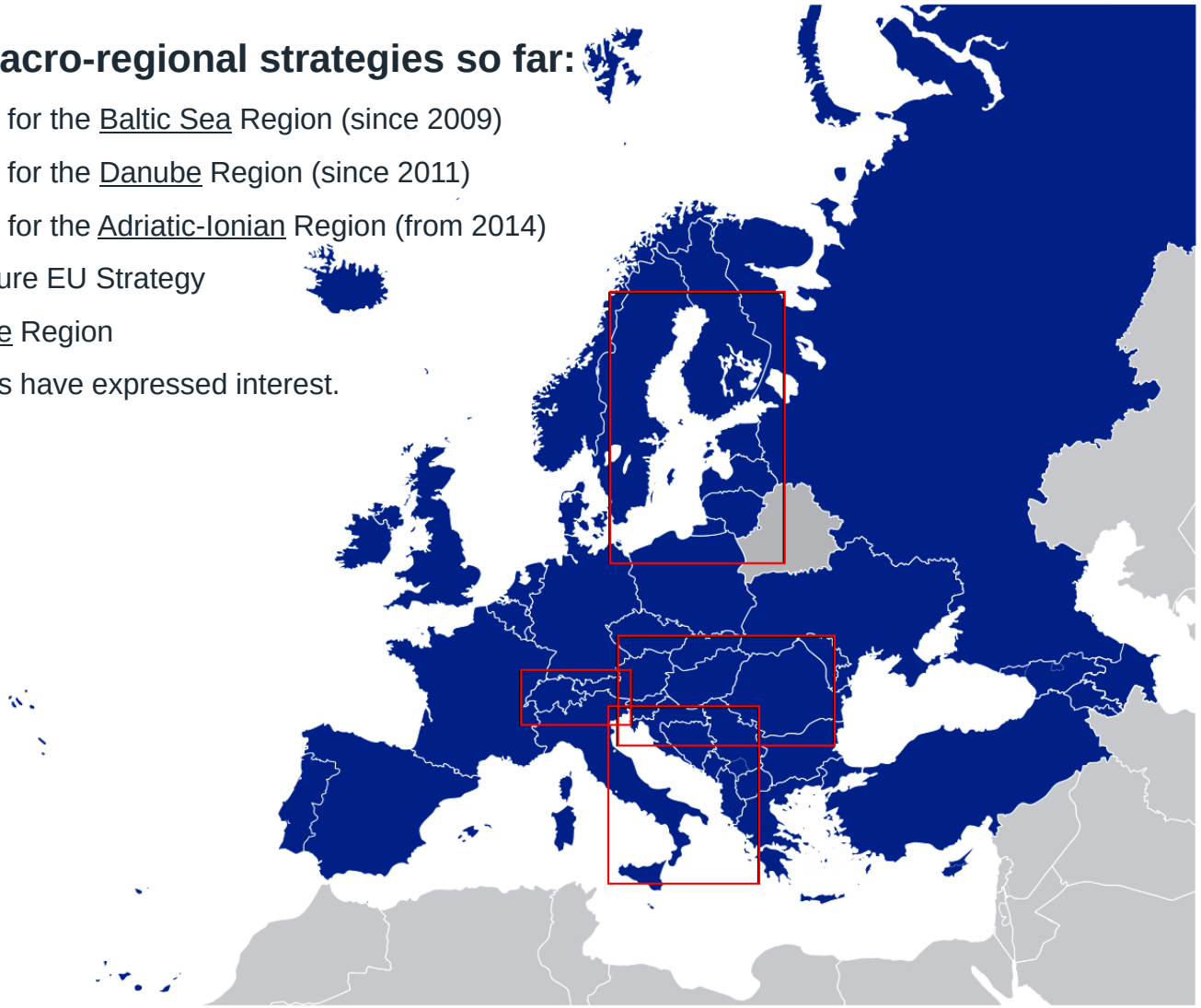
- **A 'Macroregional strategy' is an integrated framework endorsed by the European Council, which may be supported by the European Structural and Investment Funds among others, to address common challenges faced by a defined geographical area relating to Member States and third countries located in the same geographical area which thereby benefit from strengthened cooperation contributing to achievement of economic, social and territorial cohesion.**

- **A 'macro-region' is an area including territory from a number of different countries or regions associated with one or more common features or challenges.**

- **Macro-regional strategies address common challenges faced by a geographical area, where strengthened cooperation can benefit the Member States in achieving economic, social and territorial cohesion.**

The 4 EU macro-regional strategies so far:

- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (since 2009)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (since 2011)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region (from 2014)
- Potential future EU Strategy for the Alpine Region
- More regions have expressed interest.



EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

8 EU Member States:
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
Germany
Latvia
Lithuania
Poland
Sweden

European Commission
Other stakeholders

Cooperation with
neighbouring states

EUSBSR
- Origins of the Strategy

- **2007-09 based on a wish from the European Parliament and Member States, the European Council invited the European Commission to present a strategy for the Baltic Sea region.**

- **2009: The Commission presented the EUSBSR and an accompanying Action Plan, which was approved by the Council in fall 2009. The European Council endorsed the Strategy, as the Union´s first macro-regional strategy.**

- **2012-13: The Action Plan was reviewed (adding targets and indicators) and roles and responsibilities of the various stakeholders in the region was formally agreed.**

- **What is the aim of the Strategy?**

  The Strategy aims at reinforcing cooperation within the Baltic Sea region in order to face several challenges by working together as well as promoting a more balanced development in the area.

- **Why is a Strategy needed?**

  Since the EU enlargement of 2004, challenges facing the region have increased:

  - Serious environmental condition of the Baltic and some areas on land
  - Gaps in the economic development
  - Poor or missing transport links

  Most of these can only be addressed through better regional coordination and joint action.

- **How is this done?**

  By coordinating actions of the Member States, regions, the EU, pan-Baltic organisations, financial institutions and NGOs. The focus is on coordinating existing policies and programmes better – no new budget lines, legislation or institutions are foreseen!

  The working method is primarily intergovernmental dialogue, and the role of the Commission is to assist and encourage rather than to propose new initiatives or enforce implementation.

Overall ambition

The three cornerstones of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region are to:

- **Save the sea**
  - Clear water, clean & safe shipping, rich and healthy wildlife, better cooperation.
- **Connect the region**
  - Create good transport connections on land and at sea, well-connected energy markets, connecting people in the region, fighting cross-border crime.
- **Increase prosperity**
  - Regional implementation of Europe 2020 Strategy, improving competitiveness, creating jobs, climate change adoption, risk prevention & management.

Clean shipping contributes to all of these!

Implementation

- The Strategy is being implemented through an Action Plan

- The current Action Plan translate the three cornerstones of the EUSBSR into:
  - 17 thematic Priority Areas
  - 5 cross-cutting Horizontal Actions

- A Priority Area consists of:
  - Priority Area Coordinator
  - Flagship Projects
  - International Steering Committee – conducts an ongoing policy dialogue
  - Other activities, such as training, fundraising etc.

Priority Area on Clean Shipping

”to become a pilot region in clean shipping”

Denmark serves as Priority Area Coordinator (PACs) for the Strategy´s Priority Area on Clean Shipping and has undertaken to initiate projects and maintain a policy dialogue on this topic on behalf of the eigth EU Member States of the Baltic Sea Region.

The actual work is carried out by the Danish Maritime Authority.

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Why a Steering Committee

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Roles and responsibilities of the implementing stakeholders of the EUSBSR and a flagship project concept

Working document

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The tasks of the Priority Area Coordinator

Facilitate involvement of and cooperation with relevant stakeholders from the entire macro-region and in close cooperation with those[1]:

1. Implement and follow-up the Priority Area towards targets and indicators defined. Whenever relevant, review of the indicators and targets set.
2. Review regularly the relevance of the Priority Area as described in the Action Plan. Propose necessary updates including the addition, modification or deletion of actions and flagship projects to the European Commission.
3. Facilitate policy discussions in the Baltic Sea Region regarding the Priority Area concerned.
4. Facilitate development and implementation of actions and flagship projects defined under the Priority Area.
5. Convey relevant results and recommendations of ongoing and completed flagship projects to the policy level.
6. Ensure communication and visibility of the Priority Area.
7. Maintain a dialogue with bodies in charge of implementation of programmes/financial instruments on alignment of funding for implementation of the Priority Area and flagship projects.
8. Liaise and cooperate with other Priority Area Coordinators and Horizontal Action Leaders in order to ensure coherence and avoid duplication of actions in the EUSBSR implementation.
9. Monitor progress within the Priority Area and report on it.

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The international Steering Committee

Consist of
- authorities
- projects
- regional organisations
- other stakeholders

Convenes 2 times annually

Monitors progress of projects & select topics for new initiatives

Conveys results to policy level for implementation

Original Flagship Projects of the Priority Area on Clean Shipping (✓) = completed project

Promote measures to collect ship generated waste (✓)

Promote measures to reduce emissions from ships and enhance the development for shore side electricity facilities or for emission treatment in all major ports around the Baltic Sea. This Flagship Project consists of two major activities:

- Clean Baltic Sea Shipping (the Cleanship project) ✓;
- Baltic Sea cooperation for reducing ship and port emissions through knowledge- & innovation-based competitiveness (the BSR Innoship project) ✓.

Introduce differentiated port dues depending on the environmental impact of ships.

Eliminate the discharge of sewage from ships ✓

Improve the waste handling on board and in ports ✓

Conduct a feasibility study on LNG infrastructure for short sea shipping ✓

Current Flagship Projects of the Priority Area on Clean Shipping

- **Build competences on Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) installations in the region (MarTech LNG -Marine Competence, Technology and Knowledge Transfer for LNG in the South Baltic Sea Region);**

- **Indexing the environmental impact of vessels (Clean Shipping Index – real time, quantified insight into the environmental performance of ships);**

- **To facilitate LNG infrastructure in Baltic Sea Ports.**

New Seed Money Projects in PA Ship

- **SMILE (lead: Development Funen)**
  Service packages for the maritime industry leading to cleaner shipping in the EU

- **EnviSum (lead: Maritime Development Centre of Europe)**
  Environmental impact of low sulphur ship fuel: measurements and modeling strategies.

- **IRIS (lead: University of Helsinki)**
  Improving risk assessment of invasive alien species and cost-efficiency analysis of ballast water treatment methods (approval expected autumn 2014)

What´s in it for the projects?

Not a huge amount of money, but..

- **An official recognition as ”Flagship Project” in the EU Strategy**
- **Increased political attention while the project is running**
- **Access to exhibit the results at various meetings and events**
- **Assistance to convey projects results and recommendations to policy level once the project is completed**
- **Access to new seed-money facility to ease the start of new projects**
- **Contacts with other projects operating in the field**
- **Expected 2014-2020: Facilitated application in some EU programmes**

We hope that this is helpful for the projects.

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Thank you for your attention & have a nice day!

Further information:

EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
http://www.balticsea-region-strategy.eu

Priority Area on Clean Shipping
http://pa-ship.dma.dk

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