

## Annex I - Existing and planned BaltMet and related co-operation initiatives

Strategic objective/ Name of project	Status of the project/financing instrument	Description	Cities and other partners involved
<b>Prosperous region</b>			
BaltMet Inno	Completed in December 2007 (supported by Interreg IIIB)	<p>The Baltic Metropolises Innovation Strategy project (BaltMet Inno) was implemented as a joint project of the BSR capitals and other major cities. It strengthened the role of cities as developers of innovation environments at local, regional, national and international levels. The project goal was to produce a common innovation policy framework, the so-called "Baltic Sea Archipelago of Innovation", and to create transnational metropolis-driven innovation networks. BaltMet Inno activities strengthened innovation capacities of metropolises with a focus on the following themes: 1. local innovation strategies; 2. regional marketing; 3. innovative business clusters; 4. innovation competences and entrepreneurship; and 5. innovation policy framework".</p> <p>The project identified six focus areas for future intensified cooperation: Design of innovative environments, Creative industries – support systems and city development policies, Transnational cluster activities and promotion of science- and knowledge-based entrepreneurship, Innovation-friendly procurement processes, and promotion of the image of Baltic metropolises as innovative and creative locations. (<a href="http://www.inno.baltmet.org">www.inno.baltmet.org</a>)</p>	Helsinki (lead), Berlin, Copenhagen, Malmö, Riga, Tallinn, Stockholm with observers from Oslo, St.Petersburg, Vilnius and Warsaw
SpB InnoReg	BSR INTERREG IIIB NP, to be completed in December 2008	<p>SpB InnoReg aims to support sustainable economic development in St. Petersburg and Northwest Russia through intensifying transnational cooperation between project partners for the development of the RIS in St. Petersburg. The project utilises the experiences and results of the BSR Interreg IIIB projects "VBN InnoReg - Strengthening Via Baltica Nordica Macro-Region through Transnational Cooperation for Regional Innovation Promotion" and "BaltMet Inno – Baltic Metropolises Innovation Strategy" in analysing RIS, identifying clusters and stimulating collaboration between RIS actors. The cooperation and links between the three projects will give a good ground for harmonizing the Russian and EU notion on innovation system to ensure better cooperation possibilities between Russia and the EU in the field of fostering innovations.</p>	Tampere (lead), Berlin, Helsinki, Lappeenranta, Seinäjoki, St. Petersburg, Warnemünde
Creative Metropolises	To take off by end 2008 (Supported by Interreg IVC in September 2008)	<p>City level has a crucial role in supporting the development of creative industries in order to contribute to making. Political decisions in this direction has played important role in certain cities of BSR but cooperation among Metropolises of one region is unique and in early stage. The project 'Creative Metropolises' currently in consideration by Interreg programme, would establish a network and exchange experience of 8 Baltic and 3 other EU capitals with an aim to support the development of creative businesses in the cities. The activities focus on 5 areas: 1) general structure of public support to the sector, 2) support to business</p>	Riga (lead), Berlin, Helsinki, Oslo, Stockholm, Tallinn, Vilnius, Warsaw, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Birmingham

		capacity & internationalisation, 3) developing Creative City Districts, 4) providing grant and non-grant funding for creative SMEs, and 5) increasing public demand for creative services and products. This and similar cooperation initiatives have visible potential for feeding back on economic growth and competitiveness.	
BaltMet BaSIC	Submitted to Baltic Sea Region Programme in May 2008	Project plans to carry further the development of a strong and reliable innovation network and a seamless working environment for fast growth SME throughout the Baltic Sea area. It builds up reliable networks with related innovation infrastructure, market knowledge, transferable business services and preparation tools for internationalization and financial investments for SMEs willing to expand to new markets.	Berlin (lead), Copenhagen, Helsinki, Oslo, Riga, St. Petersburg, Stockholm, Tallinn, Vilnius, Warsaw
JOSEFIN	Submitted to Baltic Sea Region Programme in May 2008	JOSEFIN aims to identify key areas of intervention for providing targeted and individualised support for SMEs on their way to international markets. The project will combine individual coaching for SMEs with the development and implementation of a transnational guarantee fund offered by the JOSEFIN partnership to reduce the risk for both sides, banks and companies. The guarantee fund will be backed by a European counter guarantee, and will provide a new and innovative risk sharing facility in the BSR. JOSEFIN will address two key-needs of SMEs and assist them in the process of bridging the significant development gaps by offering a highly focused and individual coaching of SMEs in preparation of cooperative transnational innovation projects. In this field, JOSEFIN will mainly take up, adapt and apply the achievements of previous BSR projects. The new transnational guarantee fund will advance existing regional financial support instruments for SMEs and lower barriers in access to finance.	Berlin (lead), Oslo, Region, Dalarnas, Stockholm, Riga, Vilnius, Tallinn, St.Petersburg, Wroclaw, Poznan, Szczecin, Lubuskie
BaltMet Procure	In development	BaltMet Procure project is based on the feasibility study done in the framework of the BaltMet Inno project and it shall concentrate on the introduction of the new EU procurement processes and innovation friendly philosophy, exchange of experiences and awareness building in the cities, communication and integration with business, networking and hands-on pilot projects with the aim to improve readiness for possibilities offered by innovative public procurement in the cities and enterprises.	BaltMet partners TBC
<b>Environmentally sustainable region</b>			
Baltic Sea Challenge	Ongoing in Finland; currently internationalising	The goal of the Baltic Sea Challenge is to start a municipal level challenge project including all countries around the Baltic Sea and link this project to support the goals of the governmental BSR organisations, such as HelCom. The cities encourage each other in positive competition in improving the state of the Baltic Sea together with other actors: public sector, institutions of research and education, farmers' associations, labour unions, environmental NGOs, sailing	Helsinki and Turku (lead), other cities in Finland, Stockholm, Tallinn and Riga have expressed interest

		clubs, and especially firms and business organisations. The cities' direct activities tackle problems such as point source load and scattered load of nutrients from settlements and agriculture, management of contaminated sediments from dredging and handling of wastewaters from shipping. The indirect measures include taking part in research together with universities, funding of research, public awareness-raising and international co-operation. ( <a href="http://www.baltiseachallenge.net">www.baltiseachallenge.net</a> )	
<b>Attractive region</b>			
BaltMet Promo	In development	Project shall develop joint BSR promotional products and services in the areas of trade, tourism and culture in cooperation with national and regional agencies, businesses and universities and test them in the focused global markets.	Helsinki (lead), Berlin, Vilnius, Warsaw, Baltic Development Forum
BaltMet Innovative Infrastructures	In development	Baltic metropolises are experiencing major changes as central city areas are being upgraded and significant waterfront (seaside, riverside) redevelopment projects are planned or on the move. Concrete project plans identified enclose strategic spatial planning of emerging clusters and "making" of city spaces as well as a residence programme for small companies in creative industries.	BaltMet partners TBC
<b>Accessible region</b>			
Rail Baltica		Cities are evaluating the practical actions to speed up the Rail Baltica project with an objective to work out an action plan for all interested cities concerned	Berlin, Helsinki, Tallinn
INTERREG IV B BSR Scandria: Scandinavian-Adriatic-Corridor for Growth and Innovation  and a parallel project  INTERREG IV B Central Sonora, South North Axis	Submitted in parallel to Baltic Sea Region and in Central Region Programme in Spring 2008 (INTERREG IV B)	Future development of the BSR region foresees the further development of a North-South Corridor which connects the innovative BSR-regions with the dynamic South Eastern European regions. Such a corridor from the Baltic to the Adriatic Sea (Scandinavian-Adriatic Corridor) would strengthen Central Europe as a new European economic growth zone beyond the economic core area and would contribute to a polycentric development in the EU. With its economic potentials and innovative regions, such as the Øresund Region or the Adriatic ports as potential logistic hubs for goods from Asia the corridor reveals its global importance for Europe. Furthermore it would be an important element for European territorial cohesion.	Scandria: Berlin-Brandenburg (lead), Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Gothenburg, Malmö, Neuruppin, Oslo, Region Seeland, Region Skåne Region Halland et al.  Sonora: Veneto Region (lead), Berlin-Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Thuringia, Saxony-Anhalt, Vienna, Central and South Bohemian Region, Usti Region, Pomerian Region et al.
<b>Other relevant examples of inter-regional cooperation</b>			
Oder partnership	ongoing	Territorial co-operation is the main generator of "added value" of the cohesion policy. This instrument should be widened on the level of the strategic focus as well as financially. One precise initiative of fruitful territorial cooperation is the newly founded Oder partnership which combines 4 Eastern German Länder and the 4 Western Polish Voivodships. It aims at creating a comprehensive economic	4 Eastern German Länder (Berlin, Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Sachsen) and the 4 Western Polish Voivodships (Zachodniopomorskie, Wielkopolskie, Lubuskie, Dolnoslaskie)

		network between the German – Polish Border Regions being a link between the BSR and the dynamic South Eastern European regions.	and the cities Szczecin, Poznań, Zielona Góra, Gorzów Wielkoposki, Wrocław
Helsinki-Tallinn Euregio	ongoing	<p>Helsinki-Tallinn Euregio has supported twin city development in the regions since 1999. The association funded by partner cities and regions aims at gradual development of an integrated cross-border region which is based on the principle that all parts gain from intensified connections and cooperation, and that balanced interdependence of the regional economies makes the two Capital Regions together stronger and more visible than alone.</p> <p>Strategic Priorities: 1. Sustainable regional planning; 2. Creation of common innovative and flexible business environment 3. Promotion of human resources through: a) development of Twin-region of arts and sciences via Knowledge Arena events, and b) skills development for sustainable communities aiming at a balanced region with capable human capital.</p> <p>(<a href="http://www.euregio-helta.org/index.php?keel=eng">http://www.euregio-helta.org/index.php?keel=eng</a>)</p>	cities of Tallinn and Helsinki, Regions of Harjumaa and Uusimaa