

**Polish Presidency
of the Council of the Baltic Sea States
& Chairmanship of the National Coordinators for the EU
Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
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SEA REGION

Priorities of the Polish CBSS Presidency

in line with the three long-term CBSS priorities agreed in June 2014:

- Regional Identity
- Sustainable & Prosperous Region
- Safe & Secure Region

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Synergy in diversity:

- ***SUSTAINABILITY***
- ***CREATIVITY***
- ***SAFETY***

Sustainability

Under the CBSS long-term priority Sustainable & Prosperous Region, Poland will implement:

New agenda for sustainable development for the Baltic Sea Region

- climate change adaptation
- regional expression of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- maritime issues, including the transport system
- diversified energy sources and energy efficiency
- science, research and innovation
- tourism

Sustainability - selection of events

- 8th Baltic Sea Tourism Forum: *Political Support, Cooperation, Development – One Sea, One million opportunities*, 22nd – 23rd September 2015, Gdańsk-Malbork
- 18th International BALTEXPO Maritime Trade Fair, September 2015
- Meeting of the Baltic Science Network – a potential new network of cooperation and strategic dialogue of public administration and science experts under the auspices of CBSS, autumn 2015
- BASREC Conference: *Increasing energy efficiency through Public-Private Partnership projects in the Baltic Sea Region*, 17th November 2015, Warsaw
- 6th Edition of *Transport Week*, March 2016
- Meetings of HELCOM-VASAB Joint Working Group, November 2015, Riga; February 2016, Helsinki
- VASAB Conference, May 2016, Warsaw
- 4th International Maritime Congress, June 2016, Szczecin
- Conference on Adaptation to Climate Change, 2016

8th Baltic Sea Tourism Forum

Political Support, Cooperation, Development – One Sea, One million opportunities
22-23 September, Gdańsk-Malbork

- Organizers: the Polish Ministry of Sport and Tourism, the Pomorskie Voivodeship in close cooperation with the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Tourist Board and the Ministry of Economics, Construction and Tourism Mecklenburg-Vorpommern - in its role as the coordinator of Policy Area Tourism (EUSBSR)
- more than 180 international participants in the heart of the city of Gdańsk.
- Mr Taleb Rifai, Secretary General of the UN World Tourism Organisation
- Forum Declaration



Creativity

Under the CBSS long-term priority Regional Identity Poland will implement :

Culture as a driving force for social and economic development of the Baltic Sea Region

- creativity + cooperation = development
- promotion of the culture of the Baltic Sea Region
- enhancing the impact of activities of the existing and new cooperation networks of key cultural organisations and institutions

Creativity - selection of events

- Ministerial Session of the Ministers of Culture, mapping of studies and expert opinions related to culture as a factor in the social and economic growth of the region, 16th September 2015, Gdańsk
- Expert Conference: *Culture as a tool for social and economic growth of the region*, combined with a meeting of all key cultural organisations present in the region, 16th – 17th September 2015, Gdańsk
- 14th International Symposium *Boats and Vessels in Archeology*, 21st – 25th September 2015, National Maritime Museum in Gdańsk
- Seminar on the potential of computer gaming industry in the Baltic Sea Region, 4th – 5th November 2015, Kraków
- Design of the Baltic Route, under the European Route of Historical Theatres
- Projects implemented under the programme of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage: *Promoting Polish Culture Abroad – Priority Baltic Sea Region*

Ministerial Session of the Ministers of Culture Gdańsk, 16 September 2015



2nd Baltic Sea Youth Dialogue

2-9 September 2015 Olsztyn, Poland

- The aim - to gather young Europeans in border areas of the Baltic Sea region, to create a sense of shared belonging and identity.
- fifty young Europeans from 19 countries
- in partnership with the Warmian-Masurian Voivodeship
- lectures and tours that shed light on a Warmian-Masurian identity on the background of its multinational heritage



Safety

*Under the CBSS long term priority Safe & Secure Region
Poland will implement*

Civil protection in the Baltic Sea Region

- enhancing the regional response and interoperability of civil protection services
- nuclear safety and radiological protection in the region
- preparing the establishment of a macro-regional environmental monitoring system (exchange of radiological data)
- safety of children

Safety - selection of events

- *Thematic Day* dedicated to the issue of the nuclear forensics, November 2015, Warsaw
- Civil Protection Exercises with the use of specific modules, first half of 2016
- Workshops dedicated to the identification of rescue resources available for a joint response to common hazards, first half of 2016
- Meeting of experts of the CBSS Civil Protection Network, first half of 2016
- CBSS Civil Protection Directors General Meeting, May/June 2016
- Study visits of experts /conference dedicated to issues of foster care

Synergy in diversity

- BSR requires a holistic macro-regional approach
- all existing cooperation formats are equally important and necessary
- interaction between regional formats should take place in the form of a structured dialogue based on common priorities, goals, agendas, documents and joint meetings
- facilitate a better use of resources, a more effective management of the region, improved synergy and coherence
- joint meetings should focus on specific fields and problems to solve

Meetings of Committee of Senior Officials

- ***1st CSO – Gdańsk, 15-16 September 2015***

on the margin of the Ministerial Session of the Ministers of Culture, back-to-back meeting with National Coordinators for the EUSBSR

- ***2nd CSO – Warszawa, 27-28 October 2015***

back-to-back meeting with B21 group, Arctic Council and EUSBSR Policy Areas and Horizontal Action Coordinators in the thematic objective *Save the Sea*

- ***3rd CSO – Stockholm, 2-3 December 2015***

meeting with the CBSS observers

Poland's chairmanship of the National Coordinators for the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region July 2015 – June 2016



Governance

- **Bringing the world of Policy Area Coordinators (PACs) and Horizontal Action Coordinators (HACs) and National Coordinators (NCs) closer together** – series of meetings of NCs and PACs/HACs with the participation of the European Commission in three thematic blocs: *Save the Sea, Connect the Region, Increase Prosperity* – 15.09.2015 Gdańsk, 29.10.2015 Warsaw, 11.12.2015 Warsaw
- Meeting of the informal **Baltic Sea Network**, which uses the **European Social Fund** to promote transnational activities that allow the implementation of the EUSBSR objectives

Implementation

- **Seminar on promotion of the EUSBSR's achievements and evaluation of its results** - focus on achievements, including completed Flagships; recommendations worked out within the EUSBSR and their impact; how ESI Funds programmes can support implementation of the EUSBSR – 10.12.2015 Warsaw

Visibility

- Building a **Communication Strategy for the EUSBSR** and Action Plan (Task Force on Communication for the EUSBSR led by INTERACT Point Turku)



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