EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Preparations for the Polish Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States

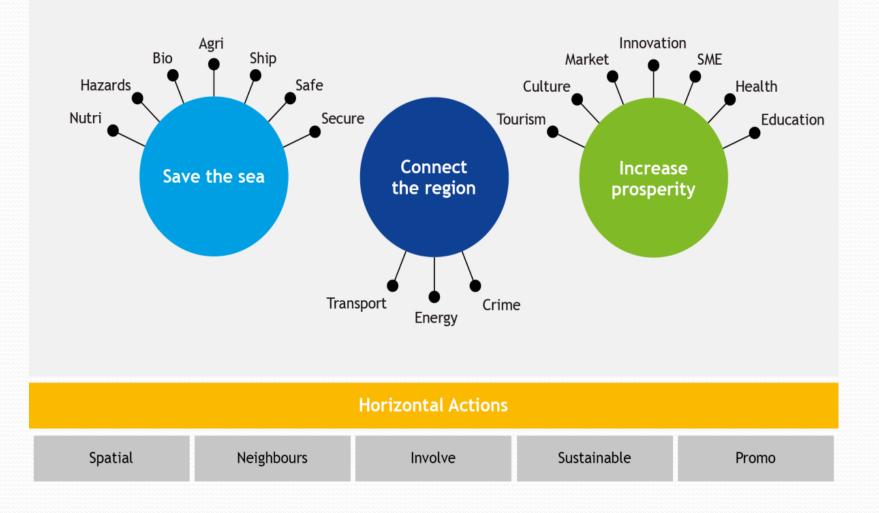
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EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

- First macroregional strategy
- Est. 2009
- Action Plan
 - 3 objectives: Save the Sea, Connect the Region, Increase Prosperity
 - 17 Priority Areas
 - 5 Horizontal Actions
 - Flagship Projects



Objectives and Priority Areas



Poland in EUSBR

- Coordinating 3 Priority Areas:
 - PA Nutri (Reducing nutrient inputs to the sea to acceptable levels) with Finland
 - PA Inno (Exploiting the full potential of the region in research and innovation) with Sweden
 - PA Culture (Developing and promoting the common culture and cultural identity) with Germany

Poland in Flagship Projects

- UMBRELLA Underwater Munitions Baltic Remediation cluster League (previously: Assess the need to clean up chemical weapons; Chief Inspector for Environmental Protection).
- Development of enhanced cooperation in the field of environmental technologies for the creation of the new business solutions (Central Mining Institute).
- The network of cooperation SUBMARINER: Activities and initiatives for innovative and sustainable use of the Baltic Sea resources (co-leader Maritime Institute in Gdańsk);
- **Sustainable development of the rural areas** (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development + SE).
- **Remove remaining single market unjustified barriers** (PL Ministry of Economy + SE);
- The promotion of cultural heritage and unique landscapes (Marshall's Office Pomerania);
- PartiSEApate management at various levels of maritime spatial planning in the Baltic Sea region (Maritime Institute in Gdańsk)
- Baltic House improving access to art from Baltic Sea region (The Baltic Sea Cultural Centre)
- Baltic Atlas of Heritage (National Maritime Museum in Gdańsk)
- Baltic Sea Maritime Museums Network (National Maritime Museum in Gdańsk)
- **Cultural Share Point** (Ministry of Culture and National Heritage/Ars Baltica)

Baltic Advisory Team to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

- Launched in October 2013
- Experts, mainly from academia, within environmental protection, economic development, technology and infrastructure, science, education, culture and civil security active in regional cooperation

Council of the Baltic Sea States

- Est. 1992
- Overall political forum for regional intergovernmental cooperation
- 11 member states of the Baltic Sea region: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden + representative from the European Commission
- New CBSS priorities:
 - Regional identity
 - Sustainable and prosperous region
 - Safe and secure region



Polish CBSS Presidency

• July 2015 – June 2016

• Internal preparations (i.a. priorities)

Thank you!

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