



**The Baltic Sea Region INTERREG III B
Neighbourhood Programme**

*Working together to bring solutions for common
problems*



Projects in progress (2004 - 2007)

3rd issue



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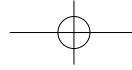


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Editorial

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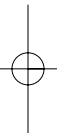
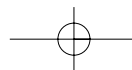
Baltic Sea Region's INTERREG III B programme enters the next stage in the programme's life: most of the funds are already committed and implementation of projects will be the main focus during the next years. The success of the programme can be only achieved through the success of our projects. Therefore the marketing of projects and their results plays a more and more important role in communication to the public and the programme's stakeholders, especially in the light of the already started preparations for the new programming period.

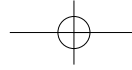
In INTERREG programmes, project partners work together to bring solutions for common problems. The 19 projects presented in this issue applied in the fifth call for project applications and were approved in June 2004. These are the first projects with partners from new Member States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland) receiving ERDF funds. By now, the implementation of most of the projects is well under way. Altogether, the 19 projects involve around 400 partners from all 11 Baltic Sea Region countries and plan to spend 21.4 Million Euro from ERDF and Norwegian national funds.



This is the third issue of the brochure presenting running projects. It intends to bring the portfolio of projects closer to you. Next to maps and photos, you'll find a short description of each presented project as well as contact details here. A database of all running projects is available at www.bsinterreg.net. Please feel free to contact projects directly or Joint Secretariat for more information about projects and the programme.

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What is INTERREG III B in the Baltic Sea Region?

The Baltic Sea Region (BSR) INTERREG III B Programme belongs to one of the three strands of the European Community Initiative INTERREG III. These programmes address transnational co-operation and intend to encourage harmonious and balanced development of the European territory.

There are numerous networks, organisations and political initiatives linking up the Baltic Sea Region. They are actively contributing to building up joint development strategies. Subsequently, transnational INTERREG III B cooperation projects are based on concepts like the Second Northern Dimension Action Plan, VASAB 2010 strategies, as well as, for example, the programmes of HELCOM and Baltic 21.

The Baltic Sea Region's III B cooperation area includes eleven countries separated by numerous land and sea borders. In 2004, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania received a new status: as members of the European Union, they are fully eligible to participate in EU programmes. At the same time, the Baltic Sea Region's III B programme was transformed into a "Neighbourhood" programme allowing EU partners to apply to INTERREG, and Russian and Belarusian partners to apply for Tacis funds in one joint project proposal. Norway has traditionally been participating in the Baltic Sea cooperation on equal terms as EU countries.

Funding & timeframe

On the EU side, the programme is sponsored by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), as part of the EU Structural Funds, and co-financed by project partners. The total ERDF contribution is almost 149 Million Euro. Norway co-finances Norwegian partners with 6 Million Euro. Partners from Russia and Belarus can receive support from the Tacis programme. Projects can submit applications until 2006.

Programme management structure

The joint Steering Committee selects projects and makes funding decisions. The Monitoring Committee oversees the use of ERDF funds. National sub-committees have an advisory status. The Investitionsbank Schleswig-Holstein (IB), seated at Kiel/Germany, acts as legal body responsible for correct programme implementation and payments to project partners. IB is a state owned development bank governed by public law. All ERDF funds are pooled in a joint bank account managed by IB. The IB also hosts the Joint Secretariat (JS). The JS, at its offices in Rostock/Germany, Karlskrona/Sweden and Riga/Latvia is responsible for the day-to-day management of programme implementation. The JS advises on INTERREG/Tacis co-operation, assists project generation, assesses applications, monitors progress and payment requests, operates the website and services the programme's decision making bodies and working groups.



Co-operation topics

The projects address topics identified under the priorities and measures of the programme:

- strategies and actions for macro-regions
- sustainable development of sectors (e.g. tourism, energy)
- integrated management of coastal zones, islands and other specific areas
- polycentric settlement structures
- communication links
- management of natural and cultural heritage and natural resources
- institution and capacity building.

Activities

INTERREG III B does not finance large infrastructure investments but paves the way towards them. Eligible activities are, for example, the exchange of experience between partners from different countries on development concepts. Projects implement and evaluate pilot actions, make analyses such as market research, or build up information or marketing networks.

Project partners

Main partners are public authorities from national, regional, and local level, research and training institutions, foundations, NGOs and other non-profit organisations.

How to make best use of what transnational projects have achieved?

Building up transnational cooperation projects takes time! Projects confirm that, in order to achieve durable results, politicians and decision-makers but also the public should be involved already when defining the project's aims.

People and politicians are interested in concrete results. They want to know what type of investment will really benefit their region thus attracting new business, or how many new tourists will discover their area by using a joint a marketing platform. Sell results before you get them – and get them! This is the key to make best use of joint work under INTERREG.

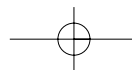
Further information

If you wish to know more about the BSR INTERREG III B Neighbourhood Programme and BSR co-operation, or if you want to see more projects in progress or check up project ideas, please contact the Joint Secretariat or visit our website at

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ProMidNord



Sustainable Development in the Mid Nordic Region

The main goal of the project is to develop and market the potential of the MNR (Mid Nordic Region), focusing on natural resources and environmental qualities. Based on the earlier analyses of MNR's strengths and weaknesses, the project will:

- strengthen transnational co-operation within the MNR politically and through co-operation between regional centres, universities and science parks,
- advance knowledge and improve the ability to compete within the environmental sphere,
- develop MNR's natural resources for sustainable energy production,
- engage young people to improve the conditions for future development and
- use culture to strengthen identity.

Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, public corporations, companies, associations and universities from Finland, Norway and Sweden

Approximate total project budget: 3,34 million €
ERDF+Norwegian national: 2,27 million €

Duration: August 2004 – August 2007

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ESCOBALT

Energy Saving Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Regions. Social, economical and environmental approach in regional planning of rational energy use.



The project addresses energy saving (ES), which has a serious impact on the economic, social and ecological aspects of community life. The project's strategic objective is the introduction of the Corporate Social Responsibility Concept (CSRC) and the innovative technologies of ES, which have proved to be the effective tools for the promotion of sustainable economic and social development in the EU countries.

Special emphasis will be put on the establishment of a network of local authorities, associations of the producers and the consumers of energy and other interested organisations in the BSR. Another important component of the project will be the activities for dissemination of information and raising public awareness of the need for the rational use of energy.

The project aims at strengthening the managerial and technical capacity of stakeholders through the exchange of best practices, training in energy audits, integrated energy planning, preparing and launching pilot ES projects.

Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, public corporations, associations and universities from Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden

Approximate total project budget: 1,12 Million €
ERDF: 0,68 Million €

Duration: September 2004 – August 2007

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VHB-ZONE

Development of Baltic Tourist Network in Via Hanseatica Development Zone

The project promotes the development of the transnational transport corridor Via Hanseatica (Lübeck – Rostock – Szczecin – Gdansk – Kaliningrad – Riga – Tartu – St. Petersburg). Via Hanseatica connects the Eastern Baltic Sea Region with the core region of the EU. The activities of the project support the development of the northern part of the corridor in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

The Via Hanseatica region in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania lacks economic and cultural integration and dynamics due to low-quality transport links, borders between states, few cross-border activities, unbalanced regional development, dominance of traditional economic structures, and historically poorly developed co-operation.

The project reinforces co-operation between Baltic States and supports regional development in the VH corridor. The development of a common tourism concept and the joint development of products and networks have a strong impact on other economic sectors of the regions as well. The project

will improve public-private partnerships and the business environment in harmony with rich natural, cultural and historical values. The project relies strongly on regional and local initiative.



Partnership: regional and local public authorities, companies and foundations from Estonia, Finland, Latvia and Lithuania

Approximate total project budget: 1,23 million €

ERDF: 0,93 million €

Duration: October 2004 – October 2007

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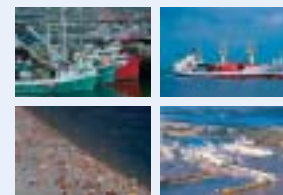
COASTMAN

Coastal Zone Management in the Baltic Sea Region

The coastal zones play an outstanding role in trade, transport, agriculture, fishery, industrial production, and tourism in the Baltic Sea Region. There are, however, several serious threats to the sustainable development in the coastal zones. Two of the main threats are conflicting interests and environmental pollution. The environmental threats are complex. Some have historical roots, though the rapid growth of economies will generate new ones. One example of this is oil transports from different terminals around the Baltic Sea.

The main objectives of the project are:

- to demonstrate the conditions under which spatial conflict resolution can be handled in a bottom-up perspective starting from practical case studies covering the numerous dimensions of the problems
- to promote long term capacity building in CZM with a focus on methods for conflict resolution through the development of a network and a joint educational program for coastal zone management in the BSR.



Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, foundations and universities from Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden and Russia

Approximate total project budget: 1,11 million €

ERDF: 0,60 million €

Duration: June 2004 – June 2007

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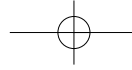
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CBSR+

Connect Baltic Sea Region+



The CONNECT concept links entrepreneurs through voluntary efforts by service providers and experts, with the financial, technical and business development resources they need to develop high growth companies through regional, national and transnational activities.

The project addresses a problem of missing a "critical mass" of ideas, entrepreneurial skills, business services and venture capital in the mid-sized urban regions in the Baltic Sea Region.

Expected outcomes of the project are:

- new or further developed regional Connect organisations to support and administrate networks between entrepreneurs and service providers and experts,

- strengthened Nordic Connect network,
- springboards for entrepreneurs,
- better evaluation procedures.

Partnership: regional public authorities, companies, associations, foundations and universities from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden

Approximate total project budget: 1,10 million €

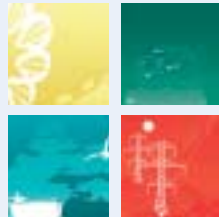
ERDF+Norwegian national: 0,68 million €

Duration: June 2004 – June 2007

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Biotech,
ICT,
Energy,
Maritim/
Offshore



eHealth for regions

Integrated regional health care structures: e-health in the Baltic Sea Region

The gap between rural and urban areas and Baltic Sea Regions regarding accessibility to and quality of health care provision leads to unbalanced living conditions. This disparity of supply and attractiveness contributes to rural-urban migration and weakens balanced regional development and polycentric settlement structures. The project focuses on promoting eHealth as an instrument for regional development to overcome these problems. eHealth solutions facilitate the enhancement of the access to and the quality of health care, thereby equalizing the provision and attractiveness of health care in urban and rural areas and Baltic Sea areas and keeping the people in their regions.

The integration of Information and Communication Technology in health care structures and processes allows the connection of all involved actors and patients with each other over long distances in a more cost effective way. "Moving the information and not the patient" is the approach of eHealth. Clinical resources and expertise from specialized institutions can be shared between urban and rural areas and across regional and national borders.



Partnership: regional and local public authorities, public corporations, associations and universities from Denmark, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Sweden

Approximate total project budget: 3,27 Million €

ERDF+Norwegian national: 1,80 Million €

Duration: June 2004 – May 2007

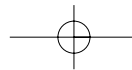
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Kick-off meeting,
June 2004



Baltic eHealth

Improving Life in Rural Areas of the Baltic Sea Region by eHealth Services.



In the Baltic Sea Region there is a tendency for emigration from rural areas. While studies show that the lack of job opportunities is the most important reason, they also indicate that people are leaving for many other reasons. The lack of equal access to health care is one of them.

With the introduction of eHealth services, Baltic eHealth's aim is to provide for more equal treatment opportunities in the BSR and thereby contribute to counteracting rural emigration. eHealth embodies the use of emerging technologies to improve or enable health care by electrical means.

In rural areas, where specialized medical care is becoming more limited, eHealth will have a large impact on the quality, availability and speed of patient care. eHealth will give the patient a service that otherwise would not be possible locally.

Partnership: national and regional public authorities, public corporations, companies and universities from Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden

Approximate total project budget: 2,14 million €

ERDF+Norwegian national: 1,14 million €

Duration: September 2004 – August 2007

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Defris

Development of First Division Regions

A fundamental thought in the project is to find more offensive strategies and planning methods to strengthen regions that do not have the market power of metropolitan regions.

The aim of the Defris project is to formulate strategies of development for First Division (mid-sized) regions within the area of influence of metropolitan regions, and for those regions outside the area of influence, strategies of enhanced co-operation in networks.

The project will analyse basic facts and compare them among participating partners, exchange experience concerning regional planning processes and finally design concrete project proposals and strategies for realization.

In each participating region the work will be organised in cross-sectoral dimensions. The planning institutions in affected metropolitan regions and other First Division Regions will be informed and will participate in specific packages or in the concrete projects.

Partnership: regional public authorities from Finland, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden
Approximate total project budget: 1,33 million €
ERDF: 0,80 million €
Duration: September 2004 – September 2007
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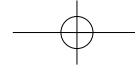


Lecture on Polycentricity at the Second Transnational Seminar in Norrköping



Interview at the First Transnational Seminar in Sweden





BALTMET INVEST



Joint action of Baltic metropolises towards the development of coordinated investment approach in the Baltic Sea Region

The project aims at the promotion of sustainable development of the Baltic metropolises through a coordinated approach to investment planning and management in the metropolitan areas. Investment strategies that respect the individual strengths and competitive advantages of each of the metropolises within the framework of the development perspectives of the Baltic Sea Region will create a greater impact on the reduction of the East-West divide than chaotic and uncoordinated attraction of incidental investments, which fail to generate the desirable long-term effect. BALTMET INVEST deals with designing the strategies, improving the investment management processes, working with the different stakeholders whose cooperative attitude is crucial to the goals of the project, as well as with increasing the availability and accessibility of information to support the implementation of the developed approach.

Partnership: local public authorities and foundations from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania
Approximate total project budget: 0,65 million €
ERDF: 0,49 million €
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BSC project

Baltic Sea Cycling project: strategies for more cycles in the transport system for developing attractive and sustainable townscapes

In order to integrate cycling as part of local urban traffic and address urban cycling issues on the regional level, the Baltic Sea Cycling project aims to create a network among the cities involving governmental, municipal, public, private and NGO sectors. The project will use two concepts "biking to enhance city environmental performance" and "biking to enhance city attractiveness" as an umbrella for obstacles and corresponding measures implementing urban cycling. Based on the experience of participating cities, good practice studies in the region and work in municipalities, the project will go from choice of indicators to local cycling policy design.

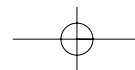
The project aims not only to identify the problems and solutions (what some research projects already have developed), but also to give municipalities tools for actions. City profile reports will highlight the present role of urban cycling in the participating cities' transport systems based on the travel survey and cycling account results. "Vision of the bicycle city" will be created in order to simulate changes in attractiveness of cities after the measures will be implemented. Further work will show how to increase



city sustainability using urban cycling as one of the tools. The project has an intermodal aspect such as biking combining with the public transport question. The project has a broader geographical scope than only urban areas, including biking between the closely situated towns. On the basis of all work carried out under the project, a BSR urban cycling strategy as well as local policies will be developed.

Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities and association from Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Sweden
Approximate total project budget: 2.30 million €
ERDF+ Norwegian national: 1,41 million €
Duration: September 2004 – August 2007
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BaSIM

BALTIC SEA INFORMATION MOTORWAYS

One of the key elements in the Northern Dimension transport market is the concept of the Baltic Sea Motorways aiming at the promotion of maritime transport and multimodality also spanning hinterland and logistics in general. The aim of Baltic Sea Motorways is to make the transport alternative in the BSR more competitive. Baltic Sea Motorways is a future vision and is manifested in the strategy of TEDIM, an organisation carried by most of the Baltic Sea countries, including the Russian Fed., to enhance co-operation and to optimise transport systems of the BSR.

The vision is implemented by BaSIM, under the TEDIM umbrella and will be one of the first Baltic Sea Motorways projects. BaSIM will create a sustainable basis for investments in the future, aiming at solving existing and future bottlenecks in the BSR and transnational communication and co-operation. Therefore BaSIM emphasizes simultaneous actions, which are needed to develop both the physical and

information infrastructure within the BSR, for an overall improvement of logistics productivity and competitiveness.

Partnership: national and local public authorities, public corporations, companies, associations and universities from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden and Russia
Approximate total project budget: 1,82 million €
ERDF: 1,01 million €
Duration: September 2004 – June 2006
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Intermodality needs Telematic Support



BaSIM addresses intermodal improvements by telematic



BCP 2004-2007

Baltic Cruise Project 2004-2007

Objectives of the project are:

- to apply a spatial development approach to the cruise sector in the BSR for promoting the sector's sustainable development and growth,
- to create a common platform for joint promotional activities of the Baltic cruise destinations on the international cruise market,
- to increase name recognition of the Baltic as a preferred cruise area and bring the Baltic's variety into cruise companies' catalogues.

Objective 1 will be achieved via knowledge exchange, benchmarking and dissemination of best practice examples. One of these is the model of the local cruise network applying the integrated sectoral approach and ensuring smooth operation of cruise sector. Objectives 2 & 3 will be achieved via branding activities, introduction of Baltic transnational thematic routes into cruising itineraries, common PR- and marketing strategies, and a series of pilot PR- and marketing actions.

The project is expected to guarantee 20% growth in the number of cruise passengers visiting the BSR and 4% growth of the BSR's share of the global cruise market. This will create new jobs in branches

providing various services to cruise passengers in Baltic cruise cities and generate extra revenues for city budgets. Moreover, the goal is 30 % returning passengers.

Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, public corporations, companies, foundations from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden and Russia

Approximate total project budget: 1,10 million €
ERDF+Norwegian national: 0,64 million €
Duration: September 2004 - August 2007
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InLoC

Integrating Logistics Centre Networks in the Baltic Sea Region



InLoC aims at improving the competitiveness and attractiveness of the BSR through the improvement of transport and communication links. InLoC stimulates the business sector of the BSR by creating better conditions for logistics operations and will result in innovative co-operation networks of all actors in transport chains as well as networks of the logistics centre-related actors.

InLoC will create functioning logistics networks, which are becoming increasingly important factors in obtaining and maintaining competitive edges in the global economy. This applies to both companies and regions where they are located and contributes to regional development. The outcome of the project will embrace sustainable networks of more than 400 actors around the greater BSR incl. Russia with developed, innovative state-of-the-art solutions, strategies and interregional institutions in spatial planning, transport, logistics, co-operation and education fields.



Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, public corporations, companies, associations and universities from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden and Russia

Approximate total project budget: 1,87 million €
ERDF: 1,02 million €

Duration: August 2004 – October 2006

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WATERSKETCH

Principles, tools and systems to extend spatial planning on water courses

Different practices and conflicting goals need to be taken into account in river basin planning. The main aims of the project are to prepare a strategy via which challenges encountered in river basin planning in the Baltic Sea region may be addressed. The strategy will:

- analyse and synthesise the different directives and conventions focused on the use of water courses,
- evaluate how the goals of the regulations are expressed at the regional scale land use planning, especially related to the implementation of European Water Framework directive,
- demonstrate different situations of river basin planning with a wide set of case studies ranging from the southern tip of the BSR (Poland) to the northern parts of it (northern Finland),
- provide a Water Planning Decision Support System for spatial planners, which takes into account all main components needed for economically, socially and ecologically sustainable use of watercourses,
- raise the capacity to promote sustainable development in river basins by means of an information exchange platform, training workshops and

the dissemination of the information needed for sustainable use of river basins in the form of a handbook.

Partnership: national and regional public authorities, associations and universities from Denmark, Finland, Germany, Lithuania and Poland

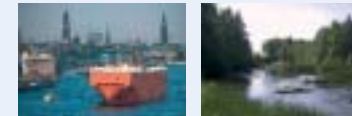
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ERDF: 0,85 million €

Duration: July 2004 – June 2007

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BIRD



Bird rich wetlands of international importance, nature reserves and cultural landscapes as resources for sustainable developments in rural areas

BIRD focuses on bird rich wetlands, nature reserves and cultural surroundings as resources for local and rural development. The main idea is to preserve valuable areas for the future, to find ways to develop them in a sustainable way and to find innovative ways of better access to and within the regions.

Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, public corporations, foundations and universities from Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden

Approximate total project budget: 3,99 million €
ERDF: 2,46 million €

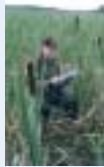
Duration: August 2004 – August 2007

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Wetland management claims knowledge, experience and planning



The BIRD project will:

- describe best practice for management and spatial planning of current areas,
- increase accessibility, information and marketing and
- produce education packages for involved target groups.

BIRD incorporates some of the most outstanding BSR areas of wetlands and nature reserves, imbedded in their surrounding cultural landscapes. Each area participates with its specific character, problems,

possibilities and stage of development. The project will raise the knowledge level among the general public, authorities and organisations and will improve the sites' importance for tourism in the long-term.



Investments for accessibility, also for disabled, will be carried out in many project areas



Ancient rural sites, well preserved, are attractive to visitors.

BSR EAGLE

Nature Centres and Environmental Interpretation in the Baltic Sea Region

The vision of the BSR EAGLE project is to improve the role of nature centres and environmental interpretation in protection of environmental, natural, cultural and social values and the health of the public.

Nature centres (NCs, nature schools, museums and exhibitions with EI service for schools and visitors) and environmental interpretation (EI, like education, guiding and activities for children, families and adults) have developed in the BSR during the last 50 years, but in particular in the last 10-20 years in parts of the region.

The project activities will consist of strategic planning of NCs and EI, pilot-projects on the establishment of new and the improvement of existing nature centres, the exchange of best practises on environmental interpretation, the training of NC staff members and environmental interpreters, and the dissemination of project results, information and marketing of NCs and EI in the region.

Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, public corporation, companies, associations, foundations and universities from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden

Approximate total project budget: 3,27 million €

ERDF+Norwegian national: 1,89 million €

Duration: September 2004 – August 2007

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BSR Haz Control

Baltic Haz Control

Baltic Haz Control: Development and institutional implementation of a transnational monitoring system for hazardous waste streams in the Baltic Sea Region

The key project objective is to integrate the crucial issues of hazardous waste stream management and best practice waste infrastructure planning into the BSR spatial planning agenda and thereby provide sustainable waste stream management within the new BSR Economic Development Framework.

Mapping the Baltic's hazardous waste: waste inventory data are visualized in the project's internet-based digital waste atlas scheduled to be launched in September 2005.

Outcomes of the project form the operative framework and the information resources needed to provide institutional effectiveness in waste stream management and waste infrastructure planning throughout the BSR including:

- regional mapping of hazardous waste streams: deposits, transport modes and routes and final destinations (HazWaste Inventory),

- practical and institutional implementation of EU waste legislation in national regulations,
- aligned BSR hazwaste data management, uniform monitoring, waste tracking and reporting systems,
- region-wide networking on hazardous waste involving key stakeholders,
- consensus on and dissemination of best practice options for treatment and handling of specific waste streams,
- listing and assessment of capacities of hazardous waste facilities within the BSR,
- regional guidance framework for national waste management infrastructure planning,
- road map for infrastructure investment,
- establishment of the Baltic Waste Management Council to oversee ongoing implementation of the coordination initiative.

Partnership: national and regional public authorities, public corporations and foundations from Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania and Norway
Approximate total project budget: 1,00 million €
ERDF+Norwegian national: 0,56 million €
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COMMIN

Promoting Spatial Development by Creating COMon MINdscapes



COMMIN aims at facilitating future transnational projects and investment activities in the BSR at all horizontal levels by creating a reliable linguistic basis for all countries, harmonizing the use of and meaning behind the most relevant planning terms in English specific for the region, and making them available within an up-to-date information tool (web portal). Professionals and practitioners in transnational spatial development activities shall get trained to be better prepared for trans-sector analysis and the establishment and maintenance of proper types of networks concerning planning systems in other countries with special focus on regional and local actors.

The project will produce three main results:

- an e-portal and information system in all BSR languages and in English,
- training sessions as well as foundations for a permanent network of further education in the BSR,
- transfer activities and publications of good practice examples for decision-makers.



Summing up, the project will make communication in transnational and cross-border projects more efficient, create a common basis of knowledge and will train future planners and regional developers in the BSR, create an information base for everybody who is interested in the BSR, and thus make the matter of spatial planning and regional development generally known. It will broaden the knowledge base, exchange experiences and help to deliver benefits from spatial planning to the final addresses.

Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, public corporations, associations, foundations and universities from Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden and Russia

Approximate total project budget: 1,49 million €

ERDF+Norwegian national: 0,79 million €

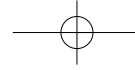
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FEM



Female Entrepreneurs' Meetings in the Baltic Sea Region

The aim of the FEM-project is to build up a structure for the support of women's entrepreneurship in the Baltic Sea Region. The activities of the project will strengthen the role of women in local and regional development and promote the access of women to the labour market. In the emerging market economies, women who want to start a company of their own face many obstacles of social and institutional character. Lack of training, meeting-places, networking and other structures promoting women's entrepreneurship will be the main issues.

FEM will use the experiences from networks and bilateral projects supporting women's entrepreneurship. Experience will be transferred between the W-BSR-countries and E-BSR-countries and a strong transnational network between institutions and organizations will be built up. The region will profit from "best practices" from the participating countries, when more women are encouraged and supported to become entrepreneurs.

Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, public corporations, companies, associations, foundations and universities from Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden and Russia

Approximate total project budget: 2,17 million €

ERDF+Norwegian national: 1,35 million €

Duration: August 2004 – August 2007

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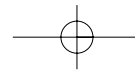


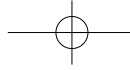
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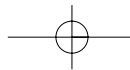
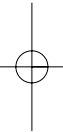


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