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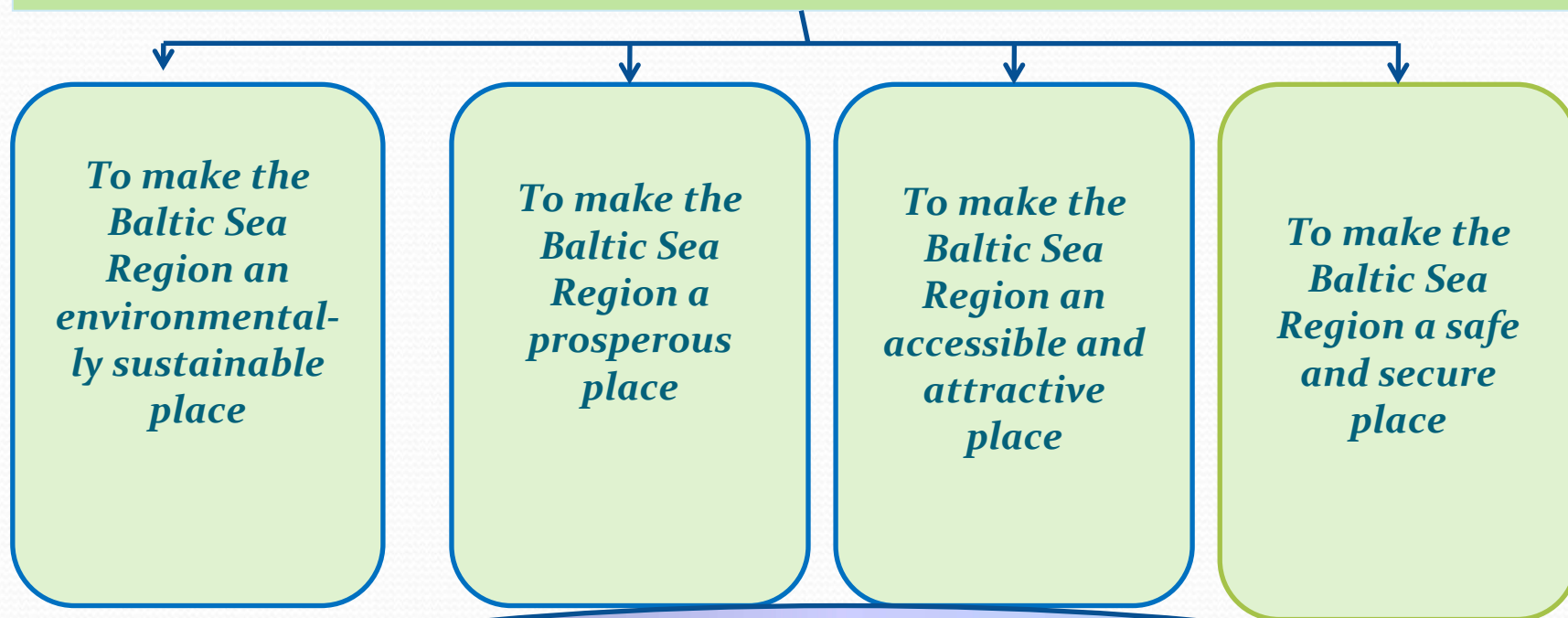
EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

PRIORITY AREA 1 : To reduce nutrient inputs to the sea to acceptable levels

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THE FOUR PILLARS OF THE STRATEGY

**A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND
OPTIMAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**



*To make the
Baltic Sea
Region an
environmentally
sustainable
place*

*To make the
Baltic Sea
Region a
prosperous
place*

*To make the
Baltic Sea
Region an
accessible and
attractive
place*

*To make the
Baltic Sea
Region a safe
and secure
place*

**IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH 15
PRIORITY AREAS**



**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU BALTIC SEA
STRATEGY**

**REQUIRES COMMON POLICIES, INSTRUMENTS
AND FUNDING AT THE EU LEVEL +
INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS AND COOPERATION**





- **PRIORITY AREA 1: EUTROPHICATION**

CHALLENGES

- **THE MOST SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN IN THE BALTIC SEA**
- **BACKGROUND: AGRICULTURAL AND MUNICIPAL STRAIN**
- **SOLUTION: DECREASING THE PHOSPHORUS LOAD**

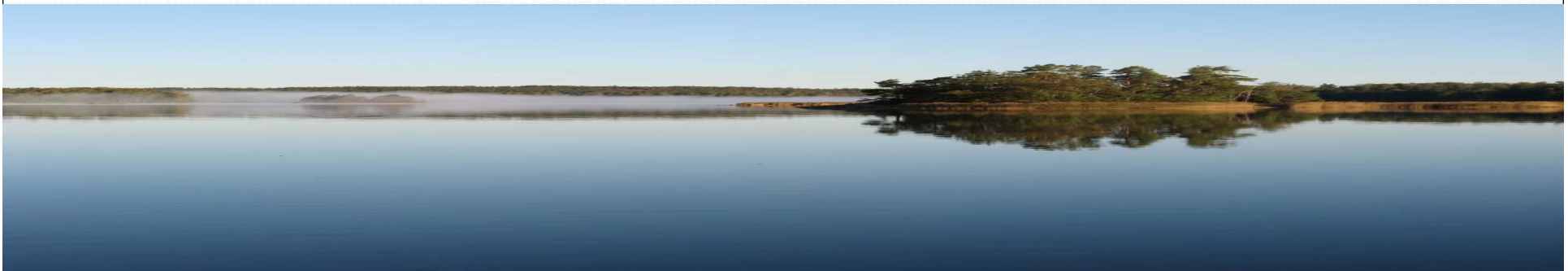




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ACTIONS

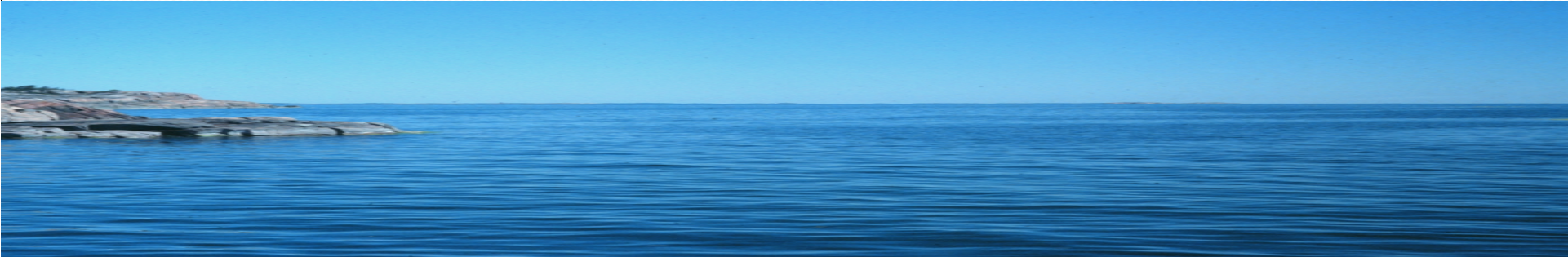
- **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELCOM BALTIC SEA ACTION PLAN 2007**
- ✓ **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS: OPTIMISED PHOSPHORUS REMOVAL**
- ✓ **AGRICULTURE: DECREASED NUTRIENT LOAD**
- **FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU MARINE STRATEGY DIRECTIVE AND OTHER DIRECTIVES FOR THE WATER PROTECTION**





FLAG SHIP PROJECTS UNDER PRIORITY

AREA 1

- 1.1. Remove phosphates in detergents in countries where this is not yet the case as recommended by HELCOM BSAP (lead SE)**
 - 1.2. Cleaner waste water (lead SE)**
 - 1.3. Analyse results of pilot actions (lead to be agreed)**
 - 1.4. Putting best practices in agriculture into work (lead SE, FI, DE Farmers associations)**
 - 1.5. Full implementation of the WFD in order to maximise the environmental benefits of the Baltic Sea (all MS')**
 - 1.6. Cooperate with Russia and Belarus on a comprehensive regional pollution risk assessment (lead to be agreed)**
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THE ROLE OF HELCOM

- **THE HELCOM GOAL: CLEAN AND HEALTHY BALTIC SEA**
 - **THE BALTIC SEA ACTION PLAN IS THE BASIS OF THE ENVIRONMENT SEGMENT OF THE EU STRATEGY**
 - **ALL NINE BALTIC SEA COUNTRIES AND THE EU HAVE ADOPTED THE BSAP**
 - **ADDITIONAL VALUE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU BALTIC SEA STRATEGY**
 - **EXISTING HELCOM PROJECTS**
 - **NEW HELCOM MEASURES/PROJECTS TO INTENSIFY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BSAP**
 - **COORDINATION BETWEEN THE HELCOM ACTIVITIES AND THE EU STRATEGY PROCESS**
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