



Spending under the EU Structural Funds in the Baltic Sea Region

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Main EU Financial Instruments in the framework of BS Action plan

Regional Policy

- ✓ European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- ✓ Cohesion Fund (CF)

Rural Development Policy

- ✓ European Agriculture Fund for Rural Development

Common Fishery Policy

- ✓ European Fishery Fund

Environment

- ✓ Life +

Research and Development

- ✓ 7th framework research programme

External Policy

- ✓ ENPI Programmes (non-EU countries)



Regional Policy: Financial assistance from the European Regional Development and Cohesion Funds

EU instruments to assist Member States in the implementation of the Regional Development and Cohesion policies:

- **Convergence objective (Objective 1)**
(Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern region in Germany)
- **Regional competitiveness and employment objective (Objective 2)**
(Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Schleswig-Holstein, Hamburg regions in Germany)
- **European territorial cooperation (Objective 3)**
(all Member States and their regions are eligible + Russia, Norway, Iceland: ENPI)



Regional Policy: Financial assistance from the European Funds

Financial allocation to support implementation of multiannual programmes 2007-2013 (Regulation EC No 1083/2006 and implementing Regulation No 1828/2006 in line with the EC strategic guideline 2006/702/EC

- Co-funding rate ceilings
 - ✓ 85% ERDF and Cohesion Fund for the Convergence objective in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland
 - ✓ 75% from ERDF for the Convergence objective in Germany (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern region)
 - ✓ 50% from ERDF for the Regional competitiveness and employment objective in Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Schleswig-Holstein, Hamburg regions in Germany
- Additionality principle (*for the Convergence objective*)
- Subsidiarity and shared responsibility principles



Regional Policy: Framework for Operational Implementation

- National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) identifies the selected action for cofunding by the EU Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund (objectives set in the respective Regulation and in the Strategic guidelines)
- The Member States and the European Commission agreed on the operational objectives to be implemented in the Operational Programmes (OPs) adopted by the European Commission in 2007
 - ✓ *National level*
 - ✓ *Regional level*
- Priorities for implementation
(content is detailed by the Member States in line with the agreed strategic objectives to be implemented)



Regional Policy: Framework for operational implementation

Project Selection

- Projects not selected by the European Commission but by National and Regional authorities
- Projects decided on the basis of selection criteria approved by Monitoring Committees including National, Regional and Local authorities, social partners, NGOs etc.
- EU funding should be mobilised for 3 strategic dimensions:
 - economic
 - social
 - environmental



Regional Policy: Available resources for implementation of the Baltic Sea Action Plan

Direct investments in environment through ERDF
and Cohesion Fund – **2801** million euros

Indirect investments in environment through clean
transport – **1860** million euros

Other indirect investments in environment
(renewable energy; promotion of environmentally-
friendly products) – **2153** million euros

(for details see annexes A, B, C)



Regional Policy:

Examples of available resources for implementation of the Baltic Sea Action Plan (Objective 1 and 2)

1,990 million euros (72% of all investments) target development and reconstruction of water and waste systems in Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern region in Germany

- Fight with eutrophication
- Reduction of the polluting substances load (water)
- Biodiversity and nature conservation

229 million euros target rehabilitation of industrial sites and contaminated land

- Reduction of polluting substances (air, soils, water, ...)
- Biodiversity and nature conservation

140 million euros target promotion of biodiversity and nature protection (including Natura 2000)

- Biodiversity and nature conservation



Regional Policy: Example of actions contributing to the implementation of the Baltic Sea Action Plan

Recommendations by the BS Action Plan on wastewater treatment	Operations supported by the Operational Programmes (example: Estonia)
<p>HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 28E/5 on more stringent requirement for P-removal from municipal wastewater treatment plants (above 10,000 p.e.) and introduction of requirements for wastewater management for small- and medium-sized municipalities (300-10,000 p.e)</p> <p>HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 28E/6 on improvement of on-site wastewater treatment of single-family homes, small business and settlement up to 300 p.e.</p>	<p>Operational Programme : <u>Development of the Living Environment</u> Priority axis 1:"Development of water and waste management infrastructure" -construction and reconstruction of wastewater collection systems; - construction and updating of sewage - construction of treatment plants</p> <p>(for more complete list of possible actions see annexes A, B, C)</p>



Cooperation in the framework of Regional Policy for implementation of the Baltic Sea Action Plan

- ✓ Under operational programmes (Objectives 1 and 2)
 - Actions directly addressing Baltic Sea Action Plan components, clearly identified as common objectives
 - Actions implemented by each country, but resulting directly in strengthening the global position of the region
 - Actions implemented on a purely national or regional perspective but providing side effects, contributing to improve the situation of the whole Baltic Sea region



Cooperation in the framework of Regional Policy for implementation of the Baltic Sea Action Plan

✓ Under cooperation programme (Objective 3)

- Trans-national programmes

→ *Baltic Sea Region 2007–2013 Total budget 256,3 million euros.
(ERDF: 208,0 million euros)
Northern Periphery. Total budget 59,2 million euros.
(ERDF: 35,1 million euros)*



- Cross-border Operational programmes
 - Lubuskie – Brandenburgia (PO, DE). Total budget – 146,1 million euros (ERDF 124,2 meuros)
 - Sweden-Norway (SE,NO) Total budget – 68,1 million euros (37,2 meuros)
 - Mecklengurg- Vorpommen, Brandenburg, Zachodnipomorskie (PO, DE) Total budget – 156,2 million euros (132,8 meuros)
 - Öresund-Kattegatt-Skaggerrak (DK, SE) Total budget – 223,2 million euros (meuros)
 - Botnia-Atlantika (FI, SE, NO) Total budget – 60,9 million euros (30,4 meuros)
 - North (FI, SE, NO) Total budget – 56,7 million euros (34,0 million euros)
 - Lithuania-Poland (LT, PL) Total budget – 84,3 million euros (71,7 meuros)
 - Estonia-Latvia (LV, EE) Total budget – 51,1 million euros (38, 2 meuros)
 - Syddanmark-Schleswig-K.E.R.N(DK, DE) Total budget – 68,9 million euros (44,3 meuros)
 - Central Baltic (EE, FI, LV, SE, LT) Total budget – 136,0 million euros (102,2 meuros)
 - Latvia-Lithuania (LT, LV) Total budget – 75,6 million euros (63,9 meuros)



Thank you!

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- ▶ Annexes

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