



The Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013: Review and Outlook

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1. Overview of the projects approved

After 4 calls for project applications (September 2011)

... **80** transnational co-operation projects approved

with **1300** partners from **10** countries...

... **203** Million EUR committed to projects

Priority 1 “Fostering innovations” – 26 projects (1/2)

I. Creating general framework for innovations

- Support through financing schemes
- Support for application of eco-innovations
- Support through incubators, science parks and chambers
- Utilisation of knowledge and experience of senior workforce
- Linking research environments, clusters and SME networks
- Using potential of large scale research infrastructure

Priority 1 “Fostering innovations” – 26 projects (2/2)

II. Focusing on specific sectors

- Cluster management in maritime, energy, health and food sectors
- Energy efficiency in housing
- Mobile IT applications
- Creative industries
- Waste management: waste-to-energy and mineral wastes
- Plasma technologies
- Health care sector

2. Cluster Initiative “Innovation in SMEs” – 10 projects working together



- Promote a best practice collection of the projects' achievements
- Identify future needs for innovation support in SMEs
- Draw recommendations for innovation support in SMEs
- Communicate them to SME support organisations and policy makers

3. Outlook beyond 2014

**Based on the draft EU legislation for Cohesion Policy,
the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020 is foreseen to:**

- continue to exist with 11 participating countries
- have a strong relationship to the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
- operate at least within the same budget
- provide up to 75 % co-financing on priority axis level

Thematic objectives for the future cooperation

- **11 thematic objectives are referred to in Common Provisions Regulation, Art. 9;**
- **Themes for innovation cooperation are among them:**
 - (1) strengthening research, technological development and innovation
 - (2) enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises
 - (3) enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises

Programming Timeline – Programming Process

Programming Phase 1 (1st half 2012):
Data collection, analysis of existing strategies for the BSR, analysis of current programme set-up/structures, launch of ex-ante evaluation



Programming Phase 2 (2nd half 2012):
Defining objectives and priorities of the new Programme, defining implementation provisions, drafting the budget



Programming Phase 3 (1st half 2013):
Consultation of stakeholders, developing consolidated draft



Programming Phase 4 (2nd half 2013):
Finalisation and submission of Programme (within 6 months after approval of Common Strategic Framework)



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