Overview on possible next steps - the link between the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, EUSBSR and the Baltadapt project

Council of the Baltic Sea States, CBSS-Baltic 21
Maxi Nachtigall, Adviser Sustainable Development
Riga 3 - 4 September 2013
Council of the Baltic Sea States, CBSS

• Overall political forum for regional inter-governmental cooperation in the BSR

• Members: the 11 states of the Baltic Sea Region (incl. Russian, Norway and Iceland) as well as the European Commission

• Steered by representatives of the BSR Ministries of Foreign Affairs

• www.cbss.org
Finnish Presidency Council of the Baltic Sea States, CBSS 2013 - 2014

• (programme of the Finnish CBSS presidency)
• CBSS long term priority ”Environment”
• Continue the work on the implementation of the proposal of a BSR wide climate change adaptation strategy
CBSS-Baltic 21

- Initiated by the Prime Ministers of BSR countries in 1996
- (macro) regional expression of the global Agenda 21 process

CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development – Baltic 21

*Forum for continuous dialogue among governments and stakeholders in the Baltic Sea Region on Sustainable Development*

- **Climate Change (mitigation and adaptation)**
- Sustainable Urban Rural development
- Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Innovation and Education for Sustainable Development
- Cooperation with EU neighbouring countries, incl. Russia & Belarus
Horizontal Action Sustainable Development (CBSS) and Bioeconomy (NCM)
EUSBSR Objectives and Priorities

Objectives and Priority Areas

- Save the sea
- Connect the region
- Increase prosperity

Horizontal Actions

- Spatial
- Neighbours
- Involve
- Sustainable
- Promo
Aim of the HA Sustainable Development

**Increase coordination** and **synergies** among initiatives and projects dealing with sustainable development in the BSR.

Promote **science-policy dialogue** and facilitate **cross-sectorial policy** discussions and alignment of policies

**Consolidate findings** and **disseminate good examples**, methods and experiences in the field of SD.

**Establish networks and dialogue amongst actors across national and sectorial borders** in the Baltic Sea region in order to develop common methods and strategies for macro-regional climate adaptation and mitigation.

**Promote sustainable consumption and production** as well as sustainable lifestyles.

Support the transition towards a **climate adapted and low carbon** Baltic Sea region.
Actions and Flagship Projects:

1. Green Economy: promote sustainable consumption and production and sustainable lifestyles

*Flagship Projects and activities:*

*Baltic GPP*, *EFFECT* – BSR Dialogue Platform on Energy and Resource Efficiency, Develop a network of sustainable cities and villages, *Ecovillages*, *RECO Baltic 21 TECH*; *GABBS*

2. Climate change and mitigation: support the transition towards a low carbon Baltic Sea region

*Flagship Project: Implement fully the EU – Russia Energy Efficiency Initiative.*

3. Climate change adaptation: support the transition towards a climate adapted BSR;

Elaboration of the *climate change adaptation strategy and action plan for the BSR*

*Flagship Project: BALTADAPT*
**BSR Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan**

- EU funded project **Baltadap**t (EUSBSR flagship)
- Presentation of final proposal: 3 September 2013, Riga, Latvia
- Follow-up work 2013 – 2014:
  - **BSR Working Group** on Climate Change Adaptation
  - EUSBSR 4th **Annual Forum** 10 – 11 November 2013 in Vilnius, LT
  - **Climate Change Adaptation Forum in the Baltic Sea Region**
  - Mainstreaming CCA across PAs and HAs
BSR Working Group on Climate Change Adaptation

- Proposal on the establishement to be discussed again on 5th September 2013 at 8th meeting CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development, Baltic 21
- Experts are invited to nominate relevant MS representatives (national ministries and state agencies)
- Proposal as outlined in the CCA-Strategy
- Proposal CBSS-Baltic 21

Core working group:
- CBSS, UBC, BSSSC, HELCOM
Proposed roles and taks of the BSR WG CCA

• **Monitor and follow-up** on the implementation of the proposal of a BSR-wide climate change adaptation strategy
• Prepare the **political endorsement** of the BSR *Climate Adaptation Strategy*, and that an Action Plan for Climate Adaptation is agreed on and jointly implemented by all EUSBSR states
• Agree on the **most important issues to focus on and initiate policy-science and multilevel governance dialogues** related to climate adaptation of common concerns in the Baltic Sea Region, with specific consideration to issues with cross-border implications.
• **Promote actions based on recommendations emanating from these dialogues** or other relevant initiatives.
Financing new flagships and strategic actions

- **EU Seed money** facility; IB Schleswig-Holstein
- Council of the Baltic Sea States, CBSS Project Seed money facility, PSF
- **Swedish Institute, SI** – Thematic Partnership, Seed money
- Nordic Council of Ministers, NCM
- **BONUS**
- **Horizon 2020**
- **Life +**, sub-programme on climate change
- National funding schemes
- First call for ETC programmes to be launched in autumn 2013

Preparatory project calls (?)
New project developments and activities:

• Analysis on the **state of play of SD in BSR**, transnational gaps and challenges & added value of cross-border cooperation in BSR
• BSR Network on Education of Sustainable Development, **BSRNESD**
• Baltic **Waste Management Council**
• BSR **Climate Change Adaptation Working Group**
• **REALS** - Resilient and Ecology Approaches for Living Sustainably (Permaculture Sweden, Ecohome)
• Baltic Sea Region Urban Forum for Smart Cities, **BUF** (UBC & Smart City Lab Tartu & BDF)
Thank you!
International Permanent Secretariat of the CBSS
Slussplan 9/ P.O. Box 2010, 103 11 Stockholm, Sweden
@CBSSBaltic21