



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

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Co-operation on Spatial Planning and Regional
Development*



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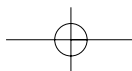


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Editorial

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The Baltic Sea Region INTERREG III B Neighbourhood Programme covers a diversity of cultures, landscapes, economies and social environments. The programme aims at encouraging harmonious and balanced development by supporting transnational co-operation projects in the Baltic Sea Region.

This brochure follows the publication handling projects approved in the first and second application rounds. The projects presented in this brochure are from the following third and fourth rounds, in which 22 projects were approved. All measures of the programme are covered by these projects: development of macro-regions, sustainable development of tourism and energy, integration of coastal zones, polycentric settlement structures and communication links, management of natural and cultural heritage as well as institution and capacity building.

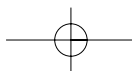
Seven of the approved projects represent measure 4, which promotes operations contributing to smooth transition towards economic integration of the regions bordering the candidate countries, now the new EU member states. To reach this important objective, the European Parliament created a new budget line of additional EUR 3,1 million for the year 2002. Diminishing disparities between east and west is one of the core objectives of the programme.

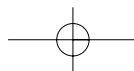
The major part of these projects has started their activities during the first half of the year 2003 or in the early autumn. This means that at this stage most of them have already been implemented for over a year. This brochure gives a summary description of all these projects and their objectives. The aim is to give the reader an overview about the on-going activities in the region.

The strengthening of trans-national networks and new forms of co-operation contribute to building a better understanding among the people around the Baltic Sea. In the future this will lead to more balanced and sustainable spatial development of the Baltic Sea Region not only economically but also in ecological, social and cultural terms.



Leena Anttila
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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.

What are projects doing under INTERREG III B?

The 22 projects presented here started in year 2003. By now, their implementation is well under way. It is interesting to know that these 22 projects involve around 550 partners from all 11 countries. They absorb 19 Million Euro from ERDF and Norwegian national funds.

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 marketing platform. Sell results before you get them – and get them! This is the key to make best use of joint work under INTERREG.

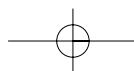
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If you wish to know more about the BSR INTERREG III B Neighbourhood Programme and BSR co-operation, or if you want to see more projects in progress or check up project ideas, please contact the Joint Secretariat or visit our web site at

www.bsrinterreg.net



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BALTIC+



Common strategies, spatial partnerships and actions for sustainable spatial development and integration of regions around transnational corridor in the Southern BSR

A strategic co-operation area

BALTIC+ establishes a common political platform for co-ordination and implementation of spatial strategies and actions in the common geographical area, a macro-region. The main objective is to elaborate new development concepts with a strong focus on implementation. This has to be done with respect to the geopolitical situation that emerges in view of the eastward enlargement of the EU. The project also focuses on trans-national solutions for new challenges on accessibility to trans-national corridors, between urban and rural areas and the opportunities to make use of functional geographical relationships to give a new impetus to regional and local development.



Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, associations and universities from Germany, Poland and Sweden
Approximate total project budget: 3.08 million €
ERDF: 1,60 million €
Duration: January 2003 – December 2005
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Four Corners

South Baltic Four Corners - a Developing Region in the Centre of the Enlarged Europe

The main target of this project is to contribute to developing a new structure of economic life in rural areas in the South Baltic.

Rural areas have low-density population. In these areas people have traditionally made their living from farming, fishing and animal husbandry. The region experiences out migration, suffers from high unemployment, has few centres of knowledge and an ageing population.

In order to succeed, the project must build on common strengths of the partners. SMEs are the base on which the future development will be built. Tourism is a major strength of all partners and the project work will build on the activities of local and regional SMEs occupied with tourism, as they most of all need a longer season in order to prosper.

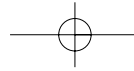
The project will also improve the possibilities of young inhabitants to exercise influence. This will affect the general progress and encourage more young people to remain in the region.

Partnership: regional and local public authorities, associations from Denmark, Germany, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden
Approximate total project budget: 1,58 Million €
ERDF: 0,96 Million €
Duration: July 2003 – June 2006
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BARENTS 2010



Strategy and Action Plan for the Barents Region up to 2010

The project is initiated by the Barents Regional Council and follows up an evaluation of regional co-operation in the Barents Region 1993-2000. The Barents region consists of thirteen regions and different ethnic groups in four countries. Differences in culture, legal framework, etc. create problems and hamper fruitful co-operation. Almost all parts of the region are losing population and it is alarming that the young generation is leaving the region.

The main goal of this project is to develop a strategy and action plan for future co-operation within the Barents region. In parallel a number of work packages will be implemented:

- industrial development with focus on forestry, minerals and offshore fishing
- higher education
- environment with focus on water quality and bio diversity
- transport and infrastructure, co-ordinated with the "Sustainable Transport in the Barents Region" project.

Partnership: national and regional public authorities, public corporations and universities from Finland, Norway, Russia and Sweden

Approximate total project budget: 2,05 million €

ERDF+Norwegian national: 1,18 million €

Duration: July 2003 – March 2006

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ABC

Alliance of Baltic Cities II – a City network co-operation for Local Approaches to Regional Strategies

ABC is a project run by UBC Commission on Urban Planning and Design. The project engages city planners and architects working in municipalities and local regions.

The main activities of the ABC project are to organise six common seminars. These seminars will focus on the following main issues:

- local circumstances in the host city and country,
- advices on how to solve local city planning problems,
- discussing specific common planning items such as developed urban management, cities as regional engines, and renewal of city districts.

The project will result in:

- permanent contacts between colleagues,
- six examples/proposals on how to deal with city planning problems of today and tomorrow,
- forming of some "patrols", which can help other cities with planning problems,
- six or more Small Scale Investment proposals.

Partnership: local public authorities from Estonia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Poland and Sweden

Approximate total project budget: 0,83 million €

ERDF: 0,26 million €

Duration: March 2003 – February 2006

Lead Partner: Municipality of Malmö, Sweden

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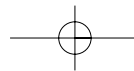
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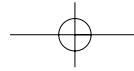
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MA+



Metropolitan Areas+. Network of Regional Systems of metropolises in the Baltic Sea Region - Strengthening of Competitiveness by Sustainable Development

The focus of MA+ is laid on a balanced polycentric development of BSR and its metropolitan regions.

MA+ intends to strengthen metropolitan regions as a whole. Transnationally agreed development targets and measures - already in the preliminary stages - should help to reduce the traditional metropolitan conflict situation of functional and growth competition between the centre of conurbation, the surrounding area and the region of integration.

Exemplary new forms of intercommunal and interregional cooperation like the Eastern Norway County Network (ENCN) and the Work Team of Regional Development Centres (ArgeREZ) or the Mälars region help to enable a sustainable balance of administrative interests, functions and resources in the whole metropolitan regions by metropolises, nodes, outskirt centres and regions.



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

Approximate total project budget: 1,94 million €
ERDF+Norwegian national: 0,92 million €

Duration: March 2003 – March 2006

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BERAS

Baltic Ecological Recycling Agriculture and Society

The goal project's is to document, evaluate and develop local organic production and consumption of food in the Baltic region.

Ten local examples with studies of the whole food system and 35 reference farms around the Baltic Sea have been chosen as pilot cases. Additional 15 ecological recycling farms were included in 2003. The project is based on cooperation between producers, distributors and consumers in the partner countries. Its goal is to create a small-scale sustainable development. Ecological, economic as well as social consequences will be studied. The project is based on a close interdisciplinary cooperation between researchers and participants in the food chain from soil to table.

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

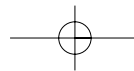
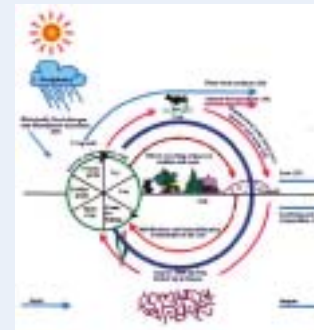
Approximate total project budget: 2,16 Million €
ERDF+Norwegian national: 1,37 Million €

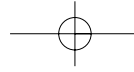
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CONVERNET



Development of a Conversion Network in the Baltic Sea Region

Reduction of military sites poses an immense challenge to the affected municipalities and regions. Currently, they are left more or less on their own in tackling this challenge. The difficult process of converting and redeveloping former military sites touches on social, economic, cultural and environmental issues, demanding a cross-sectoral approach to achieve the goals of sustainable regional development.

The aim of the CONVERNET is to create a transnational network for:

- organising thematic workshops and seminars,
- collecting, sharing and disseminating information,
- acting as a "conversion lobby",
- and helping the participating partners to develop innovative solutions by means of demonstration projects.

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

Approximate total project budget: 1,18 million €

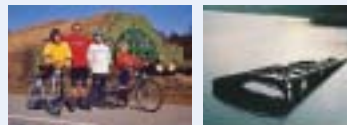
ERDF: 0,72 million €

Duration: April 2003 – April 2006

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Baltic Balance

Baltic Balance - Integrated settlement structures



Project will find models, tools and good examples for using the interdependence between rural and urban districts to reach a favourable local and regional development. The main objective is to create a common strategy for a balanced settlement, taking care of the integration between rural and urban areas and using a consequent bottom-up perspective in combination with decision capacity of participating municipalities.

The focus of the project lies in:

- strengthening the local labour markets through promotion of new income sources from local resources for innovative products or services
- service solutions for a package of basic services in rural areas
- spatial planning processes for participating areas to give a platform for a better coherence in the urban-rural relation and to open them for development.



Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, public corporations, companies and associations from Estonia, Denmark, Germany, Lithuania and Sweden

Approximate total project budget: 1,54 million €

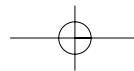
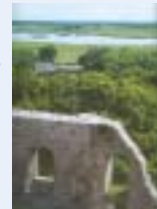
ERDF: 0,94 million €

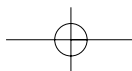
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STBR



Sustainable Transport in the Barents Region

General objectives for STBR project are to:

- strengthen transport planning cooperation in the Barents Region
- increase the common understanding of transport problems in the region
- help decision makers, planners, authorities and companies to see the region as a single transport area, and
- promote sustainable development in the region.

These goals will be achieved by improving region-wide transport infrastructure and services, by eliminating the effects of borders and lacking infrastructure, by treating region as a single transport area and by encouraging the authorities to plan the region's transport infrastructure and services jointly.



Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities from Finland, Norway, Russia and Sweden

Approximate total project budget: 2,15 million €

ERDF+Norwegian national: 1,42 million €

Duration: March 2003 – January 2006

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BALTIC GATEWAY

Integrating the Seaways of the Southern Baltic Sea into the PanEuropean Transport System



BALTIC GATEWAY has the ambition to develop a comprehensive system of high quality transport and transport-related services in the South Baltic Sea area. This will promote economic growth and a sustainable development in the area, as improved communication services will result in improved accessibility within the area itself, as well as between the area and important European centres for growth.

The project will focus on:

- the Baltic Sea area in a European and Global Perspective, as a sustainable region relying on waterborne transport
- improved cohesion in the area through improved accessibility. Selected corridors and bottlenecks will be investigated
- promotion of sustainable transport solutions and improved co-operation between private and public stakeholders
- political support and commitment around the emerging results



Signatures confirm engagement in co-operation

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

Approximate total project budget: 2,43 million €

ERDF: 1,14 million €

Duration: March 2003 – March 2006

Lead Partner: Region Blekinge, Sweden

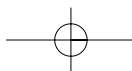
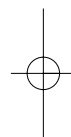
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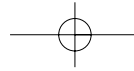
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NEW HANSA

New Hansa of Sustainable Ports and Cities



The project aims at achieving concrete solutions to concrete problems in the field of conflict between ports, cities, shipping, citizens and the environment.

Most of the port cities and adjacent tourism areas are heavily molested by increasing air emissions, huge amounts of waste & wastewaters originating from ships. Ship owners are willing to invest in new technologies if there is one common system in all Baltic ports. However they fear that their investments would be in vain due to regulations differing from port to port. Therefore the project endeavours at harmonizing infrastructures, practices, planning, policies and legislation. All problems addressed call

for integrated and harmonious solutions to be developed in close co-operation of ports, port cities, ship owners and stakeholders.



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

Approximate total project budget: 1,05 million €

ERDF: 0,56 million €

Duration: June 2003 – June 2005

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NECL

North East Cargo Link



Project promotes new, fast and safe intermodal transport system across the Mid-Nordic countries with the East-West dimension.

NECL aims to launch an overall strategy for fully developed sustainable transport solutions in the Mid-Nordic Region. The strategy contains investment and financial plans based on feasibility studies for identified bottlenecks and missing links along the corridor.

NECL will study and create alternative transport solutions that reorient the mental map to include an East-West perspective in the Mid-Nordic Region. The purpose is to influence the policy makers in the respective country with the aim to make an impact on the public institutions long-term infrastructure investment plans, to remove identified bottlenecks and limits in the transport chain.

The project aims also at establishing business networks between participating countries, Great Britain and Russia. Market and goods flow studies will identify potential cargo-flows and business opportunities.



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

Approximate total project budget: 2,71 million €

ERDF+Norwegian national: 1,70 million €

Duration: September 2003 – September 2006

Lead Partner: County Administrative Board of Västernorrland, Sweden

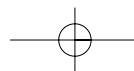
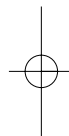
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INTRASEA

Inland TRANsports on SEA routes



The subject of the INTRASEA project is better usage of inland waterways, feeding maritime ports and unbroken chain of waterborne transport.

The shift from road and rail to inland waterways is a potential for environmentally friendly development in the BSR. The project is of interregional character aiming to develop and expand inland navigation and coordinate the planning of the infrastructure network for industry as well as for tourism in an environmentally friendly way.



INTRASEA works to connect and analyse future infrastructure investments in the Inland Waterways network in the BSR for maximum utilization. The existing tourist and logistic Inland Waterways in the region will all be evaluated within the INTRASEA project. The multi and intermodal transportation chains will be evaluated to identify operational and organizational structure problems. Also use of inland waterways by the population for recreation and tourism lies in scope of project's interest.

Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, public corporations, companies, associations and universities from Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Sweden
Approximate total project budget: 0,97 million €
ERDF: 0,58 million €
Duration: July 2003 – February 2006
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Ancient Times

Ancient Times in the Baltic Sea Region: integrated concepts for edutainment and sustainable tourism by using cultural heritage sites



ANCIENTTIMES is a pilot project on how to combine culture, history, education and tourism in one concept. Visitors of cultural heritage sites shall meet authentic reconstructed environments in a way that they feel themselves as time travellers and ancient people of the Baltic Sea Region. This will open the eyes of the public for those times, bringing different countries and cultures together as in the days, when the sea bound people together in a way which is almost lost today.

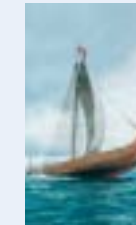
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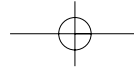
- historical research
- preservation of cultural heritage sites and integration of historical sites into spatial and tourism planning
- time travelling and edutainment in history
- innovative exhibition concepts, experimental archaeology and handicrafts as the base for authentic time travel experiences
- marketing and product development for time travellers

Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, public corporations, companies, associations, foundations and universities from Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Poland and Sweden
Approximate total project budget: 1,63 million €
ERDF+Norwegian national: 0,91 million €
Duration: March 2003 – March 2006
Lead Partner: Municipality of Kalmar, Sweden

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Big Lakes II

Sensitive Nordic Big Lakes



The objective of the project is to strengthen the Big Lakes (Päijänne, Mjösa, Vänern, Ladoga & Peipsi) as a resource for prosperous life. The focus is on sustainable spatial development based on regional culture and nature.



Participating lakes learn from each other by searching, developing and sharing ways on how to take care and use the lakes' heritage. The vision of the project is that through very concrete actions, the participants get an idea of sustainable development flavoured with Nordic similarities and tailored to fit local peculiarities. These visions would be penetrated into municipal and regional planning processes and into the minds of the general public.



Tourism will serve as an encouraging example for other sectors on how to make a living and at the same time support the sustainable utilisation of cultural and natural heritage. The project has identified economically feasible activities, which could provide concrete business opportunities for local people.



Partnership: regional and local public authorities, public corporations, associations, foundations and universities from Estonia, Finland, Norway, Russia and Sweden
Approximate total project budget: 1,98 million €
ERDF+Norwegian national: 0,90 million €
Duration: January 2003 – January 2006
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Advantage Hardwood

Tools for integrated regional and business development

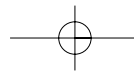
The project takes care of the environmental aspects (biodiversity, outdoor life) by promotion of hardwood species (birch, oak, alder, beech etc.) in forestry.

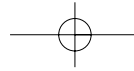
The amount of hardwood timber available will increase which is essential for hardwood business (processing, production of hardwood products). By promotion of hardwood business, especially in SMEs, rural development will be emphasised. The hardwood issues are also used as an example to visualize the regional planning aspects that will give both planners and the industry good arguments for cooperation, and thus a better outcome for the regions involved.



Partnership: national and regional public authorities, public corporations from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden
Approximate total project budget: 2,22 million €
ERDF+Norwegian national: 0,83 million €
Duration: March 2003 – March 2006
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SuHiTo

Sustainable Historic Towns - Urban Heritage as an Asset of Development



The project is initiated to promote improved ways of cross-sector co-operation in urban heritage management and to strengthen research on urban heritage analyses, sustainable value assessments and decision-aid in the BSR.

The project forms a platform for a long-term interaction between different regions, municipalities and researchers on urban heritage management. National and BSR-workshops with heritage authorities, researchers and planners present ongoing approaches on sustainable heritage management concepts. Pilot-towns such as Mosjøen and Roros in Norway, Forssa in Finland and Ystad in Sweden have different management problems. Project activities in these pilot towns test integrated urban heritage analyses, value assessments, management tools and cross-sector co-operation. Two BSR Cultural Heritage Forums for professionals, consultants and local politicians promote integrated urban heritage management.



Partnership: national, regional and local public authorities, foundations and universities from Estonia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Sweden
Approximate total project budget: 1,03 million €
ERDF+Norwegian national: 0,51 million €
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ISLANDS IN HISTORY

Concept of the project is to rediscover and render visible the common history and disseminate the local and shared cultural and natural heritage, emphasising our landscapes and resources.

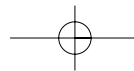
Project focuses on strengthening regional development via educational models/-packs for cultural milieus, medieval markets and events, business tourism and improvement of regional and inter island communication, as well as staff exchange and experience sharing.

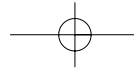
The project places high priority on regional development and focus on uniting the islands' populations and institutions. It initiates partnerships and cooperation involving theatres, museums, local associations, concert halls, drama schools, et al. It also gives the islands a needed boost in quality regarding culture and cultural dissemination and strengthens tourism, an increasing source of island livelihood.

Partnership: national and regional public authorities, public corporations and foundations from Estonia, Denmark, Finland and Sweden
Approximate total project budget: 1,52 million €
ERDF: 0,44 million €
Duration: January 2003 – December 2004
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WEBSR



Wind energy in the BSR - Planning, Construction and Investment

The project addresses extreme disparities in development and experiences in the wind energy sector between the Western and the Eastern BSR.

Expected outcomes are:

- BSR-wide wind-energy-network with permanent structures
- Internet for information – telematics-network as a consultation and cooperation point
- Wind energy online-courses for future specialists (in development, production and service) ending up with an official certificate

- Planning devices for wind energy planning in less experienced regions and countries
- Setting of international standards on wind energy planning
- Provision of practical material for the work in this field via demonstrators and field-studies



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

Approximate total project budget: 1,28 million €

ERDF+Norwegian national: 0,64 million €

Duration: January 2003 – December 2005

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BUUF

Baltic University Urban Forum - Implementing Sustainable Development in Urban Areas - Urban Forum



BUUF aims to contribute to sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region by developing local sustainability strategies.

The project is of special relevance for spatial planning, building strategies, and infrastructure development, where the role of municipalities is large. The project will contribute to development of integrative tools for urban management.

The key issue to the project is municipal development in various fields:

- energy, water and waste
- socio-economic development
- urban-rural cooperation
- education etc.

BUUF is promoting cooperation between universities and municipal administrations. The results from the project will be used in university education, as well as in competence development seminars for the personnel in each of the cities involved in the project.

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

Approximate total project budget: 1,41 million €

ERDF: 0,45 million €

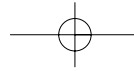
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BERNET-CATCH



Baltic Eutrophication Regional NETWORK - Integrated Management of Catchments

BERNET is a pan-Baltic cooperation among 7 regional authorities in the BSR. The aim of BERNET is to improve regional environmental management, and to support the aims of the Helsinki Convention on "assuring the ecological restoration of the Baltic Sea environment".

Project partners work on the regional implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive. They explore and develop common tools and strategies for such an integrated management at catchment level to be integrated with the regional physical planning.



The project will focus on:

- Classification and Assessment of Water Bodies
- Water District Planning
- Public Participation in Water District Planning, and
- BERNET Conference on "Water District Management and Public Participation"

Partnership: regional and local public authorities from Estonia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Poland, Russia and Sweden

Approximate total project budget: 1,46 million €
ERDF: 0,62 million €

Duration: March 2003 – April 2006

Lead Partner: Fyn County, Denmark

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EUROBALTIC

Eurobaltic Civil Protection Projekt

The project EUROBALTIC is initiated by the Council of the Baltic Sea States. It deals with societies that are increasingly vulnerable to civil crisis such as natural and man-made/technological disaster or their combination, sometimes called complex disasters. These risks endanger positive economic, social, health-related and environmental developments, that is, sustainable development as a whole.

To face these safety challenges, the project aims at creating networks among national, regional and local authorities as well as non-state organisations, research institutes and enterprises. It will improve abilities in protecting human life and the environment as well as cultural heritage.

The project will support sustainable development of safe communities in the BSR and promote safe industrial development and cooperation on spatial planning and sustainable land use management, thereby also contributing to the mitigation of risks for cross border effects of accidents.

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

Approximate total project budget: 1,54 million €
ERDF+Norwegian national: 0,44 million €

Duration: March 2003 – March 2006

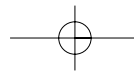
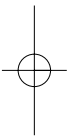
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