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From 2001 to 2008, the EU Community Initiative "INTERREG III B Baltic Sea Region Neighbourhood Programme" co-financed 129 transnational cooperation projects with 134 million Euros from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the EU Tacis programme and Norwegian national funds. We selected three showcases illustrating how joint problems of transport, environment and business development have jointly been tackled by partners from different countries bordering the Baltic Sea. A new Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013 will build on the experience made and continue to finance projects contributing to competitiveness and prosperity of the region.

ShowCase 1: Transport

"East-West": Transnational Transport Corridor in the South Baltic Region

Lead partner: Region Blekinge, Sweden; Duration: January 2006 – December 2007

ShowCase 2: Environment

"BaltCoast": Integrated Coastal Zone Development in the Baltic Sea Region

Lead partner: Ministry for Labour, Building and Regional Development of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern/ Germany; Duration: July 2002 – September 2005

ShowCase 3: Business Development

"Connect" Baltic Sea Region

Lead partner: Oslo Teknopol IKS, Norway; Duration: June 2002 – September 2007

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