Baltic Sea Region

Programme 2007–2013

Baltic Sea Region 2007–2013 - Profile

Joint Technical Secretariat

Lead Applicant Seminar, Riga, 9-11 April 2008

Part-financed by the
European Union

Eligible area

- EU Member States: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden and northern parts of Germany

- Norway

- North-west regions of Russia

- Belarus

EU Member States
non-EU States

Baltic Sea Region Programme – new profile (1)

- Successor of the BSR INTERREG III B NP and INTERREG II C

- Objective 3 instead of Community Initiative - mainstreaming

- One of 13 EU transnational cooperation programmes

- Integrated programme combining ERDF, ENPI and Norwegian funding

- Russian and Belarusian partners participate in equal terms.

Strategic objective and priorities

1. Fostering innovations

3. Baltic Sea as a common resource

To make the
Baltic Sea region an attractive place
to invest, work and live in

2. External and internal accessibility

4. Attractive and competitive cities and regions

Baltic Sea Region Programme – new profile (2)

- Focus on fewer themes inside the four priorities

- Implement goals of Lisbon and Gothenburg Agendas

- Emphasis on investments: preparation or implementation

- More effort on information and communication

- Possibility to be approved as a strategic project.

How much money is available for projects?

195.5 MEUR   from **E**uropean **R**egional **D**evelopment **F**und

20.3 MEUR   from **E**uropean **N**eighbourhood and **P**artnership **I**nstrument

5.7 MEUR   from Norwegian national funding

221.5 MEUR   in TOTAL

Programme co-financing rates

- **up to 75%** of costs generated by partners from Denmark, Germany, Sweden and Finland

- **up to 85%** for partners from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland

- **up to 50%** for partners from Norway

- **up to 90%** for partners from Russia and Belarus

+ own contribution of the project partners

Programme Management Structure

- Monitoring Committee, assisted by national sub-committees

- Managing Authority (Investitionsbank Schleswig-Holstein)

- Certifying Authority (Investitionsbank Schleswig-Holstein)

- Audit Authority (Ministry of Science, Economics and Transport of the state Schleswig-Holstein)
  - assisted by Group of Auditors

- Joint Technical Secretariat (Rostock and Riga)

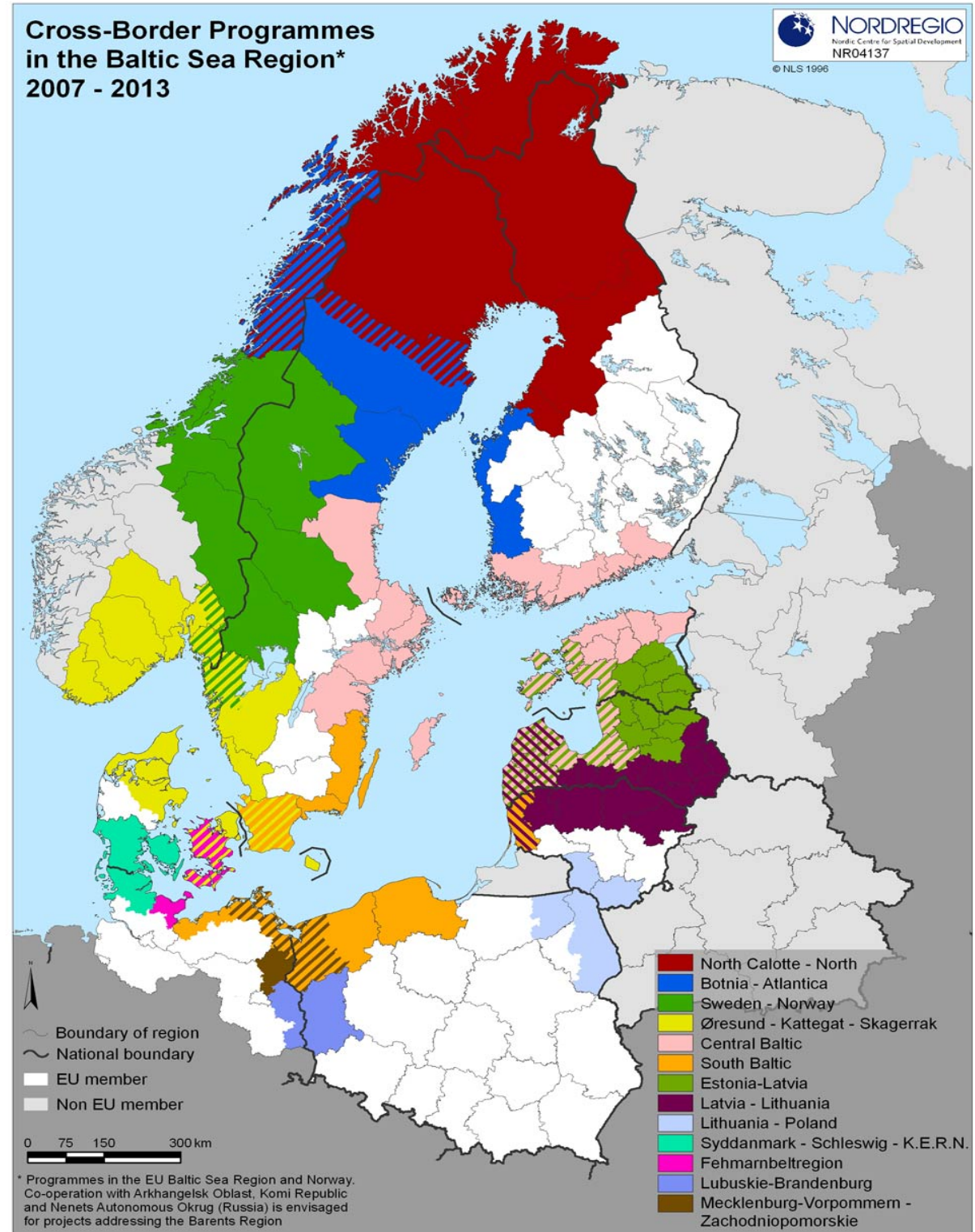- Info points (St Petersburg and Pskov)

Other programmes with partly similar themes within the Baltic Sea Region

- Cross-border cooperation programmes (ERDF and ENPI)

- Inter-regional cooperation programme (IVC)

- ESPON and URBACT

- 7th framework programme for research

- Competitiveness and innovation framework programme CIP

- National regional development programmes, e.g.:
  - Objective 1
  - Objective 2
  - Rural development programmes

Other programmes in the BSR

- Cross-Border Programmes (IVA)

Cross-Border Programmes in the Baltic Sea Region* 2007 - 2013

NORDREGIO
Nordic Centre for Spatial Development
NR04137
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Legend:
- Boundary of region
- National boundary
- EU member
- Non EU member

0   75   150   300 km

* Programmes in the EU Baltic Sea Region and Norway.
Co-operation with Arkhangelsk Oblast, Komi Republic
and Nenets Autonomous Okrug (Russia) is envisaged
for projects addressing the Barents Region

- North Calotte - North
- Botnia - Atlantica
- Sweden - Norway
- Øresund - Kattegat - Skagerrak
- Central Baltic
- South Baltic
- Estonia-Latvia
- Latvia - Lithuania
- Lithuania - Poland
- Syddanmark - Schleswig - K.E.R.N.
- Fehmarnbeltregion
- Lubuskie-Brandenburg
- Mecklenburg-Vorpommern - Zachodniopomorskie

Main programme documents for projects

- Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007 – 2013

- Programme Manual

- EU and national regulations

- Application pack

- Grant contract, partnership agreements

- All relevant and updated information under eu.baltic.net

Programme level documents

- Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007 – 2013

- Analysis of the area and needs, strategy, content of projects

- Programme Manual

- Practical guidance from project development and application throughout the implementation

EU legislation relevant to projects (1)

Structural Funds
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006
    - "General regulation"

- Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council
    - "ERDF regulation"

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1828/2006
    - "Implementing regulation"

EU legislation relevant to projects (2)

European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)

- Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council
- "ENPI regulation"

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 951/2007
- "CBC implementing regulation"

- Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions
  - "PRAG"

Relation between ERDF and ENPI

- Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007 – 2013 is the only programme including both ERDF and ENPI funding

- It is a Structural Fund programme in the first place, thus following SF rules

- When special requirements for the ENPI have to be applied this is indicated under the respective chapters of the Programme Manual.

National legislation to be applied

- Public procurement rules

- Rules/ legislation on equal opportunities, sustainable development

- Environmental Impact Assessment (when relevant)

- State aid regulations (when relevant)

- Eligibility of lead partners and project partners in case of "bodies governed by public law".

Project specific documents

- Application pack (application form)

- Grant contract

- Partnership agreements

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Programme profile and documents

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