Priorities German Presidency and Action Plan 2020

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GER Presidency priorities

- Governance
- Action Plan
- Capacity Building
- Coordination with all Macro-Regional Strategies
Governance

• Establishment of the Baltic Sea Strategy Point
  – EUSBSR Governance is consolidated in BSP (administrative and technical support)
  – BSP accountable to the National Coordinators Group (NCG)
• Integration of HA functions into the Let’s Communicate Project for the gap year 2021
• Increase the involvement of a variety of stakeholders (NGOs, civil society, youth organisations and the business community)
• Policy Area coordinators (PACs) can be a representative of a ministry or other official authority of the national or regional government
EUSBSR Governance Structure

- Baltic Sea Strategy Point (BSP)
- National Coordinators Group (NCG)
- Steering Group (SG)
- Policy Area Coordinator (PAC)
- Action 1
- Action 2
- Action 3
- High-level Group (HLG)
Steering Groups (SGs)

• Include national and regional governments
• Support respective PAC/PACs:
  – Guiding the PA through policy discussion and by endorsing new objectives, developments and operation formats, including flagships
  – Endorsing proposals to update targets, references etc.
• SGs ensure linkages between macro-regional, national and regional processes/policy-making
• SGs evaluate and endorse annual reports by PACs on PA achievements
Policy Areas (PAs)

- HA **climate change** integrated into all 14 PAs
- **Cooperation with neighbouring non-EU countries** needs input
- Indicators and Actions were tightened, e.g. PA Secure (from eight to three Actions)
- Indicators and Actions were specified, e.g. PA Energy
- New PA included: PA Spatial Planning (formerly a Horizontal Area)
- Climate protection is now the overall guideline for every PA
Steering Groups (SG) & Policy Areas (PAs)

• How to regional actors plan to engage best?
• What can the GER Presidency do to foster exchange between Ministries and PACs, etc.?
New Action Plan

- Close coordination with the Policy Area Coordinators
- Promotion of the updated EUSBSR Action Plan within the greater EUSBSR network (CPMR BSC, BSSSC, UBC, etc.)
- Follow up with DG Regio and relevant EC stakeholders
- Establishment of Flagship guidance and procedures
Capacity Building

- Alignment of funding (Embedding) within the EUSBSR
- Exchange with the Managing Authorities Networks
- Promotion of EUSBSR communication strategies
Coordination with all Macro-Regional Strategies

- Follow up on DG Regio reporting on the MRS
- Participation and promotion of the EUSBSR in the MRS TRIO Network
- Representation in the High Level Group
## Flagships, Embedding, Stakeholder Involvement

### Political commitment

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Thank you for your attention!
## Horizontal Areas (HAs)

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| **HA Capacity**        | 1. Developing and operating a capacity building platform for the implementing stakeholders  
2. Involving and utilizing networks across sectors in the Baltic Sea region, supporting involvement of local- and regional authorities, NGOs, business and academia                                                                 | dissolved as a HA; will be incorporated in the Baltic Sea Strategy Point |
| **HA Climate**         | 1. Low-emission development  
2. Climate change adaptation                                                                                                                                                                                      | dissolved as a HA; incorporated in all Policy Areas (PA); every PA now has to keep in mind climate issues                                                  |
| **HA Neighbours**      | 1. Continued dialogue and coordination with key partners of the EUSBSR on development of the horizontal action ‘Neighbours’  
2. Joint promotion of the added value of Baltic Sea region cooperation ‘across the borders’  
3. Mobilising awareness and potential stakeholders in neighbouring countries  
4. Developing dialogue and exchange with other macro-regions/neighbouring regions and relevant organisations  
5. Developing and implementing practical cooperation processes and flagships beneficial for the development of EUSBSR/ horizontal action ‘Neighbours’ goals | dissolved as a HA; will be incorporated in the Baltic Sea Strategy Point |
| **HA Spatial Planning**|                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | no longer a HA, but now a PA                                                                                                                                     |