



Declining and Expanding Areas: Experiences from the Baltic Sea Region Programme

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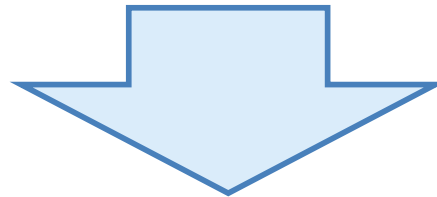
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North Sea Programme	Baltic Sea Region Programme
<p>Priority 4: Promoting sustainable and competitive communities: creating attractive places to live and work in</p>	<p>Priority 4: Promoting attractive and competitive cities and regions</p>
<p>4.1 Tackling the needs of areas in decline</p>	<p>4.1 Strengthening metropolitan regions, cities and urban areas as engines of economic development</p>
<p>4.2 Promoting sustainable growth solutions for expanding areas</p>	<p>4.2 Strategic support for integrated BSR development and socio-economic and territorial cohesion</p>
<p>4.3 Promoting energy-efficiency in urban and rural communities</p>	<p>4.3 Strengthening social conditions and impacts of regional and city development</p>

2. Objective of Priority 4

- to ensure **co-operation** of metropolitan regions, cities and rural areas
- to share and make **use of common potentials** that will enhance the BSR identity and attractiveness for citizens and investors



creating conditions for bridging the gap between declining and expanding areas

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Area of support 4.1 (3 approved projects):

- Urb.Energy (energy efficiency in housing)
- Bioenergy Promotion (renewable energy)
- NEW BRIDGES (management of urban-rural interactions)

Area of support 4.2 (4 approved projects):

- Baltic Climate (response to climate change)
- Eco-Region (sustainable development)
- Parks & Benefits (management of natural resources)

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Area of support 4.2:

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- **Parks & Benefits (management of natural resources)**

NEW BRIDGES

LEAD PARTNER	Union of the Baltic Cities, Commission on Environment
PARTNERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 project partners • 8 countries: FI, DK, SE, PL, EE, LV, LT, RU • regional public authorities, scientific organisations, non-governmental organisations
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Lack of coherent tools for managing urban-rural interactions and their impacts on quality of life
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluated potentials for more sustainable urban-rural interactions • analysed preferences of different population sectors in comparison to existing policies and practices • new working methods and pilot models aimed at improving quality of life

Baltic Climate

LEAD PARTNER	Academy for Spatial Research and Planning
PARTNERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 project partners • 8 countries: DE, SE, FI, EE, LV, LT, PL, RU • local and regional authorities, development agencies, scientific institutions
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Need to pro-actively respond to the climate change phenomenon
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved cooperation of BSR cities and rural areas to jointly address the climate change • experiences in alternatives for land use • created set of business ideas and updated business plans considering climate change

Parks & Benefits

LEAD PARTNER	Ministry for Agriculture, Environment and Consumer Protection M-V
PARTNERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 project partners • 7 countries: DE, DK, EE, LV, LT, NO, RU • regional authorities, administrations of protected areas, non-governmental organisations and academic institutions
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	Need to protect the natural heritage that benefits both the protected areas and the surrounding region
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthened cooperation of regions with protected areas on generating socio-economic benefits by a sustainable management • increased interest in BSR natural heritage and its tourist products • increased accessibility of protected areas

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Features of successful project proposals

- taking into account the impact of planned actions in a given territory
- involving relevant actors from different sectors and various administrative levels
- delivering tangible main outputs
- ensuring durability of results after project end



Questions?

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