



Interreg Baltic Sea Region
Third call for applications (targeted call)
Programme objective 4.2 ‘Macro-regional governance’
Assistance to the policy area coordinators of the
EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Announcement Note

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1. Introduction

Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme (the Programme) is launching the **third call for applications in Programme objective 4.2 ‘Macro-regional governance’ on assistance to the coordinators of the policy areas of the EUSBSR. This call is targeted at the coordinators of the policy areas Maritime Safety and Ship.**

The Programme is a source of EU funding for public and private organisations who want to shape the Baltic Sea region to become more innovative, water-smart and climate-neutral. It creates an environment for cooperation across borders to develop, test and put into practice smart solutions for the benefit of people around the Baltic Sea. In addition, the Programme provides funding to advance the cooperation governance in the Programme area. The added value of the Programme is its transnational dimension of the supported actions. The Programme exploits opportunities and addresses issues that cannot sufficiently be dealt with by single countries, but require a joint response by partners from several countries in the Baltic Sea region.

The Interreg Baltic Sea Region area covers nine countries, which are also members of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden and Norway. The detailed geographical coverage of the Programme is defined in the Programme Document published on the Programme portal at <https://interreg-baltic.eu/>.

The Programme is designed under the territorial cooperation goal of the European Union.

2. Programme objective 4.2 ‘Macro-regional governance’

Programme objective 4.2 ‘Macro-regional governance’ is designed to support actions that strengthen coordination and communication of stakeholders in the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR). More information regarding the EUSBSR is provided at <https://eusbsr.eu/>. The Programme provides funding to the policy area coordinators of the EUSBSR and to a Strategy point. It also supports the organisation of Strategy Forums. The funding is granted through projects.



3. Focus of the call

This targeted call in Programme objective 4.2 'Macro-regional governance' is open for **assistance to the coordinators of the policy areas Maritime Safety and Ship of the EUSBSR**, who changed their hosting organisations in 2026.

The Programme provides funding to the policy area coordinators (PACs) to coordinate the policy area and facilitate implementation of actions defined in the EUSBSR action plan. This funding is provided in addition to the organisation's own resources dedicated to coordinating the policy area.

In carrying out policy area coordination, particular emphasis should be placed on advancing the implementation of policy area actions, actively contributing to policy discussions based on the EUSBSR action plan, and strengthening collaboration with projects and other relevant initiatives.

The policy area coordination tasks include:

- Ensuring a general overview in the policy area;
- Planning, coordinating and developing the policy area under the guidance of the steering group;
- Facilitating implementation of actions defined in the EUSBSR action plan, including support to projects and other modes of operation;
- Analysing needs for policy changes and improvements in the relevant thematic area;
- Initiating and coordinating policy discussions and other cooperation activities;
- Involving stakeholders relevant for the policy area, including local, regional and national authorities, agencies and businesses, as well as civil society groups;
- Building up networks and engaging stakeholders in the processes in the policy area in a systematic way;
- Addressing common priorities of the EU and non-EU countries in the respective thematic areas;
- Monitoring progress and evaluating whether agreed targets in the policy area are reached;
- Reviewing objectives in the work plan of the policy area, processes, actions and results, amending and updating them in consultation with the PA steering group;
- Communicating progress, achievements and results in the policy area;
- Other tasks in line with the action plan of the EUSBSR.

The PACs may plan various activities and deliverables in the project to be co-financed by the Programme. Examples of activities include steering group discussions, meetings with stakeholders, thematic seminars, workshops, conferences, training sessions, surveys, studies, and policy discussions. Examples of deliverables include studies, recommendations, or reports from events.

The PACs should involve their steering group in defining tasks and activities of PACs when developing a project application. The PACs need to describe the role of the steering group of their policy area in these activities. When applying for Programme funding, the PACs need to submit a letter of support from the steering group of the policy area for the activities planned in the application.



4. Project partnership

Only organisations officially appointed by the EUSBSR National Coordinators Group as **EUSBSR policy area coordinators** can apply for Programme funding. The organisations coordinating the policy areas Maritime Safety and Ship should submit a joint application. The application must involve at least **two partner organisations from at least two countries**.

One of the PACs has to be appointed as the lead partner for the application. The lead partner is responsible for preparing and submitting the application. If the project is approved, the lead partner takes over the full responsibility for management, communication, implementation, and coordination of activities among the involved partners. The lead partner bears legal responsibility for the whole partnership. The lead partner is also the link between the project partners and the MA/JS.

Further information on the requirements for the partnership, as well as the legal status of the partners, is available in the Programme Manual, chapters C. and G.

5. Duration of the project

The project duration consists of three phases: contracting, implementation and closure. The implementation of the projects starts on **1 January 2027**. The first implementation period also covers the time needed for contracting. The total duration of the implementation phase is **24 months**. After the project implementation ends, the partners have three additional months for the closure phase.

6. Programme funding

The PACs may apply for **Programme co-financing** of up to EUR 148,000 per policy area.

Project partners from EU Member States and Norway are entitled to receive up to 80% co-financing from the Programme. To receive Programme funding, partners must provide their own financial contribution.

7. Application procedure

The PACs must **complete and submit a project application in** the electronic data exchange system **BAMOS+** (ba.bamos.eu).

The application form includes guidance on how to fill it in. In addition to the online application, the following documents and forms must be submitted via BAMOS+: a letter of support from the steering group of the EUSBSR policy area, partner declarations, contact information, and bank information. The project application and all further documents and forms **must be submitted by the deadline of 02 November 2026, 14:00 CET**.



To access BAMOS+, the legal representative of the lead partner organisation must appoint a person from their organisation to act on their behalf as the initial user. This person must be indicated in the request for a BAMOS+ account. The appointment document can be downloaded from interreg-baltic.eu/gateway and, once completed and signed, submitted to the MA/JS at governance@interreg-baltic.eu. Upon receipt of the signed request, the MA/JS provides the lead applicant with access to BAMOS+.

The MA/JS supports the PACs by providing feedback on their draft project application. The PACs should send a request to the MA/JS once the draft is ready if they wish to receive feedback.

The table below summarises the application process. **All documents and forms are submitted in digital format only in BAMOS+.**

What?	How?	When?
Project application	A lead applicant applies for login to BAMOS+ via governance@interreg-baltic.eu . Access to BAMOS+ is granted by the MA/JS once the call is launched. A lead applicant submits in BAMOS+.	No later than 02 November 2026, 14:00 CET
Letter of support from the steering group of the policy area	Uploaded to BAMOS+ in the Document Centre.	
Partner declaration , signed by each project partner, including a lead applicant	Uploaded to BAMOS+ in the Document Centre either as a document with the advanced and qualified electronic signature or a scanned copy with the handwritten signature.	
Contact information for each project partner, including a lead applicant, and each associated organisation	Completed in the contact & bank information section of BAMOS+ and submitted by a lead applicant after having submitted the application.	
Bank information of the lead applicant bank account		

The MA/JS is responsible for verifying the completeness and correctness of all submitted documents and forms (admissibility check), as well as for assessing the quality of the application. The admissibility and assessment criteria are described in the Programme Manual, Chapter G.4.

The Monitoring Committee (MC) of the Programme is responsible for the final selection of the application. The selection is planned to take place after the application is submitted and assessed.



8. Further information and assistance

The official language of the Programme is English. Therefore, all communication between applicants and the MA/JS is held in English. Information in the application form and official correspondence must be in English.

The official Programme documents are available on the Programme website at the gateway for applicants interreg-baltic.eu/gateway and include:

- Programme Document;
- Programme Manual;
- Announcement note;
- Appointing document of the initial user in BAMOS+;
- Partner declaration.

The MA/JS supports the PACs in developing their project application by providing feedback through online consultation and email. For advice, please contact governance@interreg-baltic.eu.

Technical support on BAMOS+ is available from the BAMOS+ helpdesk at helpdesk@bamos.eu.

