

1. Identification

Call

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Date of submission

06/09/2024

1.1. Full name of the project

Reducing the input of nutrients and hazardous substances to the Baltic Sea

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1.2. Short name of the project

PA Nutri and Hazards

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1.3. Programme priority

4. Cooperation governance

1.4. Programme objective

4.2 Macro-regional governance

1.6. Project duration

Implementation start

01/01/2022

Implementation end

31/12/2026

Duration of implementation phase (months)

60

Closure start

01/01/2027

Closure end

31/03/2027

1.7. Project summary

Baltic sea is heavily polluted by excessive amounts of nutrients and hazardous substances. Policy Areas (PAs) Nutri and Hazards are key areas of cooperation in the EUSBSR in reducing nutrient and hazardous substances inputs to the Baltic Sea and their negative effects in the marine ecosystem. PA Nutri's coordination is shared between Finland and Poland, but only Finland applies the funding. PA Hazards is coordinated by Sweden. PA Nutri and PA Hazard apply for funding jointly. Both PAs have the objective to contribute to the implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan and the EU Water and Marine Strategy Framework Directives, with the ultimate goal of achieving Good Environmental Status of the sea. The general aim of the coordination is to facilitate the involvement and cooperation of relevant stakeholders from the entire macro-region to the implementation of the respective PAs and fulfilment of the objectives. Both PACs aim to continue supporting new and on-going actions and projects. Overall, both partners aim to implement their respective PA in accordance with the tasks for PACs as outlined in the EUSBSR Action plan. Close cooperation with HELCOM is essential in order to achieve the best possible synergies and the established cooperation will continue during the project lifetime and beyond.

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1.11. Project Budget Summary

Financial resources [in EUR]		Planned project budget
ERDF	ERDF co-financing	786,533.44
	Own contribution ERDF	196,633.36
	ERDF budget	983,166.80
NO	NO co-financing	0.00
	Own contribution NO	0.00
	NO budget	0.00
NDICI	NDICI co-financing	0.00
	Own contribution NDICI	0.00
	NDICI budget	0.00
RU	RU co-financing	0.00
	Own contribution RU	0.00
	RU budget	0.00
TOTAL	Total Programme co-financing	786,533.44
	Total own contribution	196,633.36
	Total budget	983,166.80

2. Partnership

2.1. Overview: Project Partnership

2.1.1 Project Partners

No.	LP/PP	Organisation (English)	Organisation (Original)	Country	Type of partner	Legal status	Partner budget in the project	Active/inactive	
								Status	from
1	LP	Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Southwest Finland	Varsinais-Suomen elinkeino- liikenne- ja ympäristökeskus	 FI	Regional public authority	a)	481,167.40 €	Active	01/01/2022
2	PP	Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management	Havs- och vattenmyndigheter	 SE	National public authority	a)	501,999.40 €	Active	11/03/2022

2.1.2 Associated Organisations

No associated organisations found

2.2 Project Partner Details - Partner 1

LP/PP	Lead Partner		
Partner Status	Active		
	Active from	01/01/2022	Inactive from

Partner name:

Organisation in original language	Varsinais-Suomen elinkeino- liikenne- ja ympäristökeskus		
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Organisation in English	Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Southwest Finland		
	85 / 250 characters		
Department in original language	Ympäristövastuualue		
	19 / 250 characters		
Department in English	Environmental department		
	24 / 250 characters		

Partner location and website:

Address	Itsenäisyydenaukio 2 PL 236, 20101 TURKU		Country	Finland
	41 / 250 characters			
Postal Code	PL 236, 20101 TURKU		NUTS1 code	Manner-Suomi
	19 / 250 characters			
Town	Turku		NUTS2 code	Etelä-Suomi
	5 / 250 characters			
Website	https://www.ely-keskus.fi/ely-varsinais-suomi		NUTS3 code	Varsinais-Suomi
	45 / 100 characters			

Partner ID:

Organisation ID type	Business Identity Code (Y-tunnus)		
Organisation ID	2296962-1		
VAT Number Format	FI + 8 digits		
VAT Number	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> FI22969621		
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PIC	n/a		
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Partner type:

Legal status	a) Public	
Type of partner	Regional public authority	Regional council, etc.
Sector (NACE)	84.11 - General public administration activities	

Partner financial data:

Role of the partner organisation in this project:

PA Nutri coordinator, Lead Partner. General management of the project as a lead partner, including finances and communication. Responsibility for work package 1 in facilitating nutrient recycling and nutrient reducing projects and disseminating results from these projects. Active participation in HELCOM work, especially Agri and Pressure working groups.

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Has this organisation ever been a partner in the project(s) implemented in the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme?

No

2.2 Project Partner Details - Partner 2

LP/PP	Project Partner		
Partner Status	Active		
Active from	11/03/2022	Inactive from	

Partner name:

Organisation in original language	Havs- och vattenmyndigheter	27 / 250 characters
Organisation in English	Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management	46 / 250 characters
Department in original language	Havsförvaltningsavdelning	24 / 250 characters
Department in English	Marine Management	17 / 250 characters

Partner location and website:

Address	Box 11930, 404 39 Göteborg	27 / 250 characters	Country	Sweden
Postal Code	SE-404 39 Göteborg, Sweden	26 / 250 characters	NUTS1 code	Södra Sverige
Town	Göteborg	8 / 250 characters	NUTS2 code	Västsverige
Website	www.havochvatten.se	19 / 100 characters	NUTS3 code	Västra Götalands län

Partner ID:

Organisation ID type	Organisation number (Organisationsnummer)	
Organisation ID	202100-6420	
VAT Number Format	SE + 12 digits	
VAT Number	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> SE202100642001	14 / 50 characters
PIC	937826265	9 / 9 characters

Partner type:

Legal status	a) Public	
Type of partner	National public authority	Ministry, etc.
Sector (NACE)	84.11 - General public administration activities	

Partner financial data:

Role of the partner organisation in this project:

Role of SwAM: coord. of Haz: arrange workshops coordinated by PAC Hazards and in cooperation with relevant actors; seek out Flagship projects; Day-to-day administration and coordination of the PA; Establish, develop, and uphold networks and contacts; Planning and management of activities including SG meetings, monitoring of PA-specific work plans; Advocacy of the policy area; Dialogue with relevant bodies for programmes/ funding instruments; cooperation with HELCOM; Plan, organise and procure activities and products; Follow up PA:s targets and indicators; Support the implementation of the revised EUSBSR AP; Support to project idea holders; Financial management; Participate in EUSBSR meetings, e.g EUSBSR Annual Forums, questionnaires, coordination activities, document updates; Assess the Interreg BSRP seed money call applications and support application processes and implementation of the approved projects; Reporting and following up the progress of the PA to EU-COM and nationally;

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Has this organisation ever been a partner in the project(s) implemented in the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme?

Yes

3. Relevance

3.1 Context and challenge

Nutrient (nitrogen and phosphorus) loads, the main cause of eutrophication, come mainly from land based sources such as waste water treatment and agriculture. But sea and atmospheric sources also contribute to eutrophication, as well as inner load meaning interphase between water nutrient rich bottom sediment. PA Nutri contributes to the EUSBSR sub-objectives 'clear water in the sea' and 'rich and healthy wildlife' and continues to implement the actions listed in the EUSBSR Action plan. Hazardous substances include a wide range of industrial and household chemicals, metals, pesticides, pharmaceuticals and unintentionally formed substances. They are emitted to the Baltic Sea both directly and indirectly through a wide range of diffuse and point sources, both land-based and marine. PA Hazards intends to specifically contribute to the implementation of the EUSBSR sub-objectives 'rich and healthy wildlife' and 'clear waters'. The field of hazardous substances in the environment is wide. PA Hazards will continue the thematic focus on pharmaceuticals and PFAS initiated during the last project periods. In addition to pharmaceuticals and PFAS compounds, PA Hazards will for the coming period also focus its work around contaminated sediments with a view to collaborate closely with PA NUTRI on the work with sediments with a high innerload of phosphorus. PA Hazards will also for the coming period investigate into the best way of supporting the ambitious measures on hazardous substances agreed in the updated BSAP 2021. The combined work and activities will contribute to more focussed policy discussions and opportunities to better take care of the outcomes from the projects and communication with relevant stakeholders. PACs Hazards and Nutri will contribute to the revision/development/adding of EUSBSR Action Plan and continue communication activities based on the EUSBSR Communication Strategy when necessary.

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3.4 Project objective

Your project objective should contribute to:

Macro-regional governance

Hazardous substances and nutrients are largely regulated via several EU Directives, e.g. there is an ongoing implementation of the WFD and MSFD, heavily engaging national environmental authorities. HELCOM is the coordinating body for facilitating the regional implementation of the MSFD. In addition, the countries in the Baltic Sea region shall work to fulfil the objectives in the HELCOM BSAP. To bring added value on a policy level, PA Hazards and Nutri have to continue and reinforce the ongoing cooperation with HELCOM, supporting the implementation of agreed commitments and BSAP. This will be done mainly through workshops and expert studies in cooperation with relevant actors as well as actively seeking out Flagship projects, which address issues important for the implementation of the BSAP. In relation to this both PA Hazards and PA Nutri will also engage in the planned HELCOM work related to the platform BSR WATER as associated partners, facilitating regional policy dialog and recommendations on sustainable wastewater management. For PA Nutri the main focus during this project period is to facilitate on-going projects and help new projects in implementation and dissemination of results to reach wider audience and the policy stakeholders. Continued and improved cooperation also with other PAs is also needed in implementing the 'Save the Sea' objectives and supporting the development of future cohesion policy. PA Nutri will aim, within its mandate and possibilities, to influence the EU programmes to support Nutri objectives.

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3.4.1 Additionality (only for the EUSBSR policy area coordinators)

Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Southwest Finland as the host of PAC Nutri is committed to the task by providing part time staff resource and ensuring general administrative support to the coordination. ELY Centre needs additional staff (one person) for the day-to-day coordination activities of PA Nutri. In addition, resources for external services as well as direct costs of meetings and events and reimbursing travel expenses for SC members and invited guests in participation in the SC meetings and seminars/workshops are needed from the project's budget. The SwAM has on government commission the coordination responsibility for PA Hazards as of March 2022. The SwAM is committed to the task by partly providing its own resources (20%) but the financial support from this application is necessary to fully dedicate to the role as PAC for Hazards. In addition, internal services including accountancy, communication and office support is provided by the SwAM. Resources for personnel (80%), external services, direct costs of meetings and events, and reimbursing travel expenses for SG members and invited guests participating in SG meetings and specific events are needed from the project's budget.

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3.4.2 Support to project generation (only for the EUSBSR policy area coordinators)

Please indicate whether you apply for additional funding to support generation of new projects and work with project idea developers.

Yes

Please define your aim on supporting generation of new projects and working with project idea developers. Please describe the planned activities in section 5 "Work plan", in a separate group of activities. Please indicate there if you plan a deliverable.

The aim of PA Hazards in supporting the generation of new projects, i.e., a platform on contaminated sediments and associated project ideas is to gather expertise in the focus area to develop further policy recommendations and strategies, knowledge-exchange between member states with a view to remediate contaminated sediments to contribute to "Save the Sea". In addition, the ongoing support from PA Hazards to the platforms on Pharmaceuticals and PFAS needs to continue in order to continue working towards mutual policy needs and measures. The issue of human and veterinary pharmaceuticals in the Baltic Sea environment is based on on-going policy initiatives within HELCOM, the EU and internationally, and an expressed interest in more knowledge and coordinated actions by the Baltic Sea countries. Thus, PA Hazards will continue its work in this field to ensure continuation of the macro-regional network established. This include knowledge transfer and capacity building through trainings and workshops, testing of solutions and practical measures through cooperation in projects and policy impact through recommendations from lessons learnt in the cooperation processes to relevant policy makers. PA Hazards aim to continue the regional platform PFASeOUT to tackle the issue on PFAS/PFOS at a macro-regional level. The work and cooperation in the platform enables knowledge transfer from countries that have come further in the process of developing national actions, capacity building, development of harmonized policy approaches. The platform will support the implementation of the measure on PFAS in the updated BSAP 2021 and will aid harmonised approaches on policies and measures. Activities via the platform will engage will be developed with practitioners and policy makers on national, regional and EU level.

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3.10 Horizontal principles

Horizontal principles	Projects's direct impact
Sustainable development	positive
Non-discrimination including accessibility	positive
Equality between men and women	neutral

4. Management

Allocated budget 5%

4.1 Project management

☒ Please confirm that the lead partner and all project partners will comply with the rules for the project management as described in the Programme Manual.

If relevant, please indicate any other important aspects of the project management, e.g. external entity supporting the lead partner in the management of the project, advisory board, steering committee, any other relevant working groups, etc.

Both Pa Nutri and Pa Hazards have steering groups.

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4.2 Project financial management

☒ Please confirm that the lead partner and all project partners will comply with the rules for the financial management and control as described in the Programme Manual.

If relevant, please indicate any other important aspects of the financial management, e.g. external entity supporting the lead partner, positions planned for financial management, involvement of special financial experts (e.g. for public procurement), etc.

Financial management for PA Nutri (Partner 1) and PA Hazards (Partner 2) will be organised internally (accountancy), including in-house expertise. First level control is outsourced by public procurement and is done under the European territorial cooperation programme rules.

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4.3 Input to Programme communication

If relevant, please describe other important aspects of project communication that you plan to introduce, e.g. a communication plan, opening and closing events, social media channel(s) etc.

Communication plan will be made, closing event will be held and social media will be used.

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4.4 Cooperation criteria

Please select the cooperation criteria that apply to your project. In your project you need to apply at least three cooperation criteria. Joint development and joint implementation are the obligatory ones you need to fulfill in your project.

Cooperation criteria

Joint Development ☒

Joint Implementation ☒

Joint Staffing ☐

Joint Financing ☒

5. Work Plan

Number	Work Package Name
1	Dissemination and policy support of PA Nutri
Number	Group of Activity Name
1.1	Facilitating of projects and disseminating of their results
1.2	Nutrient recycling and minimizing eutrofication
2	PA Hazards Policy development and dissemination
Number	Group of Activity Name
2.1	Communication and disseminating
2.2	Working with steering group
2.3	Supporting HELCOM
2.4	Flagship process
2.5	Additional funding for project developing
3	PA Nutri policy coordination and dissemination 2025-2026
Number	Group of Activity Name
3.1	Project idea development - PA Nutri
3.2	Dissemination of results from projects, development of cooperation
3.3	PAC coordination and work with the Steering Group
4	PA Hazards Policy coordination and dissemination 2025-2026
Number	Group of Activity Name
4.1	PAC coordination and work with Steering Group
4.2	Project development and dissemination of results
4.3	PA Hazards Platform work

Work plan overview

	Period: 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Leader
WP.1: Dissemination and policy support of PA Nutri											PP1
A.1.1: Facilitating of projects and disseminating of their results											PP1
A.1.2: Nutrient recycling and minimizing eutrofication											PP1
WP.2: PA Hazards Policy development and dissemination											PP2
A.2.1: Communication and disseminating											PP2
A.2.2: Working with steering group											PP2
A.2.3: Supporting HELCOM											PP2
A.2.4: Flagship process											PP2
A.2.5: Additional funding for project developing											PP2
D.2.5: 3 deliverables on project development.											PP2
WP.3: PA Nutri policy coordination and dissemination 2025-2026											PP1
A.3.1: Project idea development - PA Nutri											PP1
D.3.1: An overview of project ideas generated and organisations involved in											PP1
A.3.2: Dissemination of results from projects, development of cooperation											PP1
A.3.3: PAC coordination and work with the Steering Group											PP1
WP.4: PA Hazards Policy coordination and dissemination 2025-2026											PP2
A.4.1: PAC coordination and work with Steering Group											PP2
A.4.2: Project development and dissemination of results											PP2
D.4.2: Project ideas											PP2
A.4.3: PA Hazards Platform work											PP2

Deliverables overview

Code	Title	Description
D 2.5	3 deliverables on project development.	Deliverable D1. Overview of thematic topics. Deliverable D2. Overview of project ideas. Deliverable D3. Workplan for the Platform on contaminated sediments
D 3.1	An overview of project ideas generated and organisations involved in development of those ideas	A listing of new project ideas and organisations that participated to developing them will be done.
D 4.2	Project ideas	An overview of project ideas generated and organisations involved in the development of those ideas.

Work package 1

5.1 Title of the work package

Dissemination and policy support of PA Nutri

44 / 100 characters

5.2 Aim of this work package

PA Nutri will develop a dissemination campaign to facilitate the on-going and future projects in implementation and dissemination of results and recommendations to wider audience and relevant policy stakeholders. The main aim is to increase Nutri visibility to different stakeholders and support policy development in the Baltic Sea region. One of the main target groups is Helcom. The dissemination campaign might e.g. collect results from Nutri projects and convert them into targeted dissemination materials such as presentations, brochures or policy messages. Dissemination activities will relate e.g. to the revised actions from EUSBSR Action Plan and Helcom BSAB in policy area Nutri.

The PAC will participate to Helcom working groups, especially Pressure and Agri, to discuss possibilities to implementation of actions in the BSAP in regards of eutrophication and to create and implement the regional strategy for nutrient recycling. Potential activities include joint workshops, stakeholder events and expert work. The activities will be developed together with Helcom and base on the needs of the member states. The PAC will continue cooperation and dialogue with Helcom stakeholders through e.g. workshops, stakeholder events and related expert work.

The PAC foresee a need for outsourcing some of the above-mentioned tasks. Procurement process(es) will be done according to the BSRP procedures and in consultation with the Nutri steering committee. ELY-centre for Southwest Finland is the leading PAC for PA Nutri but it is working in cooperation with National Water Management Authority (PGW Wody Polskie) in Poland.

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5.3 Work package leader

Work package leader 1 PP 1 - Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Southwest Finland

Work package leader 2 Please select

5.4 Work package budget

Work package budget 20%

5.6 Activities, deliverables, outputs and timeline

No.	Name
1.1	Facilitating of projects and disseminating of their results
1.2	Nutrient recycling and minimizing eutrofication

WP 1 Group of activities 1.1

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leader

A 1.1

5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

Facilitating of projects and disseminating of their results

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5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

Facilitating ongoing and future projects, disseminating the collected results from ongoing and future projects to wider audience and policy stakeholders. The main stakeholders are obviously project actors who start waterbased environmental projects concerning eutrofication or nutrient recycling. But also end users of recycled nutrients, like farmers, or even researchers and general public. Wider audience can be reached with seminars or public events. Newsletters and e-pages will be used in disseminating material produced by projects. The main policy stakeholder is HELCOM, and PA Nutri PAC will participate into HELCOM working groups Agri and Pressure where presentations and other activities will be held about Nutri project results. PA nutri can give an opportunity for group of projects that can present their work and results in the EUBSR annual forums. Newsletters and websites as well as social and traditional media will be used to disseminate other project's work. The results will be presented also to steering group. The steering group will be a crucial part in disseminating project findings and results. ELY-centre will organize steering group meetings and is active in between meetings to communicate with SG of project findings, ongoing work and results. Steering group is expected to comment ELY-centre's work and disseminate findings and results to their stakeholders and partly to wider audience. ELY-centre is leading PAC for PA Nutri, but it is working in close cooperation with National Water Management Authority (PGW Wody Polskie), although they haven't applied for funding from EUBSR. PGW Polski is most probably participating in most activities described above, although we can't be sure as we haven't been able to communicate with them as they don't answer our e-mails or phonecalls.

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5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable



5.6.6 Timeline

Period: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

WP.1: Dissemination and policy support of PA Nutri

A.1.1: Facilitating of projects and disseminating of their results

WP 1 Group of activities 1.2

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leader

A 1.2

5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

Nutrient recycling and minimizing eutrofication

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5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

PA Nutri will encourage implementing HELCOM BSAP on eutrofication. This can be done in HELCOM working groups and by encouraging other projects and raising awareness. Nutrient recycling can be enhanced by raising awareness and encouraging development of regional and wider area nutrient recycling projects in Baltic Sea region. Various stakeholders, like farmers unions, NGO's, recycling industry and authorities in various countries, will be reached through workshops events, and seminars. Even direct contact to policy makers can be used in certain situations in addition to international events. Social and traditional media will be used to influence public about state of the sea and importance of nutrient recycling. The steering group will be a crucial part in disseminating project findings and results. ELY-centre will organize steering group meetings and is active in between meetings to communicate with SG of project findings, ongoing work and results. Steering group is expected to comment ELY-centre's work and disseminate findings and results to their stakeholders and partly to wider audience. ELY-centre is leading PAC for PA Nutri, but it is working in close cooperation with National Water Management Authority (PGW Wody Polskie), although they haven't applied for funding from EUBSR. PGW Polski is most probably participating in most activities described above, although we can't be sure as we haven't been able to communicate with them as they don't answer our e-mails or phonecalls.

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5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable



5.6.6 Timeline

Period: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

WP.1: Dissemination and policy support of PA Nutri

A.1.2: Nutrient recycling and minimizing eutrofication

Work package 2

5.1 Title of the work package

PA Hazards Policy development and dissemination

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5.2 Aim of this work package

Focus area 1. Platform on Pharmaceuticals. The cooperation platform on pharmaceuticals will continue. Outputs of the Pharma platform aim to support the development of regional and European policy on the issue of pharmaceuticals in the environment including policy papers, regional guidelines, best practices and strategies. The European Commission's Zero Pollution Action Plan will be an important instrument for the platform. The work will be performed in cooperation with Helcom's Correspondence Group on Pharmaceuticals (CG PHARMA).

Focus area 2. Platform on PFAS in the marine environment. The regional platform PFASeOUT to tackle the issue on PFAS/PFOS at a macro-regional level will continue. The platform will support the implementation of the measure on PFAS in the updated BSAP 2021 and will aid harmonised approaches on policies and measures. The platform will develop policy recommendations or policy strategies on PFAS to be disseminated in the region. The aim is to start a demonstration project based on the policy recommendations by the end of the project period.

Focus area 3. Contaminated sediments. A macro-regional stakeholder platform to bring together different kinds of relevant stakeholders from different policy levels to address historic pollutants that contaminate the sediments of the Baltic Sea will be formed.

Focus area 4. Support the implementation of measures to mitigate or minimize the load of hazardous substances to the Baltic Sea as agreed upon in the updated BSAP 2021. The Steering Group of PA Hazards will invite relevant Helcom representatives to a round-table discussion on how the PA Hazards work more widely and also, more focussed could support the implementation of BSAP 2021 measures.

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5.3 Work package leader

Work package leader 1 PP 2 - Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

Work package leader 2 Please select

5.4 Work package budget

Work package budget 25%

5.6 Activities, deliverables, outputs and timeline

No.	Name
2.1	Communication and disseminating
2.2	Working with steering group
2.3	Supporting HELCOM
2.4	Flagship process
2.5	Additional funding for project developing

WP 2 Group of activities 2.1

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leader PP 2 - Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

A 2.1

5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

Communication and disseminating

31 / 100 characters

5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

Communication and dissemination (reports, flyer, information material, Twitter, website updates, messages for other Communication channels), ensuring visibility of progress and impact of cooperation work. Ensure that Policy Recommendations are disseminated to the right bodies and in the correct format. Communicating to through various seminars and meetings the outcomes in the form of policy recommendations or policy strategies to a wider stakeholder audience. Support the Helcom communication and dissemination of Helcom products, e.g BSAP 2021; the Helcom Science Agenda; the coming Holas III and Helcom recommendations to the EUSBSR macro-regional network

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5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable



5.6.6 Timeline

Period: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

WP.2: PA Hazards Policy development and dissemination

A.2.1: Communication and disseminating

WP 2 Group of activities 2.2

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leader PP 2 - Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

A 2.2

5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

Working with steering group

27 / 100 characters

5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

Working with steering group in steering group meetings and other events.

The strategic management of PA Hazards is ensured by the steering group (SG) with national representatives from all EU-Baltic Sea countries, the European Commission DG Regio and DG Environment as well as the HELCOM secretariat. The SG discusses and decides on the focus and activities of the PA, as well as Flagship projects, according to the terms of reference of the group. The SG meets at least twice a year with regular e-mail contact in between. The role of the PAC is to facilitate the organisation of SG meetings in cooperation with the SG Chair. The PAC will also identify the need of extra SG meetings or per capsulam decisions that need to be made by the SG. The PAC will also regularly inform and communicate Flagship projects and Platform news and advances as well as activities through a news letter 5- 6 times per annum. The PAC will ensure communication and outreach, including webpage updates and news, presentations, posters, brochures, defining target groups approved and decided by the SG. The strategic decisions on further implementation of the results of the Platforms and the Flagship Projects under the Platforms will be taken by the SG. It is also foreseen that the SG decides on policy recommendations from the Flagship projects and how they should be taken further to decision-makers and management.

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5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable



5.6.6 Timeline

Period: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

WP.2: PA Hazards Policy development and dissemination

A.2.2: Working with steering group

WP 2 Group of activities 2.3

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leader PP 2 - Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

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5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

Supporting HELCOM

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5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

3) Arranging one round-table discussion with Helcom on supportive work of BSAP implementation

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5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable



5.6.6 Timeline

Period: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

WP.2: PA Hazards Policy development and dissemination

A.2.3: Supporting HELCOM

WP 2 Group of activities 2.4

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leader PP 2 - Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

A 2.4

5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

Flagship process

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5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

Enhancing flagship process

To bring added value on a policy level, PA Hazards and Nutri have to continue and reinforce the ongoing cooperation with HELCOM, supporting the implementation of agreed commitments and BSAP. This will be done mainly through workshops and expert studies in cooperation with relevant actors as well as actively seeking out Flagship projects, which address issues important for the implementation of the BSAP. Based on the recommendations of PA Hazards external evaluation, conducted during the last project period, PA Hazards will continue to streamline its working strategies and coordination efforts, especially with a view to communication of flagships results to policy-makers as well as further elaborating on platforms and clusters as working format of cooperation. Furthermore, working strategies of the steering group will continue to be streamlined in order to achieving a better steering capacity within the policy area.

Through the established platforms, i.e., Pharma and PFASeOUT, PA Hazards will continues to offer knowledge transfer and capacity building through trainings and workshops, testing of solutions and practical measures through cooperation in projects and policy impact through recommendations from lessons learnt in the cooperation processes to relevant policy makers. It is also planned that the Flagship Projects under the Platforms shall launch testing and demonstration projects that will also involve actors from relevant industries. In addition, The European Commission's Zero Pollution Action Plan will be instrumental to the Platforms under PA Hazards. The ambition is to arrange a round table discussion with the EMA and EEA as well as representatives from the Baltic Sea Region competent authorities with a view to explore Drivers behind the environmental problem with pharmaceuticals and how these best can be addressed by the end of 2025.

The SG will take part in the implementation of the Flagship projects through deciding which projects should be approved as Flagships. The SG will be informed by the PAC of activities and outcomes of the Flagships as well as the Platforms. The SG will then decide on strategic measures of the Flagships such as policy recommendations to the Helcom or communication with the EU Commission. The round-table discussion meeting with EMA and EEA will be on invitation by the SG and their participation is foreseen.

2,413 / 3,000 characters

5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable

5.6.6 Timeline

Period:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
WP.2: PA Hazards Policy development and dissemination										
A.2.4: Flagship process										

WP 2 Group of activities 2.5

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leader PP 2 - Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

A 2.5

5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

Additional funding for project developing

41 / 100 characters

5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

- 1) Organising at least two physical joint platform meeting during the project period;
- 2) Call(s) for ideas for topics on thematic/ technical seminars/ workshops, two under the project period (Deliverable D1. Overview of thematic topics)
- 3) Call(s) for expression of interests for demonstration projects, two during the project period engaging also industry (Deliverable D2. Overview of project ideas)
- 4) One round table discussion with the EMA and EEA as well as representatives from the Baltic Sea Region competent authorities with a view to explore Drivers behind the environmental problem with pharmaceuticals and how these best can be addressed;
- 5) Develop a platform for contaminated sediments, marine spatial planning and blue growth;
- 6) Work plan for the platform on contaminated sediments including actions for remediation of contaminated sediments, including also sediments with internal load of phosphorus with PA Nutri; (Deliverable D3. Workplan for the Platform on contaminated sediments)
- 8) Engagement of relevant stakeholders and arrange two workshops

1,070 / 3,000 characters

5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable



D 2.5

Title of the deliverable

3 deliverables on project development.

38 / 100 characters

Description of the deliverable

Deliverable D1. Overview of thematic topics. Deliverable D2. Overview of project ideas. Deliverable D3. Workplan for the Platform on contaminated sediments

155 / 2,000 characters

5.6.6 Timeline

	Period: 12345678910									
WP.2: PA Hazards Policy development and dissemination										
A.2.5: Additional funding for project developing										
D.2.5: 3 deliverables on project development.										

Work package 3

5.1 Title of the work package

PA Nutri policy coordination and dissemination 2025-2026

56 / 100 characters

5.2 Aim of this work package

PA Nutri will implement the EUSBSR Action Plan and facilitate and disseminate past, ongoing and future environmental projects and platforms related to decreasing nutrient emissions from point and diffuse sources, promoting nutrient recycling or addressing nutrients accumulated in the Baltic Sea. Nutri's goal will be to help projects and other initiatives spread their results and support inclusion of their results into local and regional policy processes. Online seminar series PA Nutri Talks, EUSBSR Annual Forum workshops and other smaller events will be used for this purpose.

Stakeholders include project actors, end users (such as farmers, municipalities, industries, businesses, water protection associations, researchers and so on), and the general public. HELCOM is the main policy stakeholder, and PA Nutri will participate in HELCOM Source to Sea Working Group (formed in 2023 by combining nutrient related tasks from Agri and Pressure groups) to present Nutri's results. The steering group will play a crucial role in disseminating findings.

One goal is to increase Nutri's and EUSBSR visibility among different stakeholders in the Baltic Sea region. ELY-Centre for Southwest Finland leads PA Nutri, working closely with Poland's National Water Management Authority (PGW Wody Polskie) and the Steering Group.

1,328 / 2,000 characters

5.3 Work package leader

Work package leader 1

Work package leader 2

5.4 Work package budget

Work package budget

5.6 Activities, deliverables, outputs and timeline

No.	Name
3.1	Project idea development - PA Nutri
3.2	Dissemination of results from projects, development of cooperation
3.3	PAC coordination and work with the Steering Group

WP 3 Group of activities 3.1

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leader PP 1 - Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Southwest Finland

A 3.1

5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

Project idea development - PA Nutri

35 / 100 characters

5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

PA Nutri will plan and carry out workshops with a goal of developing project ideas that would support implementation of the PA Nutri Actions and HELCOM's Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) or other HELCOM's policy goals (such as as the Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy or policy briefs). The idea is to identify policy relevant, timely and emerging issues, bring together relevant stakeholders, and to activate and help stakeholders to develop new policy relevant projects. Focus could be on developing project ideas that supporting implementation of BSAP Actions or other policy recommendations that are currently lacking funding, and/or nationally implemented actions (i.e. where implementation is not coordinated through HELCOM's secretariat). Related to national actions, the idea would be to support coordination between countries and to help spread good practices. We foresee a possible need for outsourcing some of the above-mentioned tasks. Any possible public procurement processes will be done according to the national and EU regulations and in consultation with the Nutri Steering Group.

Discussions with the Steering Group will be held on developing at least one continuous platform to complement the PA Nutri Talks that are only single events. The platforms would help with information exchange, project idea development, identification of priorities for new projects and for including new stakeholders that are not involved in Steering Group or HELCOM-work (for example Ukraine, youth, project-partners, local stakeholders, scientists and their own networks).

1,576 / 3,000 characters

5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable



D 3.1

Title of the deliverable

An overview of project ideas generated and organisations involved in development of those ideas

97 / 100 characters

Description of the deliverable

A listing of new project ideas and organisations that participated to developing them will be done.

100 / 2,000 characters

5.6.6 Timeline

Period: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

WP.3: PA Nutri policy coordination and dissemination 2025-2026

A.3.1: Project idea development - PA Nutri

D.3.1: An overview of project ideas generated and organisations involved in

WP 3 Group of activities 3.2

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leader

A 3.2

5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

Dissemination of results from projects, development of cooperation

66 / 100 characters

5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

PA Nutri will help the projects contributing towards its Actions disseminate their results and support inclusion of the results into local and regional policy processes. Nutri will facilitate cooperation between projects in order to decrease overlapping work and help exchange information and experiences.

PA Nutri Talks is an online seminar-series that can be used to spread results to wider audiences and discuss needs for further cooperation. PA Nutri Talks-concept will be developed further to include more science-practice exchange, youth engagement and cooperation between Policy Areas. Topics and events of PA Nutri Talks will be decided together with the Steering Group.

Events such as workshops and networking village with projects at the EUSBSR Annual Forum, and possibly other smaller events will be held or co-organised together with other PAs or other stakeholders.

882 / 3,000 characters

5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable



5.6.6 Timeline

Period: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

WP.3: PA Nutri policy coordination and dissemination 2025-2026

A.3.2: Dissemination of results from projects, development of cooperation

WP 3 Group of activities 3.3

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leader

A 3.3

5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

PAC coordination and work with the Steering Group

49 / 100 characters

5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

This work package aims to support the general coordination of PA Nutri in 2025-2026, including:

- To support the Steering Group, including organisation of meetings, written procedures when needed, to report in a timely manner to the National Coordination Group, to the European Commission
- To support the revision of the EUSBSR Action Plan. A revised EUSBSR Action plan is expected to be adopted in January 2026. An informal process has been initiated already in 2024, and in the spring of 2025, the formal revision and submission of each revised Policy Area will be carried out as a part of the process. The PAC will coordinate the update of the Policy Area Nutri's Actions. This includes involving the Steering Group in the process through workshops and written consultations to evaluate existing actions, potentially propose new actions (if relevant), revise the indicators and setting new targets. The PAC will also work with other relevant PA's and actors such as HELCOM in the process.

995 / 3,000 characters

5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable



5.6.6 Timeline

Period: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

WP.3: PA Nutri policy coordination and dissemination 2025-2026

A.3.3: PAC coordination and work with the Steering Group

Work package 4

5.1 Title of the work package

PA Hazards Policy coordination and dissemination 2025-2026

58 / 100 characters

5.2 Aim of this work package

This work package aims to support the coordination of PA Hazards in 2025-2026. PA Hazards will implement the EUSBSR Action plan and facilitate and disseminate past, ongoing and future environmental projects and platforms related to the prevention of pollution and the reduction of use of hazardous substances, as well as for mitigation and remediation of historic pollution in the Baltic Sea environment. PA Hazards supports and promotes macro-regional responses to challenges related to chemicals management, and a better linkage to international policy agendas (such as climate change, biodiversity, agriculture, production and consumption).

Stakeholders include policy makers on national, regional and local level, NGO's, implementers (such as project actors), end users and the general public. Pan-Baltic organisations, such as HELCOM, are also important stakeholders. In particular, PA Hazards would monitor activities in the HELCOM Source to Sea Working Group, EG-Haz and HELCOM's Correspondence Group on Pharmaceuticals (CG PHARMA).

1,039 / 2,000 characters

5.3 Work package leader

Work package leader 1 PP 2 - Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

Work package leader 2 Please select

5.4 Work package budget

Work package budget 25%

5.6 Activities, deliverables, outputs and timeline

No.	Name
4.1	PAC coordination and work with Steering Group
4.2	Project development and dissemination of results
4.3	PA Hazards Platform work

WP 4 Group of activities 4.1

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leader PP 2 - Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

A 4.1

5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

PAC coordination and work with Steering Group

45 / 100 characters

5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

This work package aims to support the general coordination of PA Hazards in 2025-2026, including:

- To support the Steering Group, including organising meetings, written procedures, to report in a timely manner to the National Coordination Group, to the European Commission and other relevant stakeholders.
- To support the revision of the EUSBSR Action Plan. A revised EUSBSR Action plan is expected to be adopted in January 2026. An informal process has been initiated already in 2024, and in the spring of 2025, the formal revision and submission of each revised Policy Area will be carried out as a part of the process. The PAC will coordinate the update of the Policy Area Hazards in the revision of the EUSBSR Action Plan. This includes involving the Steering Group in the process through workshops and written consultations to evaluate existing actions, potentially propose new actions (if relevant), revise the indicators and setting new targets.. The PAC will also work with other relevant PA's and actors such as HELCOM in the process.
- Continue to support Ukraine through workshops and project development activities. Objective to generate one project application involving Ukraine, relating to for example environmental monitoring.

1,246 / 3,000 characters

5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable



5.6.6 Timeline

Period: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

WP.4: PA Hazards Policy coordination and dissemination 2025-2026

A.4.1: PAC coordination and work with Steering Group

WP 4 Group of activities 4.2

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leaderPP 2 - Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

A 4.2

5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

Project development and dissemination of results

48 / 100 characters

5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

Focus area 1: The Baltic Sea PFAS network will make sure to gather relevant stakeholders, including project partners from former or on-going projects, to ensure that results and identified knowledge gaps and needs from these projects are harvested and turned into new collaborations where relevant. It will draw on the results from the "Achieving Zero PFAS" project, which will start in September 2024. In 2025-2026, at least one physical workshop will be organised with these stakeholders to discuss future collaboration and project ideas, and 1-3 online.

Focus area 2: The Baltic Sea Region PHARMA network will continue the work initiated in 2024 on identifying knowledge gaps and needs for future collaboration among policy makers, local authorities, wastewater plants, and other relevant stakeholders. Initial results from the questionnaire and call for ideas in early 2024 pointed to a need to discuss the implications of the updated Environmental quality standards, updated Urban wastewater treatment directive and the Water framework directive. This work package will aim to disseminate results from projects, gather relevant stakeholders, identifying gaps and needs for collaboration.

1,195 / 3,000 characters

5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable



D 4.2

Title of the deliverable

Project ideas

13 / 100 characters

Description of the deliverable

An overview of project ideas generated and organisations involved in the development of those ideas.

100 / 2,000 characters

5.6.6 Timeline

	Period: 12345678910									
WP.4: PA Hazards Policy coordination and dissemination 2025-2026										
A.4.2: Project development and dissemination of results										
D.4.2: Project ideas										

WP 4 Group of activities 4.3

5.6.1 Group of activities leader

Group of activities leader

PP 2 - Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

A 4.3

5.6.2 Title of the group of activities

PA Hazards Platform work

24 / 100 characters

5.6.3 Description of the group of activities

This GoA aims to support the two platforms under PA Hazards: The Baltic SEA PFAS Network, run by the Swedish Environmental Research Institute (IVL), and the Baltic Sea PHARMA Platform, run by the Finnish Environmental Institute (SYKE).

Focus are 1: Awareness raising activities targeting different stakeholders, including policy makers, authorities on national, regional and local level, and in certain cases, the general public. Such action could support the implementation of HELCOM's BSAP, HL7 "Launch educational and information campaigns by 2025 to raise public awareness regarding the responsible handling of hazardous substances in household chemicals and articles to prevent their release into the environment".

a. Support to local and regional authorities to minimize PFAS, for example by supporting them to provide guidelines in national PFAS remediation activities. PA Hazards and the Baltic Sea PFAS Network would aim make a case study in 2025 on a BSR country, to "benchmark" with Sweden, investigating what the progress is, if there is a clear mandate for any authorities to work with this, what support is needed. With the objective to replicate the support to relevant authorities in other BSR countries.

b. Information campaign targeting youth, to make youth more aware of PFAS and other hazardous substances. It could build on the tools developed by the project NonHazCity 3, which aims to raise awareness among the public through the Check(ED)app. The aim would be to target macroregional youth forums such as European Youth week, Regeneration youth or similar. The format could draw from the International PFAS School, which will be set up by the project Achieving Zero PFAS, and the format could be extended to target 1-2 relevant events.

Focus area 2: To develop a policy recommendation/study related to pharmaceuticals in the environment. It could focus on risk assessment required by the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive and the Wastewater Treatment prioritization, or on extended producer responsibility, as required by the UWWTD update. Content will be adapted to the outcome of the webinar and roundtables planned for 2024. It could also relate to the HELCOM list of priority pharmaceuticals and updated regional report on pharmaceuticals in the aquatic environment of the Baltic Sea, both expected in 2024 (BSAP action HL23).

2,362 / 3,000 characters

5.6.4 This group of activities leads to the development of a deliverable



5.6.6 Timeline

Period: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

WP.4: PA Hazards Policy coordination and dissemination 2025-2026

A.4.3: PA Hazards Platform work

6. Indicators

Indicators

Output indicators		Result indicators		
Output indicator	Target value in number	Result indicator	Target value in number	Please describe how the project partners and, if relevant, associated organisations will continue cooperation for strengthening the multilevel governance of the EUSBSR after the end of the project.
RCO 118 - Organisations cooperating for the multilevel governance of macroregional strategies	2	RCR 84 - Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion	<input type="text" value="2"/>	PA Nutri and PA Hazards will continue their work and cooperation after the end of the project. Probably both partner organisations continue their role as PACs and will continue their work with nutrients and hazardous substances. These issues are so interlinked with MSD and Helcom, that future cooperation is beneficial for both.

7. Budget

7.1 Breakdown of planned project expenditure per cost category & per partner

No. & role	Partner name	Partner status	CAT1 - Staff	CAT7 - Other costs	Total partner budget
1 - LP	Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Southwest Finland	Active 01/01/2022	343,691.00	137,476.40	481,167.40
2 - PP	Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management	Active 11/03/2022	358,571.00	143,428.40	501,999.40
Total			702,262.00	280,904.80	983,166.80

7.2 Planned project budget per funding source & per partner

No. & role	Partner name	Partner status	Country	Funding source	Co-financing rate [in %]	Total [in EUR]	Programme co-financing [in EUR]	Own contribution [in EUR]
1-LP	Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Southwest Finland	Active 01/01/2022	FI	ERDF	80.00 %	481,167.40	384,933.92	96,233.48
2-PP	Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management	Active 11/03/2022	SE	ERDF	80.00 %	501,999.40	401,599.52	100,399.88
Total ERDF						983,166.80	786,533.44	196,633.36
Total						983,166.80	786,533.44	196,633.36

7.3 Spending plan per reporting period

	EU partners (ERDF)		Total	
	Total	Programme co-financing	Total	Programme co-financing
Period 1	30,000.00	24,000.00	30,000.00	24,000.00
Period 2	88,000.00	70,400.00	88,000.00	70,400.00
Period 3	89,000.00	71,200.00	89,000.00	71,200.00
Period 4	90,000.00	72,000.00	90,000.00	72,000.00
Period 5	92,000.00	73,600.00	92,000.00	73,600.00
Period 6	94,168.00	75,334.40	94,168.00	75,334.40
Period 7	124,999.70	99,999.76	124,999.70	99,999.76
Period 8	124,999.70	99,999.76	124,999.70	99,999.76
Period 9	124,999.70	99,999.76	124,999.70	99,999.76
Period 10	124,999.70	99,999.76	124,999.70	99,999.76
Total	983,166.80	786,533.44	983,166.80	786,533.44