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BalticLSC:

Baltic large scale computing environment for boosting innovations in Baltic Sea region

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BalticLSC

Innovative businesses such as ship design, marine engineering and biotechnology require access to large scale computing to process large quantities of data. This access is currently limited to global enterprises and large research centres. The project BalticLSC creates a supercomputing environment comprising hardware prototypes, software tools and application recommendations. It offers these services to small and medium sized enterprises for new product development. In this way, small research centres can use their computing resources more efficiently.

Project budget	EUR 2.4 million
Lead partner	Warsaw University of Technology, Poland
Project partners	8

Number of partners per country: x

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NovelBaltic:

Market driven authentic non-timber forest products from the Baltic region

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NovelBaltic

The maple syrup industry has brought jobs and income to many rural areas in Canada. Mushrooms, berries, tree oils and other biological products from the Baltic Sea region forests could have the very same effect. NovelBaltic wants to increase the competitiveness of such non-timber forest products from the Baltic Sea region. Academia and business cooperate to provide small and medium sized enterprises with new methods that certify the geographical origin of their products faster and cheaper and to evaluate business opportunities in Asian markets.

Project budget	EUR 1.9 million
Lead partner	University of Oulu, Finland
Project partners	10

Number of partners per country: x

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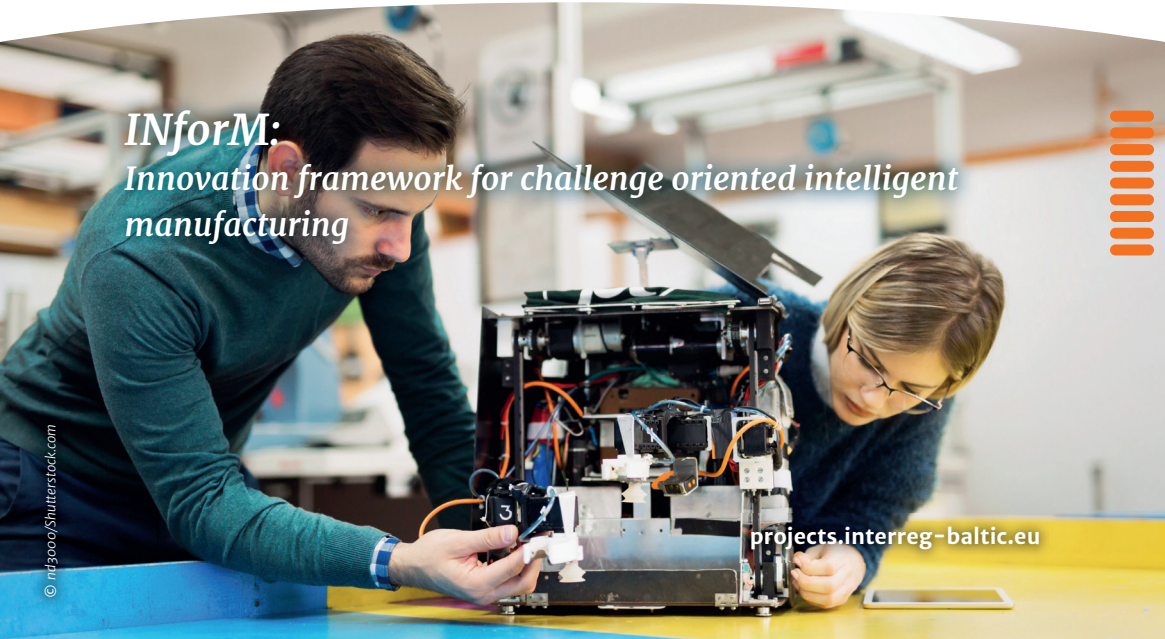

INforM:

Innovation framework for challenge oriented intelligent manufacturing

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INforM

The INforM project provides support to small and medium sized mechatronics and mechanical engineering companies in the ongoing digital transformation process. The continuous digitalisation of value chains called Industry 4.0 brings with it great challenges for smaller companies. The project plans to enable companies to benefit from the trend towards smart factories, which operate mainly based on intelligent, IT and web-based processes.

Project budget	EUR 2.0 million
Lead partner	Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
Project partners	9

Number of partners per country: x

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CAROTS:
Commercial Analytical Research Organisations Transnational Strategy

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CAROTS

CAROTS aims to establish a new type of private or public-private company in the Baltic Sea region: Commercial Analytical Research Organisations (CARO). CAROs, as intermediary bodies between industry and academia, can provide enterprises with much quicker yet complete support in analytical research in the fields of e.g. new materials, nanotech and life sciences. The project improves the framework for CAROs to operate in and provides entrepreneurs, venture capital companies and banks with a better understanding of the CAROs business model and its market potential.

Project budget	EUR 2.1 million
Lead partner	Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY, Germany
Project partners	9

Number of partners per country: x

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ECOLABNET:

Network of service providers for eco-innovations in manufacturing small and medium sized enterprises

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ECOLABNET

A lack of strong ties between small and medium sized enterprises and research centres hampers eco-innovations in the Baltic sea region. In parallel, there is untapped potential of implementing sustainable strategies in business. The ECOLABNET project sets up a network across the value chain of products that integrates product-service system designers, bio-based material researchers, 3D print technology providers, eco-branding specialists and business developers in order to drive sustainable eco-innovations, e.g. in medical diagnostics and electronics.

Project budget	EUR 2.3 million
Lead partner	VAMK Ltd. University of Applied Sciences (Muova), Finland
Project partners	11

Number of partners per country: x

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OSIRIS:

Supporting smart specialisation approach in silver economy for increasing regional innovation capacity and sustainable growth

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OSIRIS

The silver economy related to products and services for the elderly creates considerable business opportunities. The OSIRIS project designs a cooperation model to improve smart specialisation approaches and market uptake of innovative products and services for the elderly, e.g. in the health sector. Smart Silver Labs in five regions around the Baltic Sea support innovation actors in generating new silver products and services viable to the market. The project sets up a digital hub to ensure exchange of new knowledge and business schemes across the borders.

Project budget	EUR 2.1 million
Lead partner	Häme University of Applied Sciences, Finland
Project partners	11

Number of partners per country: x

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Creative Ports:

Internationalisation of the cultural and creative industries in the Baltic Sea region

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Creative Ports

The Creative Ports project brings together public authorities and business support organisations, cultural institutes and researchers to stimulate the internationalisation of the cultural and creative sectors. The majority of design, art, fashion, publishing, audio visual and gaming companies in the Baltic Sea region are medium-sized and often lack the networks to access international markets. Creative Ports provides knowledge, facilitates exchange and develops tools to train and connect business support organisations with public authorities.

Project budget	EUR 3.1 million
Lead partner	Goethe-Institut, Germany
Project partners	14

Number of partners per country: x

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Healthy Boost:
Urban labs for better health for all in the Baltic Sea region

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Healthy Boost

The Healthy Boost project addresses the health burden of city residents due to unhealthy lifestyles. Cities such as Poznan, Klaipeda, Jelgava, Tartu and Turku experiment with different methods of community participation, health learning or cross-sectoral cooperation. The main objective of the project is to make urban policies for health and well-being more innovative, more effective and more integrated. This includes work on cross-sectoral cooperation with potential to be used in other fields as well.

Project budget	EUR 2.5 million
Lead partner	Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association, Finland
Project partners	15

Number of partners per country: x

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BIS:
Baltic industrial symbiosis

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BIS

The project promotes industrial symbiosis, a concept for sustainable regional development, across the Baltic Sea region. Industrial symbiosis means to connect companies from different industries in order to use one company's waste, in the form of e.g. energy, ingredients or materials, as a resource for the next company.
The project establishes peer-to-peer exchange for industrial symbiosis practitioners. It develops new business and finance models and sets up the BSR Industrial Symbiosis Council as a platform for dialogue and policy learning.

Project budget	EUR 2.2 million
Lead partner	Symbiosis Center Denmark, Kalundborg Municipality, Denmark
Project partners	10

Number of partners per country: x

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EmPaci:
Empowering participatory budgeting in the Baltic Sea region

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EmPaci

Participatory budgeting is a process of democratic decision-making in which ordinary people take part in preparing and adopting a municipal or public budget. In the Baltic Sea region, only a few municipalities have applied participatory budgeting to date. A typical type of citizen in such a process is male, politically active, well-educated, and 35-65 years old. The objective of EmPaci is to get more municipalities involved and mobilise different types of citizens by building municipal capacities, transnational clusters and municipality-citizen cooperation.

Project budget	EUR 1.9 million
Lead partner	University of Rostock, Germany
Project partners	14

Number of partners per country: x

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StratKIT:
Innovative strategies for public catering – sustainability toolkit across Baltic Sea region

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StratKIT

The StratKIT project is about making the procurement of public catering services more sustainable. Public authorities have a large purchasing power and have the ability to give clear signals to the market towards green growth and circular economy. However, public procurement is a complex task and good practices in the Baltic Sea region are mostly isolated. StratKIT brings together public authorities, catering service providers and researchers in a network to set up a toolkit and an online open knowledge platform for sustainable public catering.

Project budget	EUR 1.9 million
Lead partner	University of Helsinki, Finland
Project partners	12

Number of partners per country: x

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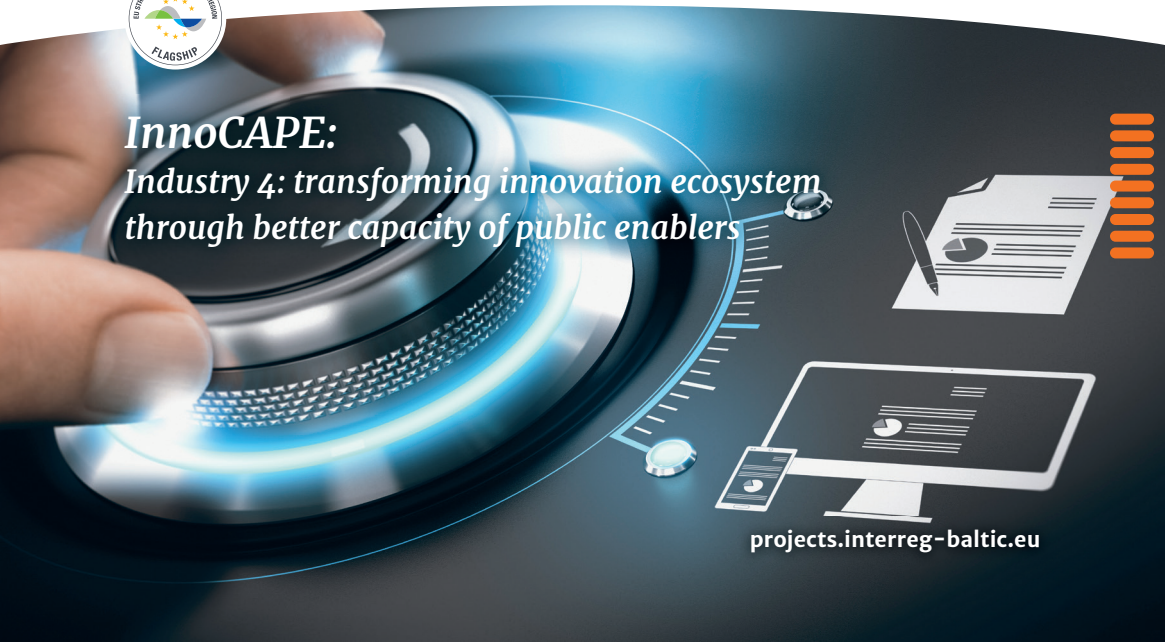

InnoCAPE:

Industry 4: transforming innovation ecosystem through better capacity of public enablers

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InnoCAPE

The InnoCAPE project develops a digital innovation ecosystem in the Baltic Sea region by facilitating cooperation between public authorities and digital innovation hubs (DIHs). The project helps public authorities create favourable conditions for (DIHs) that serve as intermediary bodies bringing together Research & Development and industry into digital industrial platforms. By bridging existing gaps, DIHs can efficiently implement Industry 4.0 policies, and contribute to a better connected digital single market, and in this way improve competitiveness of the region.

Project budget	EUR 2.5 million
Lead partner	Sunrise Valley Science and Technology Park, Lithuania
Project partners	11

Number of partners per country: x

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BaltSe@nior 2.0:

Innovative solutions to support Baltic Sea region in providing more senior - friendly public spaces

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BaltSe@nior 2.0

The progressing age of societies in the Baltic Sea region poses a societal and economic challenge to adjust market offers to the needs of the elderly. BaltSe@nioR 2.0 brings together municipalities, universities, businesses and NGOs to create new business models as well as demo spaces in public locations furnished with smart furniture. Through this, the project aims to trigger public institutions and manufacturing companies in the region in starting a transformation of museums, theatres, city halls, restaurants and other public spaces into friendlier places for seniors.

Project budget	EUR 2.1 million
Lead partner	Poznan University of Life Sciences, Poland
Project partners	11

Number of partners per country: x

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Restart BSR:

Restart small and medium sized enterprises in the Baltic Sea region

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Restart BSR

Bankruptcies lead to economic and social insecurity and tax revenue decrease. The Restart BSR project brings together innovation actors in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland to offer 'soft' innovation support to small and medium sized enterprises that are experiencing stagnation and are heading towards bankruptcy. Apart from restarting businesses onto a new path of growth, the project kicks off policy dialogue to frame measures to support innovation and growth of companies facing stagnation or financial distress in the Baltic Sea region.

Project budget	EUR 1.6 million
Lead partner	Lower Silesian Intermediate Body, Poland
Project partners	6

Number of partners per country: x

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UrbCulturalPlanning:
Cultural Planning as a method for urban social innovation

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UrbCulturalPlanning

Cities in the Baltic Sea region are challenged by emerging societal and demographic changes and a growing need for sustainable development of neighbourhoods. Active co-creation among citizens and between citizens and authorities can be a way to overcome increasing exclusion of socially sensitive groups, such as the elderly and minors, and to advance Baltic Sea region social innovation. The UrbCulturalPlanning project uses cultural events and gaming methods to engage people into urban social innovation, and to compile a toolbox with good practices for other cities.

Project budget	EUR 2.4 million
Lead partner	Danish Cultural Institute, Denmark
Project partners	13

Number of partners per country: x

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DESIRE:

Development of sustainable peatland management in the Neman river catchment

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DESIRE

The DESIRE project improves the management of drained peatlands around the Neman river to reduce their nutrient and greenhouse gas emissions. The Neman river basin serves as a model area for EU-Russia/non-EU cooperation. DESIRE rehydrates selected drained peatlands and establishes a sustainable form of land use. Such wetlands serve as filters for water running into the river. The project provides instruments and incentives for others to copy the approach, e.g. adapted river basin management plans and agri-environmental schemes.

Project budget	EUR 2.0 million
Lead partner	University of Greifswald, Germany
Project partners	9

Number of partners per country: x

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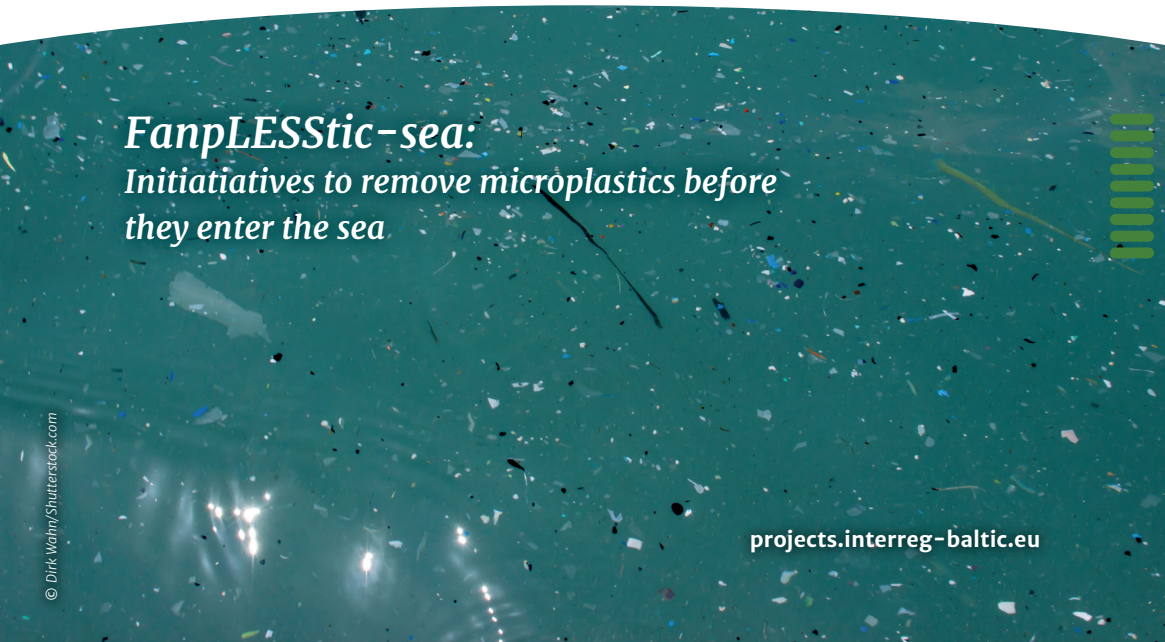
FanpLESStic-sea:

Initiatiatives to remove microplastics before they enter the sea



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FanpLESStic-sea

Microplastics must be stopped from entering the sea. They stem from many sources, including car tires, waste disposal, textiles and cosmetics. But there is a need to better understand the sources and pathways of microplastics when assessing the efficiency of treatment measures and improving policies. FanpLESStic-sea provides tools to municipalities, national policy makers, and water utilities to get to work. The project sets up a model to map local pathways of microplastics, pilots removal technologies and defines innovative governance frameworks to reduce microplastics.

Project budget	EUR 3.0 million
Lead partner	Sweden Water Research (SWR), Sweden
Project partners	11

Number of partners per country: x

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NOAH:

Protecting Baltic Sea from untreated wastewater spillages during flood events in urban areas

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NOAH

The NOAH project improves spatial planning and the operation of urban storm water runoff and drainage systems in order to reduce pollution caused by extreme weather such as heavy rains and floods. NOAH develops a new layer for extreme weather events to be used in computer based modelling of drainage. By combining this modelling with traditional city planning techniques, municipal planning shifts from fragmented individual site based planning to a holistic approach covering the entire urban catchment.

Project budget	EUR 3.0 million
Lead partner	Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
Project partners	18

Number of partners per country: x

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CONTRA:

Baltic beach wrack – conversion of a nuisance to a resource and asset

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CONTRA

The CONTRA project compiles the knowledge required for sustainable management of beach wrack in the Baltic Sea region and carries out case studies for beach wrack treatment. Beach wrack is organic material washed ashore, e.g. torn off sea grass or brown algae. It can cover Baltic Sea beaches for weeks after storms, rotting into a smelly soup and leaching back into the water. Managing beach wrack is a specific issue for local authorities and the tourism industry, in particular of the western and southern Baltic Sea.

Project budget	EUR 2.6 million
Lead partner	University of Rostock, Germany
Project partners	14

Number of partners per country: x

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WATERDRIVE:
Water driven rural development in the Baltic Sea region

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WATERDRIVE

Targets for water quality set by national and international legislation such as the Water Framework Directive have not been met yet in many regions around the Baltic Sea. There seems to be a lack of capacity among local authorities to reach these targets and at the same time to develop competitive rural businesses. The WATERDRIVE project enhances local implementation practices for responsible water management by providing tools and training for about 20 rural communities.

Project budget	EUR 2.7 million
Lead partner	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden
Project partners	18

Number of partners per country: x

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BSR WATER:
Platform on integrated water cooperation

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BSR WATER

More coordinated water management across borders can improve the Baltic Sea environment. The Baltic Smart Water Hub connects water experts from companies, associations, authorities, academia and NGOs. The platform BSR Water fills the hub with knowledge on the management of smart sludge, storm and waste water, and energy efficiency. It builds on the Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects IWAMA, Manure Standards, Village Waters, BEST and Baltic Blue Growth as well as Interreg Central Baltic's iWater, NutriTrade, Blastic and Waterchain and South Baltic's RBR.

Project budget	EUR 1.1 million
Lead partner	Union of the Baltic Cities, Sustainable Cities Commission c/o City of Turku, Finland
Project partners	10

Number of partners per country: x

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SuMaNu:

Sustainable manure and nutrient management for reduction of nutrient loss in the Baltic Sea region

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SuMaNu

A large share of the nutrient load into the Baltic Sea comes from industrial agriculture. More efficient manure management would reduce the negative impact of farming on the sea. SuMaNu gathers and synthesises best practices and recommendations on nutrient management from the Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects Manure Standards and Baltic Slurry Acidification, as well as the BONUS project PROMISE and Interreg Central Baltic's GreenAgri. Best practices and recommendations are translated for and made available to authorities, policy makers, advisors and farmers.

Project budget	EUR 1.0 million
Lead partner	Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke), Finland
Project partners	9

Number of partners per country: x

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BalticBiomass4Value:

Unlocking the potential of bio - based value chains in the Baltic Sea region

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BalticBiomass4Value

Unlike wind and sun, biomass can be stored and used when needed, making it a reliable source of energy. The BalticBiomass4Value project wants to increase the efficient and sustainable use of biomass for energy production and valuable bio-products, such as food, feed, fertilisers, chemicals and cosmetics. It develops good practice business models and consultation schemes to support businesses in the Baltic Sea region. It also provides public authorities with guidelines on circular bioeconomy.

Project budget	EUR 2.8 million
Lead partner	Aleksandras Stulginskis University, Lithuania
Project partners	17

Number of partners per country: x

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LUCIA:

Lighting the Baltic Sea region – Cities accelerate the deployment of sustainable and smart urban lighting solutions

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LUCIA

The project LUCIA provides municipalities with up-to-date knowledge of energy efficient urban lighting covering aspects of environment, technology, economy and social acceptance. Modern LED lighting has energy savings potential of up to 50% compared to conventional systems. Energy efficient lighting solutions are installed in five sites in Hamburg, Tallinn, Porvoo, Jurmala, and Albertslund to demonstrate this potential.

Project budget	EUR 2.8 million
Lead partner	Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Germany
Project partners	8

Number of partners per country: x

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Land-Sea-Act:

Land-sea interactions advancing blue growth in Baltic Sea coastal areas

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Land-Sea-Act

Coastal municipalities can be affected by new developments in the Baltic Sea but their interests are not always taken into account in maritime spatial plans. Furthermore, new uses such as marine aquaculture or wind energy generation can conflict with traditional sea activities like fishing, tourism and leisure. The project Land-Sea-Act wants to explore better governance practices to balance local communities' and small-scale businesses' interests with large scale development and investment interests in maritime spatial planning.

Project budget	EUR 2.2 million
Lead partner	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia
Project partners	11

Number of partners per country: x

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GRASS:
Growing algae sustainably in the Baltic Sea

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GRASS

GRASS aims to close the legislative gap for macroalgae cultivation in order to facilitate its introduction to the market as food, energy and consumables, such as plastics. The project maps possible sites for macroalgae cultivation and harvesting, which include implications for spatial planning. It also provides public authorities with training on the licensing, production and use of macroalgae.

Project budget	EUR 1.9 million
Lead partner	KTH, Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden
Project partners	10

Number of partners per country: x

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Blue Platform:

Bioeconomy for blue growth in the Baltic Sea region

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Blue Platform

The Blue Platform promotes results from eleven blue bioeconomy projects from Interreg, BONUS and Horizon2020 for authorities, business development organisations and companies as well as national and regional EU funding programmes dealing with blue growth. To improve the framework conditions for blue bioeconomy in the Baltic Sea region, the Blue Platform compiles a manual with joint standards for blue bioeconomy interventions, a Blue Platform Roadmap 2020, and policy papers on the alignment of funding and legislation.

Project budget	EUR 1.0 million
Lead partner	Finnish Envronment Institute, Finland
Project partners	9

Number of partners per country: x

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COMBINE:

Strengthening combined transport in the Baltic Sea region

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COMBINE

In combined transport, goods are moved by train, ships or barges, with the first and last mile covered by road as short as possible. However, the share of this efficient and more environmentally friendly transport scheme remains small in the Baltic Sea region due to spatially scattered transport and a tradition of road transport. COMBINE aims to increase this share by improving the operation at terminals and reducing the costs of the last mile by introducing new solutions such as platooning, longer/heavier trucks, e-trucks, and LNG-trucks.

Project budget	EUR 3.4 million
Lead partner	Port of Hamburg Marketing, Germany
Project partners	14

Number of partners per country: x

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BSR Access:

Access to clean, efficient and multimodal transport corridors in the Baltic Sea region

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BSR Access

The platform BSR Access facilitates innovative and sustainable transport by creating linkages between traditional infrastructure nodes and smart transport solutions to further develop the TEN-T Core Network Corridors, and contribute to sustainable growth in the region. BSR Access combines expertise from Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects: NSB CoRe, TENTacle, EMMA and Scandria®2Act as well as E12 Atlantica Transport of Interreg Botnia-Atlantica, FinEst Link of Interreg Central Baltic, and Green Regions with Alternative Fuels for Transport, funded by the EU Connecting Europe Facility.

Project budget	EUR 1.0 million
Lead partner	Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, Finland
Project partners	6

Number of partners per country: x

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RESPONSE:

Demand-responsive transport to ensure accessibility, availability and reliability of rural public transport

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RESPONSE

The mobility of vulnerable groups such as the disabled, elderly, minors and the unemployed is limited especially in the sparsely populated areas in the Baltic Sea region. Regular local services do not meet users' expectations and are not cost-effective. RESPONSE shifts the approach from supply-oriented to demand-responsive transport solutions. The project showcases how geodata can be used for decision-making by public authorities. It pilots seamless trips, digitalised business models and need-oriented service design unlike fixed bus routes.

Project budget	EUR 3.4 million
Lead partner	Region Blekinge, Sweden
Project partners	14

Number of partners per country: x

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MARA:

Mobility and accessibility in rural areas – new approaches for developing mobility concepts in remote areas

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MARA

The project MARA improves the accessibility and mobility in remote touristic areas of the Baltic Sea region. MARA examines and pilots different local mobility solutions including a Population Mobility Monitor based on mobile phone data, e-bike sharing, real-time information for call-a-bus systems, and waterways for transportation. New mobility approaches in remote areas are integrated into spatial or mobility development plans.

Project budget	EUR 2.4 million
Lead partner	Ministry of Energy, Infrastructure and Digitalization Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany
Project partners	12

Number of partners per country: x

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STM BALT SAFE:

Safety of navigation in the Baltic Sea by Sea Traffic Management

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STM BALT SAFE

Narrow passages and very high traffic density on shipping routes makes the Baltic Sea vulnerable to accidents at sea. At the same time, efficient exchange of information between ships, and between ships and shore is still missing. The STM BALT SAFE project aims to increase the safety of navigation by introducing common Sea Traffic Management (STM) that enables maritime services to digitally exchange voyage plans of tanker traffic in the Baltic Sea.

Project budget	EUR 4.8 million
Lead partner	Swedish Maritime Administration, Sweden
Project partners	6

Number of partners per country: x

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OIL SPILL:

Enhancing oil spill response capability in the Baltic Sea region

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OIL SPILL

The OIL SPILL project helps to improve cooperation between competent authorities, NGOs and volunteers in combatting oil spills in shallow and coastal waters of the Baltic Sea faster, more effectively and more efficiently. Together with universities, the partners identify procedures across borders that need to be aligned, develop and carry out trainings and exercises, and clarify key legal issues of cooperation in oil spills response.

Project budget	EUR 2.0 million
Lead partner	University of Turku, Finland
Project partners	13

Number of partners per country: x

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ResQU2:

Enhancing durability of learning experiences on guidelines, operational plans and procedures, and exercises related to incidents at sea and in ports

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ResQU2

With about 2.000 vessels operating in the Baltic Sea at any given minute, the risk of accidents is high. The platform ResQU2 brings together rescue services, seaports and other authorities to share guidelines, operational plans and procedures on incidents at sea and in ports, and to run large-scale exercises. By building on the experiences of Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects ChemSAR, HAZARD, and DiveSMART-Baltic and project Mirg-Ex, funded by the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, ResQU2 increases the preparedness and coordination of rescue operations in the Baltic and North Seas.

Project budget	EUR 0.9 million
Lead partner	University of Turku, Finland
Project partners	10

Number of partners per country: x

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CSHIPP:
Clean shipping project platform

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CSHIPP

The Baltic Sea is one of busiest and most environmentally vulnerable seas in the world. The platform CSHIPP closes the gap between research, business and policy making by establishing long-term knowledge exchange among these networks. This helps the maritime industry reduce its environmental footprint and increase competitiveness at the same time. CSHIPP is based on Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects: EnviSuM, Baltic LINes, GoLNG, ECOPRODIGI, COMPLETE and BSR ELECTRIC, as well as BONUS project SHEBA and CompMon funded by the EU Connecting Europe Facility.

Project budget	EUR 1.0 million
Lead partner	University of Turku, Finland
Project partners	14

Number of partners per country: x

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GreenSAM:
Green silver age mobility

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GreenSAM

Although a lot of cities in the Baltic Sea region are introducing green urban mobility solutions, the majority of senior citizens remains reluctant towards these alternatives. The GreenSAM project develops a toolbox of good practices and potential obstacles for the participation of seniors in the decision-making processes in green urban mobility. The toolbox applied by public authorities in Hamburg, Aarhus, Gdansk, Tartu and Riga enables to exchange knowledge in efficient involvement of seniors and increasing their acceptance of eco-friendly mobility services such as collective transport and ride-sharing.

Project budget	EUR 1.9 million
Lead partner	Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Germany
Project partners	8

Number of partners per country: x

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HUPMOBILE:
Holistic urban and peri-urban mobility

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HUPMOBILE

The HUPMOBILE's objective is to provide a holistic approach to sustainable mobility solutions in cities and their perimeters. City authorities, infrastructure operators and transport providers are enabled to assess and integrate innovative mobility options into their mobility management plans and policies, e.g. concerning production and urban logistics, the use of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) solutions, and multimodality in urban transport and travel-to-work.

Project budget	EUR 2.1 million
Lead partner	Aalto University, Finland
Project partners	8

Number of partners per country: x