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Business

Housing

Municipalities



Structure of the presentation



- ▶ EU-Activities of Investitionsbank Schleswig-Holstein
- ▶ Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013
- ▶ Other EU-Funding programmes in a nutshell

- ▶ Schleswig-Holstein's main development bank
- ▶ Balance sheet total 11 Bill. €
- ▶ New Business Volume 1,7 Billion € in 2006
- ▶ Around 400 Employees
- ▶ 60 Products and Services
- ▶ Assistance with business, housing and municipal development matters
- ▶ State, federal and EU-financial assistance programmes

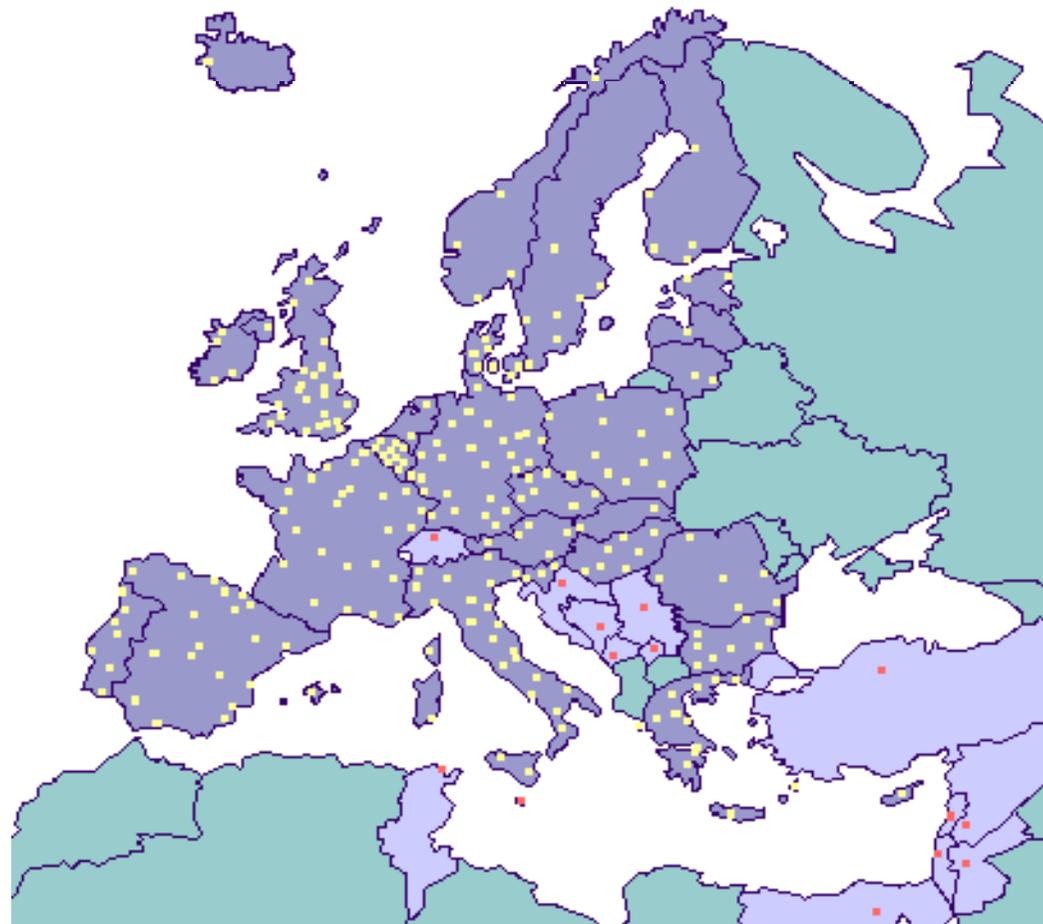
Baltic Sea Region Programme area 2007 – 2013





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- Advice on EU-funding programmes**
- Services for innovation and transnational technology transfer**
- Services for fostering participation of SMEs in 7th Framework Programme**





Baltic Sea Region programme 2007 – 2013



Part-financed by the
European Union

Specificity of the programme

- The only of 13 transnational co-operation programmes with a unique integration of two EU budget lines: ERDF (Objective 3) and ENPI, in terms of:
 - eligible area
 - co-operation priorities
 - implementation rules
- Fundament erected by the Baltic Sea INTERREG IIC & III B programmes but new co-operation priorities and objectives in focus (Lisbon and Gothenburg agendas)
- The programme is expected to boost knowledge-based socio-economic competitiveness of the BSR and its further territorial cohesion



Method of the programme

- The programme is focused on preparation of investments, which can:
 - improve the territorial potential of the region,
 - minimise the differences in the level of socio-economic development between the western and eastern parts of the region (East-West divide)
 - resolve issues of common concern for all the countries around the Baltic Sea
- The programme aims to involve several pan-Baltic networks for better policies towards an integrated development of the Baltic Sea region and for its better identity in Europe
- The programme incorporates aspects of socio-economic competitiveness (Lisbon), sustainable management of the natural resources (Gothenburg) and of the “EU Territorial Agenda”



Eligible area of the programme

- EU Member States: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden and northern parts of Germany
- Norway
- north-west regions of Russia
- Belarus

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Strategic objective and priorities

1. Fostering innovations



3. Baltic Sea as a common resource



To strengthen the development towards a sustainable, competitive and territorially integrated Baltic Sea Region by connecting potentials over the borders

2. External and internal accessibility



4. Attractive and competitive cities and regions



Prioritised thematic areas:

Priority 1: Fostering innovations across the BSR

- focused on facilitating generation and dissemination of innovations across the BSR
- dedicated to innovations in natural and technical science but also to selected non-technical innovations, such as business services, design and other market-related skills
- targeted at the performance of innovation sources and their links to SMEs, facilitation of transnational transfer of technology and knowledge as well as at making social groups of citizens fitter for generating and absorbing knowledge



Prioritised thematic areas:

Priority 2: Internal and external accessibility of the BSR

- dedicated to improvement in that field by means of transport solutions, and information and communication technology (ICT)
- promotes, in particular, these joint transnational solutions, which overcome functional barriers to diffusion of innovation and traffic flows
- highlights further integration of already existing strategic development zones, spread along the transnational transport corridors in the BSR, as well as creation of new transnational links



Prioritised thematic areas:

Priority 3: Management of the Baltic Sea as a common resource

- concentrates on environmental pollution of the Baltic Sea in a broader framework of a sustainable management of the sea resources
- supports operations aiming at limiting pollution inputs into and pollution impacts on the marine environment
- puts special emphasis on maritime safety
- promotes economic management of open sea areas by means of best available technologies and practices
- gives attention to an integrated development of offshore and coastal areas in the context of climate change



Prioritised thematic areas:

Priority 4: Promoting attractive and competitive cities and regions

- propagates co-operation of metropolitan regions, cities and rural areas for their better attractiveness for citizens and investors
- features action programmes and policies at the BSR level to make cities and regions more competitive engines for economic development.
- strengthens urban-rural partnerships and support a viable economic transformation of BSR areas with smaller and less dense settlements
- special ENPI feature under this priority is joint actions dedicated to the social sphere of regional and city development - exclusively with Russian and Belarusian partners



What do we expect from future projects?

- principle of transnationality respected
- integrated territorial approach to distinguish from sector initiatives
- preparation of investments of transnational relevance
- emphasis on pre-investment character and pilot investments
- development of transferable results better visible than in the present programme



Who can apply?

- Public authorities from national, regional and local levels
- Public equivalent bodies (e.g. research and training institutions, business development institutions and other non-profit organisations)
- ✓ Private (commercial) organisations as additional partners with own financing
- ✓ Within limits, programme funds can be applied for by partners from outside the eligible area.



Co-financing rate

Over 230 million euro earmarked by the European Commission and the Government of Norway will cover:

- **up to 75 %** of eligible project costs generated by partners from Denmark, Germany, Sweden, Finland
- **up to 85 %** of eligible project costs generated by partners from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland
- **up to 50 %** of eligible project costs generated by partners from Norway
- **up to 90 %** of eligible project costs generated by partners from Russia and Belarus

Partners from other EU and non-EU areas may join individual projects and benefit from the programme funds (under certain conditions)



How much money is available?

- Slightly more than in the present programme
- **208 MEUR** from **E**uropean **R**egional **D**evelopment **F**und
- **22.6 MEUR** from **E**uropean **N**eighbourhood and **P**artnership **I**nstrument (*new*)
- **6 MEUR** from Norwegian national funding

Total = 236,6 MEUR

Plus own co-funding from project partners



Quality requirements – guidelines for project makers

- jointly address relevant needs and deficiencies identified in your project area
- demonstrate the added value through joint actions
- raise policy-making competence in the participating institutions
- produce durable results – think of investments of transnational relevance
- specify planned achievements and quantify expected targets from the outset
- contribute to an effective marketing of results and benefits achieved by means of EU Structural Funds



Implementation structure of the programme

- built on the experience of the preceding Baltic Sea Region INTERREG III B Neighbourhood Programme and adjusted to the legal regulations for both, the Structural Funds and the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument
- consisting of a number of institutions responsible for proper management and control of the programme implementation progress and funds spent:
 - **Monitoring Committee**, supported by **national sub-committees**
 - single **Managing Authority** (Investitionsbank Schleswig-Holstein), assisted by the **Joint Technical Secretariat** (offices in Rostock and Riga)
 - **Certifying Authority** (Investitionsbank Schleswig-Holstein), certifying legality of expenditures
 - **Audit Authority** (land of Schleswig-Holstein), assisted by a **Group of Auditors**



Programme launch calendar

- March-May 2007 – national approval procedures on programme document
- May 2007 – submission to the European Commission (EC)
- June – November 2007 – negotiation procedure with (EC)
- November 2007 – resubmission to EC
- December 2007 – approval by the EC expected
- early 2008 – first call for project proposals

For further information, please consult:

www.eu.baltic.net

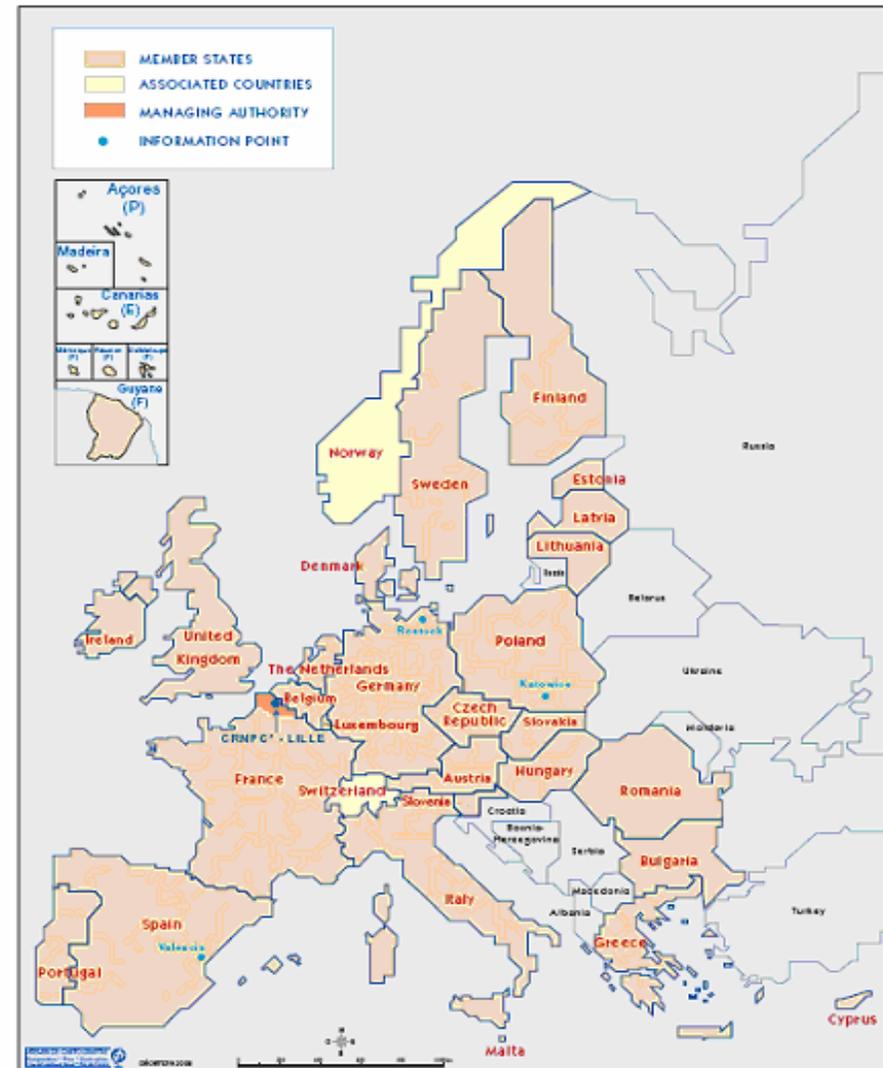


Fig.12 ERDF-supported cross-border co-operation areas in the Baltic Sea Region

Beside the BSR Programme 2007-2013, there are several EU-funded cross-border programmes within the Baltic Sea region, focussing on different sub-regions of the Baltic Sea region

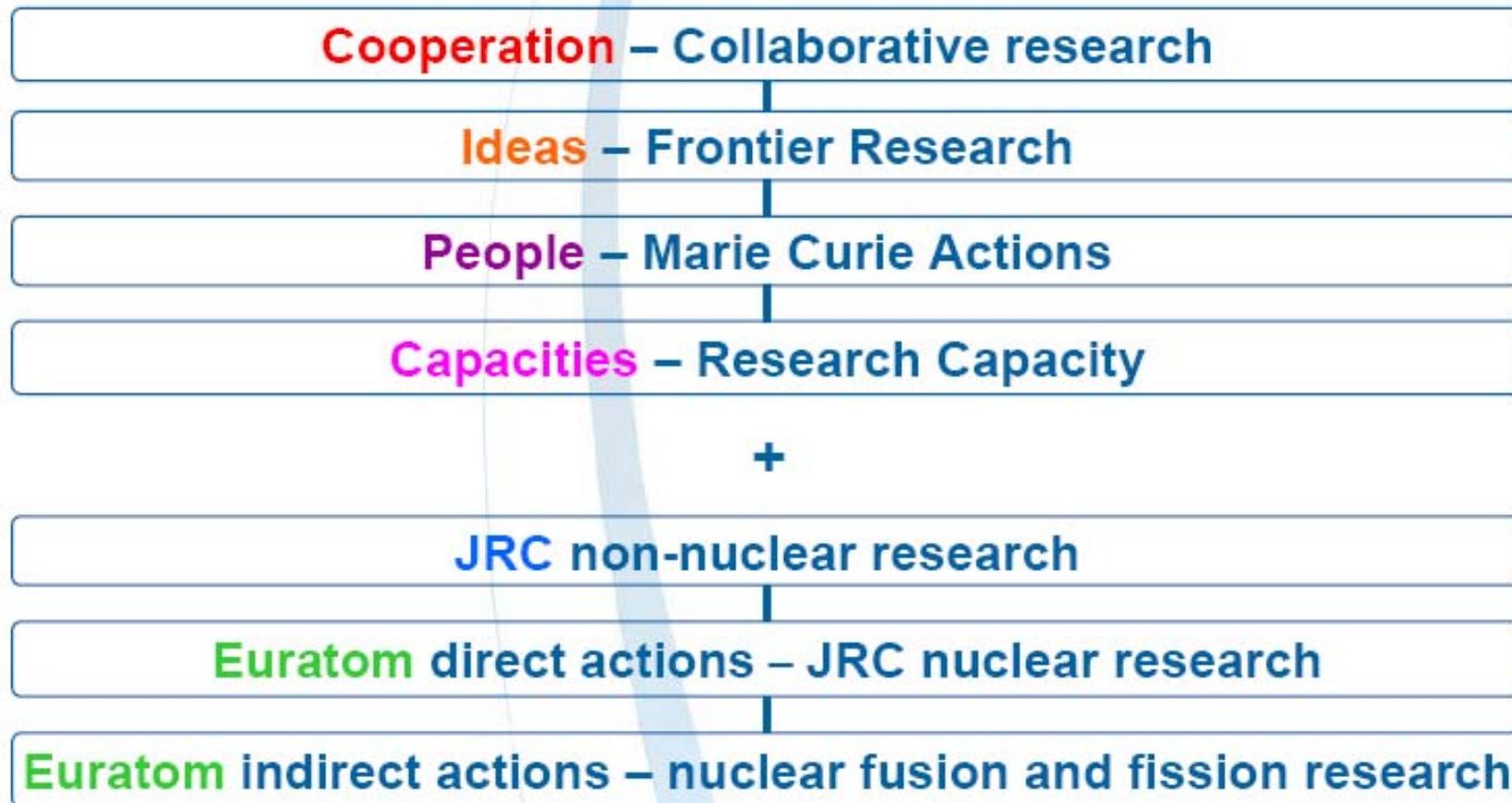


- Priority 1: Innovation and knowledge economy
- Priority 2: Environment and risk prevention (cultural heritage and landscape as one sub-theme)
- Partnership: from at least 3 EU-MS (public bodies or bodies governed by public law)
- 75 % resp. 85 % ERDF co-financing rate
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- ▶ **Objective:** Fostering implementation and further development of environmental policy and legal framework at European level
 - Nature and biological diversity (appr. 40 % of the budget) with special focus on development and management of NATURA 2000 areas
 - Environmental policy and its implementation: climate change, health and quality of life, natural resources and waste management
 - Information and Communication: information campaigns, events
- ▶ **Eligible activities:** studies, exchange of experience, workshops/trainings, information events/campaigns, demonstration projects, environmental projects
- ▶ **Co-financing:** LIFE + cofinances up to 50 % of eligible expenditures
- ▶ **Deadline for applications:** 30. November 2007, next deadline autumn 2008
- ▶ <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/index.htm>

- ▶ **Objective:** Increasing energy efficiency by sustainable use of resources
 - SAVE: energy efficient technologies
 - ALTENER: renewable energies
 - STEER: use of new and renewable energy in transport
 - Integrated products and projects (z.B. energy agencies, special initiatives, policy advising projects)
- ▶ **Budget:** 2007-2013: 730 Mio. EUR
- ▶ **Co-financing:** max. 75%
- ▶ **Minimum requirements for project partnership:**
3 project partners from 3 different countries participating in the programme
- ▶ **Deadline for applications:** 31 January 2008, next deadline: autumn 2008
- ▶ **<http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/intelligent/index.html>**



For further information: www.ec.europa.eu/research, www.cordis.europa.eu/fp7



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Thank you for your attention!

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