

## EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

### NATIONAL COORDINATORS GROUP

#### OUTCOME OF THE SILENCE PROCEDURE INITIATED BY THE PRESIDENCY OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATORS GROUP ON 21 September 2022

3 October 2022

The NCG has been informed that in some Policy Areas the Policy Area Coordinators have acted both as Policy Area Coordinators and Steering Group members. The NCG agrees that while this practice is not in line with the Action Plan, it is understandable that the formulations in the Action Plan may have been misunderstood. Therefore the NCG decided to clarify the issue with a separate decision as follows:

An organization or a person responsible for the role of Policy Area Coordinator may not act as a Steering Group member. Only in special situations where a suitable second organization to act as the Steering Group member cannot be found the same organization but another person can act as a interim Steering Group member. If such a case arises regular efforts should be made to correct this issue. The National Coordinators follow that this is adhered to and support the Policy Area Coordinators by finding and appointing suitable Steering Group members.

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