



EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region National Coordinators Group

5th Meeting under the Estonian Presidency, 2025-2026

Date: 02/12/2025
Time: 10:00–12:00 EET
Location: [Microsoft Teams](#)

MINUTES

1. Opening of the meeting and approval of the agenda

The meeting was opened by the Presidency at 10:04.
The agenda was adopted without amendments.

2. Action Plan update - Chapter 1 drafting

The Presidency presented the agenda point and the draft text of the Chapter 1, which was prepared taking into account the previously agreed amendments and the written comments from the NCs submitted as of 27 November 2025. The NCG went through the text section by section, suggesting the amendments and clarifying the content. The Presidency informed that the next consolidated version will be compiled based on the suggestions provided at the meeting. The changes will then be discussed and possibly agreed upon at the next NCG meeting proposed for December 16th.

3. Action Plan update - Chapter 3

The BSP presented the proposed new structure of the Policy Area section text. The revised texts according to this updated structure are being confirmed in consultation with the Policy Area Coordinators. The NCG agreed on the renewed structure for the Chapter. The Presidency informed that the first draft full version of the Chapter 3 text will be presented at later stage after the revised Policy Area texts are confirmed by the Policy Areas.

4. NCG Rules of Procedure

The Presidency presented the agenda point and the presented the topics for amendments to the NCG Rules of Procedure. The amendments were proposed by a Member State in the framework of the Action Plan text updates to be incorporated into the Chapter 2, however, as the current update does not aim to modify Chapter 2 “Governance” of the Action Plan,

the Presidency proposed to address these proposals via the NCG Rules of Procedure and, possibly, the Common Structure for the SG Rules of Procedure. The Presidency informed that the draft version with the proposed amendments discussed at the meeting will be further circulated to the NCG for comments and further suggestions in the coming weeks.

5. AOB and date for next meeting

- Presidency informed that the date of the Annual Forum 2026 is moved by one month to 12-13 May 2026 due to organisational reasons.
- Norway thanked the NCG for the recent decision on supporting the full membership of Norway in the Strategy. The Presidency and DG REGIO representatives informed that the membership process will continue with the internal process within the European Commission and conclude with publishing the addendum to the European Commission Communication on the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.
- DG REGIO representative informed that the next year's MRS and SBS days in Brussels are planned for the month of July.
- The BSP thanked the NCs for providing their valuable input regarding the MFF 2028-20234 advocacy process and inclusion of the macro-regional references. Based on the input provided, the concept note on the MFF advocacy will be further developed.

The next NCG meeting will take place on 16 December at 10 EET.
The meeting was concluded by the Presidency at 11:44.

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