

## EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region National Coordinators Group

### 6th Meeting under the Swedish Presidency, 2022-2023

**Date:** 19/04/2023  
**Time:** 13:30–15:00 CET  
**Venue:** online

#### MINUTES

##### 1. Opening of the meeting

The Presidency welcomed the participants and declared the meeting open.

##### 2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved without the amendments.

##### 3. Council Conclusions on MRS

*For discussion: the first draft of the Council Conclusions on the European Commission's 4<sup>th</sup> MRS Report and message to convey from the NCG to the process.*

The Presidency informed that the first intervention on the draft Council Conclusions on the MRS will take place on Monday, 24th of April. The Presidency summarised the content of the Council Conclusions as well as the main focus areas of MRS for the upcoming years and opened the floor for initial reflections and feedback from the NCG. The Presidency took note of the comments and suggestions provided by the NCG to be transmitted to SMOR. The discussions will continue in the next NCG meeting.

##### 4. Horizon Europe Missions

*For discussion: Horizon Europe Mission “Restore our ocean and waters by 2030” and the Mission Charter (Annex 1).*

The BSP informed about Horizon Europe Mission “Restore our ocean and waters by 2030” and the Mission Charter. The NCG took note of the initiative and highlighted on the importance of utilising



the existing governance formats in the region versus initiation of the overlapping ones. The BSP will consult with the PACs on the relevance of cooperation within the Mission format and will update the NCG.

#### **5. Trio Presidencies and MRS Week**

*For discussion: Final confirmation of the position concerning the framework for the Trio Presidencies meetings offered by Slovenian Presidency of EUSDR and message to convey from the NCG to the MRS TRIO meeting.*

The NCG further discussed regarding the concept of framework for cooperation suggested by Slovenian Presidency of the EUSDR. The NCG concluded on the importance of the cross-MRS Trio cooperation and exchange in a flexible way, without the need to formalise it. The current priority of the NCG is first and foremost to strengthen the coordination and implementation of the Strategy internally within the region.

#### **6. AOB and date for next meeting**

- The BSP informed about the upcoming silence procedure on decision items due to the absence of some Member States. The silence procedures are scheduled for the end of the week 16.
- The BSP informed about organisation of two upcoming workshops, on the EUSBSR Communications guidelines and on the M&E framework and consulted the NCG on the suitable dates. The final dates and the agendas for the workshops will be sent out later on.
- The Presidency informed that the next meeting will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

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