



EUSBSR EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

**Policy Area Nutri Steering Group meeting
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Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. **New platform projects, with invited quests**
3. Possible updates from BSP and DG REGIO
4. General issues from the EUSBSR
5. Water management event in Estonia (6.-7.5.)
6. Other events and Nutri participation
7. **Extension of funding for PA Nutri**
8. **Next chair for PA Nutri**
9. AOB
10. Timelines for next meetings



1. Welcome!

Opening, Estonian chairs

2. New platform projects

- Invited guests present their new platform projects (15 mins each)
 - Klara Ramm/IGWP, Symbioter
 - Eetu Virtanen/HELCOM, CirCan
- Discussion on what kind of cooperation with PA Nutri and its Steering Group would be beneficial
 - How Nutri can be involved
 - How platforms can get involved with the planned cooperation groups
 - Webinar/workshop about nutrient recycling cooperation group start:
5 November, 13:30-16:30 EET
 - Workshop with Steering Groups and CirCan (PAs Nutri, Bioeconomy, Hazards) in
early 2027



3. Possible updates from BSP, DG REGIO

4. General issues from the EUSBSR

- Norway now an official member of the EUSBSR
 - Search for new norwegian SG members, also for Nutri
 - Norway will make decision, but do we have recommendations of potential organisations to give them?

4. General issues from the EUSBSR

- Post-2027 planning
 - BSP is organising discussions with Interreg-programmes
 - **Coordinators wish for guidance from SG on what we should aim at**
 - The main funding themes for IBSR as they have been preliminarily presented:
 - Resilience and Security
 - Liveability of Territories
 - Clean Waters and Blue Economy
 - Resource Efficiency and Climate
 - Are these sufficient?
 - It has been discussed that there is difficulty of getting nutrient recycling-projects funded and lack of good applications. Do these themes encourage to apply? Or could organising separate thematic calls be a solution?

4. Water management event in Estonia (6.-7.5.)

- Goal of the event was to exchange on catchment based water management and catchment officers
 - Life projects in Estonia (WetEST, CleanEST) and Finland (ACWA) working on the topic, as well as BaltCOP (ICB)
- General impression was that the event went well and continuation of networking and experience exchange is wished for
 - Main challenges where experience exchange is needed: Comparing which solutions work well, governance models and roles for catchment officers, financing, data, tools and methods, peer-to-peer learning, study visits, scaling up and strategic work
 - Coordination of work between countries needed (?), networking
- As conclusion of the event, a follow-up was asked for, and PAs Nutri&Hazards agreed to take it up
 - First planning meeting: Fri 5.6. at 10-11 EEST
 - Timing?

6. Other events and Nutri participation

- Due to lack of resources missing participation to upcoming events:
 - EU's Macroregional and Sea-basin Strategies Days, 8-9 July
 - Interreg Central Baltic programme event, 2-3 June
- Still open for autumn:
 - Denmark's presidency start –event
 - Norway's membership -event
- PA Nutri's Finnish coordinator now member of ACWA-Life SIP project's Steering Group (as an outsider member, no decision power) and preliminarily was asked to join also CirCan platform's SG.

7. Extension of funding for PA Nutri

- IBSR is offering an opportunity to apply for extension of funding for years 2027-2028.
- Workplan main outlines:
 - Regular PAC work, such as SG meetings, etc
 - Regular events continue, as have been this far (Annual Forum, other relevant events, joint events with several projects)
 - Cross-sectoral work, cooperation with other PAs
 - Focus on establishing cooperation groups for nutrient recycling and wastewater treatment
 - Joint groups with PAs Bioeconomy, Hazards
 - Joint workshop for SGs on further developing the cooperation groups (aim, stakeholders, division of work)
 - Establishment of the wastewater treatment group probably will require more time
 - Platform projects (CirCan, Symbioter, HAZGONE) and other relevant ongoing projects as key stakeholders
 - Additional idea: *“Identification of project ideas for new funding period will start from gathering lessons learnt from this funding period. Needs for next funding period will be worked out together with project stakeholders and Nutri's SG.”*
- **Decision needed: Steering Group's support for application**

8. Next chair for PA Nutri

- Denmark's turn to chair, but no Danish member
- Decision on how to deal with the chairing turn of Denmark
- Suggestion: Divide the year to half with current (Estonia) and next (Finland) chairs

- **Decision needed: next chair for PA Nutri**



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