



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. **PA Nutri Talks, with invited guests**
3. Possible updates from DG REGIO
4. Action Plan situation
5. A look at workflow
6. EUSBSR Annual Forum & CBSS Day of cities and regions
7. Estonian event
8. AOB
9. Timelines for next meetings



1. Welcome!

Opening, Estonian chairs

2. PA Nutri Talks

- Previously it was discussed to organise Nutri Talks –webinars in 2026 to discuss establishment of cooperation groups as included to the new Actions
 - Wastewater treatment
 - Nutrient recycling
- To have a suggestion for the webinars on what we want to achieve, we will have short discussions now on general aims
 - Webinars will further refine the aims and get the needs from important stakeholders

2. PA Nutri Talks - wastewater topic

- Invited guests:
 - PA Hazards / Louise Floman
 - IVL / Mayumi Narongin
 - UBC Sustainable Cities Commission, Turku City / Agnieszka Ilola and Lotta Lehti
- Points to shortly discuss now before the webinars:
 - What should be the general aim of those groups?
 - Which organisations should be involved?
 - How to invite needed ones?
 - How formal should they be? Or completely nonformal and open (no regular members)?
- Many stakeholders have already expressed that they need more information on upstream treatment (both hazardous substances and nutrients) → could this be a topic for a joint SG workshop with PA Hazards?

2. PA Nutri Talks - Nutrient recycling topic

- Invited quests:
 - PA Bioeconomy / Leena Anttila
 - Rise / Erik Sindhöj and Cheryl Marie Cordeiro
 - Centrum Balticum / Helen Honkasaari
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3. Possible updates from DG REGIO

4. Action Plan situation

- Action Plan is going through approval procedure in the NCG
- A suggestion was given to PA Nutri to make a small change to one of the indicators:
 - **Suggested change: deletion of word “New”**

Action 1: Reduce nutrient emissions from agriculture and other diffuse sources

New funding calls or programmes (e.g. Interreg, CAP) reference or prioritise nutrient reduction from agriculture and diffuse sources in line with Policy Area Nutri objectives by the year 2035

5. A look at workflow

- Lots of delays due to organisational restructuring
 - Still finalizing the change in Interreg-funding (partner contract)
- Reports of year 2025 were endorsed and submitted to EUSBSR.
- Work plan 2026 was also endorsed
- Interreg reporting getting finalized (submitted, but waiting for clarifications)
- A joint statement with PA Secure was submitted to the EU consultation on new European climate resilience framework. Included inputs from projects:
 - [ClimaResponse](#) - Responsive Local Action for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction (contributions included to consultation questions)
 - [CityBlues](#) – Bluegreen nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation and citizen wellbeing
 - [Nursecoast II](#) – Model nutrients reduction solutions in near-coast touristic areas
 - [ReNutriWater](#) – Closing local water circuits by recirculating nutrients and water and using them in nature

6. EUSBSR Annual Forum & CBSS Day of cities and regions

- 11-13 May, Tallinn
- Nutri co-organiser in two applications:
 - Nutrient recycling – how to develop the markets (CiNURGi)
 - Shipping and ports – solutions for reducing pollution (PA Ship and several projects)
- Results will be known by end of February

- Networking Village this time with a possibility for projects to apply to join the PA stands

7. Estonian event

- FOCUS ON CLEAN WATER ALLIANCES - Integrating water smart agriculture and pollutant control through catchment-based collaboration on rural water management
 - 6-7 May, Tallin
 - Save the date has been sent, help from SG needed to spread it
 - PA Nutri organising session 2 about cooperation needs, project ideas, sharing experiences from Finland and Sweden, etc



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