



EUSBSR EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

**Operational Group Meeting
PA Ship**

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WELCOME!

Why are we here?

Who is involved?

What do we want to leave with?

Implementation of the EUSBSR

- ✓ 3 main objectives
- ✓ 14 interconnected Policy Areas

Climate change aspects and cooperation with neighbouring non-EU countries are mainstreamed into all 14 policy areas.



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PA Ship - Aims and Objectives

The objective of Policy Area (PA) Ship is for the Baltic Sea Region to become a model region for clean shipping.

<https://www.eusbsr.eu/pa-ship-about>

Policy Area Actions:

1. Support the development of an environmentally sustainable shipping sector
2. Support research on challenges related to the current shipping practices and their impact on the marine environment and its biota
3. Support development of shore-side facilities to enable sustainable shipping practices

Towards Green Shipping Corridors and Carbon Neutral Shipping

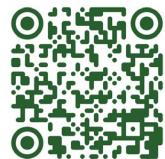
Baltic Sea GSC

Strengthening cooperation on the development of green shipping corridors in the Baltic Sea.



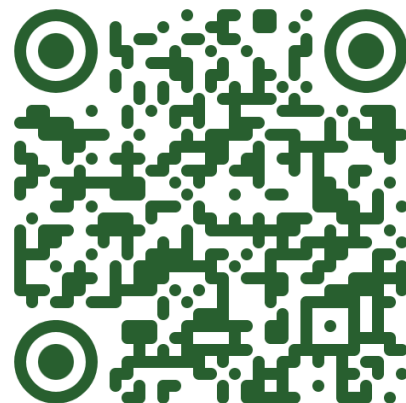
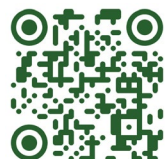
H2Deri@BSP

Working towards adoption of low- and zero-carbon hydrogen derivatives.



Nordic Roadmap Phase II

Further developing green shipping corridors, supporting the transition to sustainable and emission-free maritime routes.



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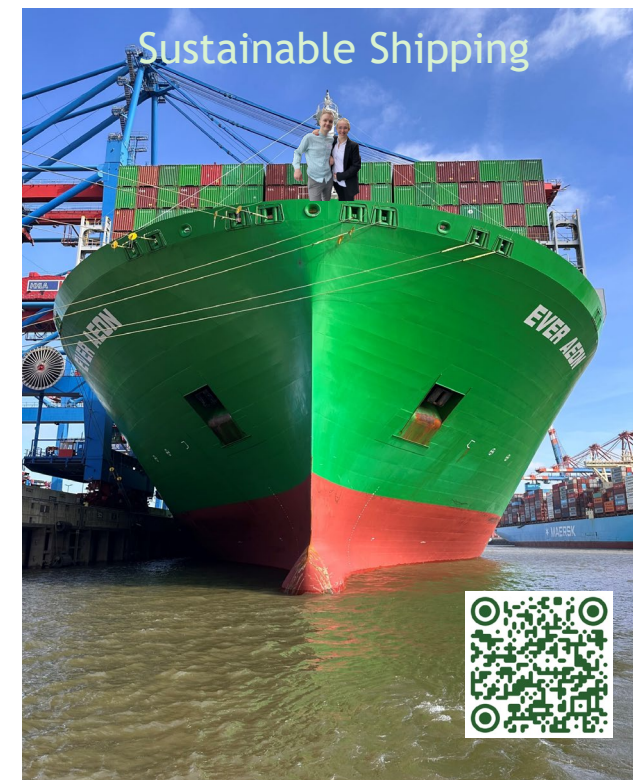
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Aiming for a Cleaner Baltic Sea

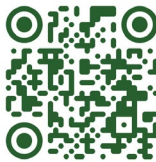
Baltic Chemical Tanker Project

Reducing harmful chemical discharges from tank washing.



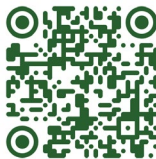
PortSHAZ

Stopping cargo leaks from bulk cargo during loading and unloading.



CargoRes

Reducing the amount of cargo residues entering the sea by improving cargo handling practices in ports and on ships.



Circular Economy Solutions

Circular Ports

Increasing and mapping circular economy solutions in port environments.



ShipCycle

Mapping out the possibilities for ship recycling in the Baltic Sea Region.



Digitalisation: Route optimisation and Risk Management

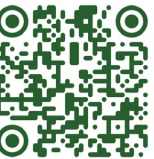
Baltic Sea e-Nav

Harmonized implementation of S-100 navigational products.



MaDaMe

Smart navigation fairway solutions for information exchange and remote navigation



INCONE60Green

Enhancing operational efficiency and environmental performance of small ports



OpenRisk II

Shipping risk assessment and management.



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Changes in Policy Area Coordination

- **Policy Area Maritime Safety**
 - co-coordinator at the Swedish Maritime Administration has changed from August 20th; the new co-coordinator Mikael Renz (SMA) will continue until 31.12.2026.
 - Starting from 1.1.2027 the PA Safe coordination will move to Norway, to Norwegian Coastal Authority (Kystverket) with co-coordination from Merikotka Maritime Research Centre (FI)
- **Policy Area Sustainable Shipping**
 - Coordination from Traficom will be handed over to Merikotka Maritime Research Centre as of 1.1.2027.



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