



EUSBSR EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

**25th EUSBSR PA SHIP Steering Group
meeting**

**20th October 2025 at 12:00-14:45 (CEST),
TEAMS online**

Interreg
Baltic Sea Region



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Agenda

- 1) **Welcome words and Tour de Table**
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- 3) Activities of the Policy Area Coordinators
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Estonian Priorities under the EUSBSR Presidency

- **Update of the Action Plan**, with the objective of effectively finalising the process. Goal is to ensure a **smooth start of the implementation phase** immediately following the approval of the updated Action Plan, which will support the achievement of the Strategy`s three overall objectives: “Save the Sea”, “Connect the Region” and “Increase Prosperity”.
- Particular emphasis will be placed on **resilience and sustainability**.
- **Strengthened cooperation across Policy Areas** is a critical factor in supporting these objectives.
- Ensuring **increased Ukrainian involvement in relevant actions** and projects remains a key priority.
- The Presidency also places strong emphasis on **effective governance** and the **external communication** of the Strategy.

Tour de Table

- Who are you?
- Which organization do you work for?
- What is the latest accomplishment towards sustainable shipping in your country?



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Activities of the Policy Area Coordinators

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Overview of the activities since May 2025

Events

- Interreg BSR Project platform Kick-off meeting on 21st May, Tampere Finland
- Ålands Maritime Day - Sjöfartensdag 22nd May, Mariehamn Åland
- (European Maritime Days 21st to 23rd of May, Cork Ireland)
- Sustainable Flow stakeholder seminar 28th August, Rauma Finland
- (EUSBSR Presidency Opening 11th September, Tallinn Estonia)



PA Ship Operational Group meeting 17.10.2025



EUSBSR PA Ship Operational Group
Meeting Agenda
15.10.2025
Online - all time EEST

Logging in 12.50 - 13.00

1. **Welcome words, approval of agenda and minutes from last meeting 13.00-13.15**
Sami Vesterinen PA Ship Coordinator (PAC), Finnish Transport and Communications Agency Traficom
Few words on WHAT, WHY and WHO?
2. **Project Blue Supply Chains 13.15 - 13.45**
Project Blue Supply Chains is finalizing at the end of 2025 and *Stefan Breitenbach* (Port of Hamburg Marketing, DE) will present more extensive serving of information and experiences throughout the project
Q&A for the project after the presentation
3. **Policy Learning Platform Peer Review results & Conclusions 13.45-14.15**
Sami Vesterinen will present the results and conclusions from the Interreg Policy Learning Platform Peer Review on Green Shipping Corridors organized by the Estonian Ministry of Climate in Tallinn
Q&A after the presentation

Coffee Break 15 min 14.15 - 14.30

4. **Using AI in Detecting Shipping Route Anomalies 14.30 - 15.00**
Leon Boschman (Chalmers University of Technology, SE) will be presenting his work on how to detect anomalies in the shipping routes for example in the case of enroute tank washing etc.
Q&A after the presentation
5. **Liquid Wind - Insides from the E-Methanol Producer perspective 15.00 - 15.30**
Cea Mittler (Liquid Wind, SE) will be giving the perspective from the fuel producer side to the on-going challenge of the alternative fuels in the maritime sector
Q&A after the presentation
6. **NEW Pa Ship Project - Incone60 Green 15.30 - 15.50**
Rafal Koba (Gdynia Maritime University, PL) will be presenting a project called Incone60 Green, which is an ongoing project but new under the PA Ship umbrella
Q&A after the presentation
7. **AOB and closing the meeting 15.50 -16.00**
All participants are welcome and encouraged to share their latest news, challenges, ideas etc. The floor is open for discussion, sharing information and learning!

Upcoming Activities 2025

Events

- Incone60 Green Mid-term Seminar 22nd to 23rd October
Vordingborg, Denmark
- BSSSC Day of Cities and Regions & EUSBSR Annual Forum 28th
to 30th October, Sopot Poland
- HELCOM IC Maritime (Jyrki Vähätalo representing PA Ship)
- BPO Ports for Climate & Blue Supply Chains Final Conference
19th to 20th November, Gdynia Poland
- BPO Sustainability Working Group meeting



Upcoming Events 2026

Events

- PA Safe, Ship, Transport & Energy & Port of Hamburg “Ports as Enablers for Energy Transition, Energy Security, and Sustainable Transport”- Conference April 2026, Hamburg Germany
- Idea Further Developing Workshop, possibly Riga/Gdansk
- PACS & NC, Interreg & BSP meeting



Two Platform Projects Applying for Interreg BSR

EnergyHub (Name will change)

- Sami brought the consortium together
- Uptake of Alternative Fuels
- Gdynia Maritime University
- Developing regulatory navigation frameworks addressing fragmented standards and compliance costs across Baltic Sea Region countries
- Will tackle:
 - Fragmented knowledge
 - Policy-practice gap
 - Disjointed infrastructure



Two Platform Projects Applying for Interreg BSR

BSR Baltic Blue Corridor

- Safe navigation at sea
- Turku University of Applied Sciences
- Aims for
 - One strategic framework with all current projects included
 - Maritime safety
 - Sustainability
 - Coordinated risk assessment, policy development, and operational planning



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EUSBSR Action Plan Update **PA Ship Objective, Action Items and** **Indicators**

Updating the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

- The Strategy has been updated four times, in 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2021, and now it has been rewritten.
- The update process focused first and foremost on the Policy Areas and their actions and indicators for the upcoming years.
- Policy Area Coordinators have led this planning process together with their Steering Group members from all eight EU countries bordering the Baltic Sea.
- Latest version of the Action Plan has been circulated amongst you and now is time to go through it.

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PA Ship Related Policy & Research Needs & Open discussion

- What are the main issues/concerns in your country linked to the PA Ship Actions?
- What should be addressed in projects?
- Is there any specific topic that needs a research project?
- What are the latest "good" news in your country in sustainable shipping?
- What about the "bad" ones?

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Any other business?

- Information you would like to share (e.g., projects, initiatives)
- Next meeting: ONSITE in June with the Annual Forum 2026 - should there be one online before that?

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Thank you!

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