

Priorities of Sweden - PA Ship

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- Coordination
- Communication
- Implementation
- Funding
- Capacity building
- Supporting Ukraine



COORDINATION

A well-functioning coordination of the Strategy where the **core implementing stakeholders being National Coordinators, Policy Area Coordinators and Baltic Sea Strategy Point are working as one team.** Furthermore, to foster a closer collaboration between this team and the members of the 14 Steering Groups, financial programmes and EU COM.

COMMUNICATION

A well-functioning **internal communication with core stakeholders based on transparency.** An **external communication engaging new stakeholders in the implementation of the Strategy and focused on policy dialogues** embedding the Strategy in current policy discussions in Member States.

IMPLEMENTATION

A well-functioning implementation of the Action Plan delivering on set indicators and targets. **Focus will be on developing suitable implementation formats and on monitoring and evaluation.**

FUNDING

Widened financial opportunities for the implementation of the Action Plan exploring both EU programmes and other financial options. Furthermore, **to finalize the embedding of EUSBSR in the mainstream programmes making the existing MA-networks operational.**

CAPACITY BUILDING

When needed offer **tailor-made programmes for core implementing stakeholders to enhance both individual and institutional capacity.**

SUPPORTING UKRAINE

Explore possibilities for EUSBSR to support the recovery after the war **matching Policy Areas with actors in Ukraine**

Sweden as an example

GOVERNMENT ASSIGNMENTS

20 state agencies and all 21 county administrations have been assigned to provide support to the implementation of the Strategy. They report to the Prime ministers office every 2nd year.

STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

A network with 300 stakeholders from national, regional and local levels, civil society and academia is gathered twice per year. The network is kept updated on the implementation of the Strategy. The Norden Association is hosting the network.

COORDINATION

Regular meetings with Swedish members of steering groups and policy area coordinators located in Sweden.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Five state agencies together with the Norden Association are organizing seminars and workshops 4 to 6 times per year, online and on site in different parts of Sweden. The aim is to raise the awareness of the Strategy and to increase the capacity among Swedish stakeholders to engage in transnational collaboration integrating this into own strategic development.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE MORE?

Connect the respective Policy Areas to relevant group of stakeholders in each member state – responsible NC and SG

Swedish Transport Agency

- The Swedish Transport Agency participates in the implementation of the Baltic Sea Strategy in various ways.
- Focus is in the shipping area, where we participates in a number of different projects.
- We contribute to the work through the authority's regulation, permit review and supervisory activities, in government assignments and through other types of cooperation.
- We participate in collaboration with other authorities and organizations in various areas with a bearing on the strategy, within and outside Sweden's borders.
- The projects and collaborations leads to improved air and water environment. Some of the projects also have a bearing on increased accessibility and safer transport routes in the region.

- Main goal - Save the marine environment
- 4 sub-goals;
 - The Baltic Sea must have clean water (through the work to reduce emissions of nutrients into the Baltic Sea from emissions of toilet waste and emissions of nitrogen oxides into the air)
 - The Baltic Sea must have a rich and vibrant biological diversity (through work to prevent the spread of foreign organisms through ships' ballast water and growth on ship hulls)
 - The Baltic Sea and its outlet are served by clean and safe shipping (through the work to take measures for the release of e.g. oil and other harmful substances, cargo residues, waste generated on board ships, toilet waste and ballast water)
 - Improve cooperation for a good marine environment (through the cooperation in various networks around the Baltic Sea, including through HELCOM and the EU)

A scenic view of a lighthouse and several red wooden buildings on a rocky island. The lighthouse is a prominent red tower with a white lantern room, situated on a hill. Several red wooden buildings with white window frames are scattered across the rocky terrain. The sky is a soft, hazy blue, suggesting a calm, overcast day. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and picturesque.

Thank you for listening!