



EUSBSR EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Funding opportunities for PA Ship

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Modes of Operation

The Strategy welcomes novel ideas and initiatives and aims to diversify the group of stakeholders, while building on and further developing those partnership structures which have proven most successful in delivering significant added value.

Therefore, it remains open for Activities organized outside already established structures and there is flexibility in the format that Activities can take. Such flexibility is also required, as the needs of PAs vary significantly.

The format of the Activities implemented under each Action are decided by the PA to best suit the needs of the Action. Activities under an Action can be, but are not limited to, projects (single or grouped in clusters), processes, networks or platforms. There is no preference for one format.

PAs may continue to use the flagship concept. The decision on using the designation of flagship is taken by the respective PA Steering Group(s) (SGs). Prior to their decision to designate an Activity as a flagship, the SGs are recommended to notify the European Commission (DG REGIO).

Choosing the Activity format for an Action and linking to funding

- Depending on the nature of the Action certain types of Activities may be more useful than others for example:
 - For developing **digital solutions** perhaps a **regular project** or chain of them and as funding **Horizon**
 - For **cooperation among authorities** on training and education a **regular project** and as funding **Interreg generally and maybe Erasmus etc...**
 - For **infrastructure investments** first a **cooperation platform** (run by the PAC) and investments once agreed from **CEF and structural funds**
- Transnational funds designed for cooperation between the member states are the logical way but working through nationally managed funds (ERDF, ESF etc) could be explored
 - Here is where the **MA Networks** can come to play (ERDF, ESF, EAFRD, EMFAF)

PA Ship

- **Action 1: Support measures reducing emissions from shipping including digitalization.**

Strategic priorities in this action include: i) actions to develop or improve **technical installations** on board ships to clean harmful emissions from ships; ii) issues of **enforcement of environmental regulation** for ships operating in the Baltic Sea; iii) **improved monitoring of ship emissions** (better target actions and regulations); iv) **improving energy efficiency**; v) **actions to deploy propulsion systems and bunkering infrastructure** for carbon-neutral, clean maritime fuels; vi) **development of economic incentive schemes** to reduce the environmental impact; vii) **improved capacity and competence** to address climate neutral and clean shipping.

- **Action 2: Support research on emerging thematic challenges related to clean shipping and its impact on the environment and wildlife in the Baltic Sea.**

Strategic priorities in this action include: i) actions to **identify the impact of shipping on the environment** in the Baltic Sea in line with and beyond relevant developments in the framework of the International maritime organisation; ii) **research & development of technical installations** on board ships to ensure a less harmful impact on environment and wildlife; iii) **development of efficient policy recommendations** to address emerging challenges related to shipping; iv) **increase scientific knowledge and support research**; 5) address and possibly reduce pollution by **hazardous substances, invasive alien species (IAS)** and plastics from maritime activities.

- **Action 3: Support development of shore-side facilities to enhance clean shipping measures including infrastructure for alternative fuels.**

Strategic priorities in this action include: i) contribute to the **development of a regional infrastructure** related to shore-side and climate-neutral and clean fuels; ii) **develop reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure**, including regional and cross border infrastructure; iii) **upgrade infrastructure** in passenger - and industrial ports and retrofit industries to make them sustainable, iv) with **increase resource efficiency**; v) greater **adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies and industrial processes**; vi) improve **port reception facilities** and their ability to treat and separate waste from ships and marine litter brought to land; vii) support the improvement of waste separation and handling on board ships.

Examples of funding opportunities

Funds implemented nationally: Cohesion Policy funds	Transnational, cross-border, international:
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	Interreg (under ERDF)
European Social Fund (ESF+)	Connecting Europe Facility
Cohesion Fund (CF)	European Defence Fund
Just Transition Fund (JTF)	Horizon Europe
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFAF)	
European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)	

Cohesion Policy funding 2021-2027

- Overarching cohesion policy objectives in 2021-2027: 1) Smarter Europe; 2) Greener Europe; 3) A more connected Europe; 4) A more social Europe and 5) Europe closer to the citizens.
- Cohesion policy funds are shared management funds, i.e. administered by the Member States themselves via **managing authorities**.
- Cohesion policy funds: European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Social Fund (ESF+), Just Transition Fund (JTF), Cohesion Fund (CF), European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFAF) and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).
- The funding is implemented via Operational Programmes, agreed between the European Commission and each MS separately. Operational Programmes are **thematic** based on the policy objectives defined as priority for the Member State and covering either separate regions, parts of the country or the whole country.
- The list of Operational Programmes (2021-27 process is still ongoing):
https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/atlas/programmes
- For the concrete calls, Managing Authorities can be consulted.
https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/atlas/managing-authorities//

Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

- Supports the development of high performing, sustainable and efficiently interconnected trans-European networks **in the fields of transport, energy and digital services**. CEF investments fill the missing links in Europe's energy, transport and digital backbone.
- Connecting Europe Facility is focusing on the market failures, cross-border sector and sub-optimal investment situations.
- Eligible countries: some calls are available for Cohesion Policy eligible countries only; others – covering all EU Member States and associated countries.

Connecting Europe Facility - some examples of open calls:

ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY - WORKS - LNG - 4TH CUT-OFF DATE (Deadline 13.04.2023)	https://www.euro-access.eu/en/calls/19/Alternative-Fuel-Infrastructure-Facility-Works-LNG-4th-cut-off-date
ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY - WORKS - LNG - 5TH CUT-OFF DATE (Deadline 10.09.2023)	https://www.euro-access.eu/en/calls/20/Alternative-Fuel-Infrastructure-Facility-Works-LNG-5th-cut-off-date
ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY - WORKS - LNG (COHESION COUNTRIES) - 4TH CUT-OFF DATE (Deadline 13.04.2023)	https://www.euro-access.eu/en/calls/22/Alternative-Fuel-Infrastructure-Facility-Works-LNG-Cohesion-Countries-4th-cut-off-date
ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY - WORKS - LNG (COHESION COUNTRIES) - 5TH CUT-OFF DATE (Deadline 19.09.2023)	https://www.euro-access.eu/en/calls/23/Alternative-Fuel-Infrastructure-Facility-Works-LNG-Cohesion-Countries-5th-cut-off-date
ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY - WORKS - ZERO EMISSIONS - 4TH CUT-OFF DATE (Deadline 13.04.2023)	https://www.euro-access.eu/en/calls/25/Alternative-Fuel-Infrastructure-Facility-Works-Zero-Emissions-4th-cut-off-date
ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY - WORKS - ZERO EMISSIONS - 5TH CUT-OFF DATE (Deadline 19.09.2023)	https://www.euro-access.eu/en/calls/26/Alternative-Fuel-Infrastructure-Facility-Works-Zero-Emissions-5th-cut-off-date
ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY - WORKS - ZERO EMISSIONS (COHESION COUNTRIES) - 4TH CUT-OFF DATE (Deadline 13.04.2023)	https://www.euro-access.eu/en/calls/28/Alternative-Fuel-Infrastructure-Facility-Works-Zero-Emissions-Cohesion-Countries-4th-cut-off-date
ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY - WORKS - ZERO EMISSIONS (COHESION COUNTRIES) - 5TH CUT-OFF DATE (Deadline 19.09.2023)	https://www.euro-access.eu/en/calls/29/Alternative-Fuel-Infrastructure-Facility-Works-Zero-Emissions-Cohesion-Countries-5th-cut-off-date
MARITIME PORTS – STUDIES, WORKS OR MIXED (Deadline 18.01.2023)	https://www.euro-access.eu/en/calls/120/Maritime-ports--studies-works-or-mixed

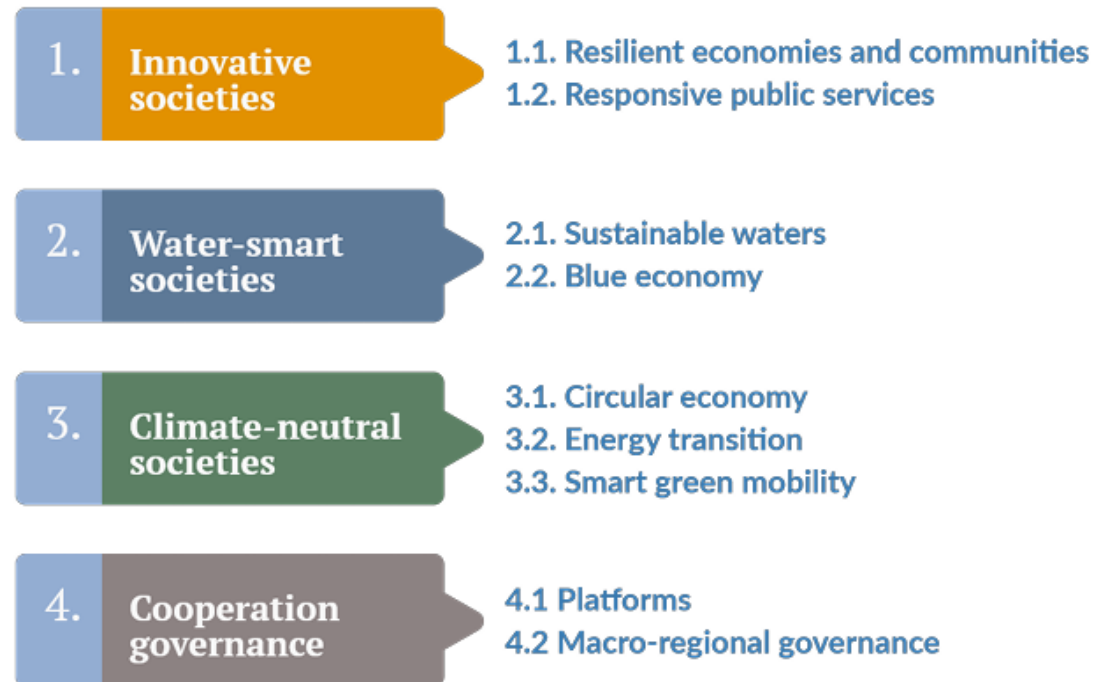
Horizon Europe

- Consists of 3 pillars: Excellent Science(I), Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness (II), Innovative Europe (III).
- European Innovation Council: €10.1 billion to support game changing innovations throughout the lifecycle from early-stage research, to proof of concept, technology transfer, and the financing and scale up of start-ups and SMEs.
- Missions (5 missions): Adaptation to Climate change mission, Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities mission, Cancer mission, Soil Deal for Europe mission, Restore our Ocean and Waters mission.
 - Aim of the missions: bringing in the thematic approach into cooperation, looking for synergies between the funding programmes, finding synergies between national and regional funding mechanisms.
 - Work Plan for 2023 is to be released around January 2023 with the upcoming calls for all 5 missions.

Interreg Baltic Sea Region

- Programme area: whole EUSBSR + NO
- The call is open until **mid-February 2023** for all priorities.

The Programme covers four priorities, which include nine Programme objectives:



Interreg Europe

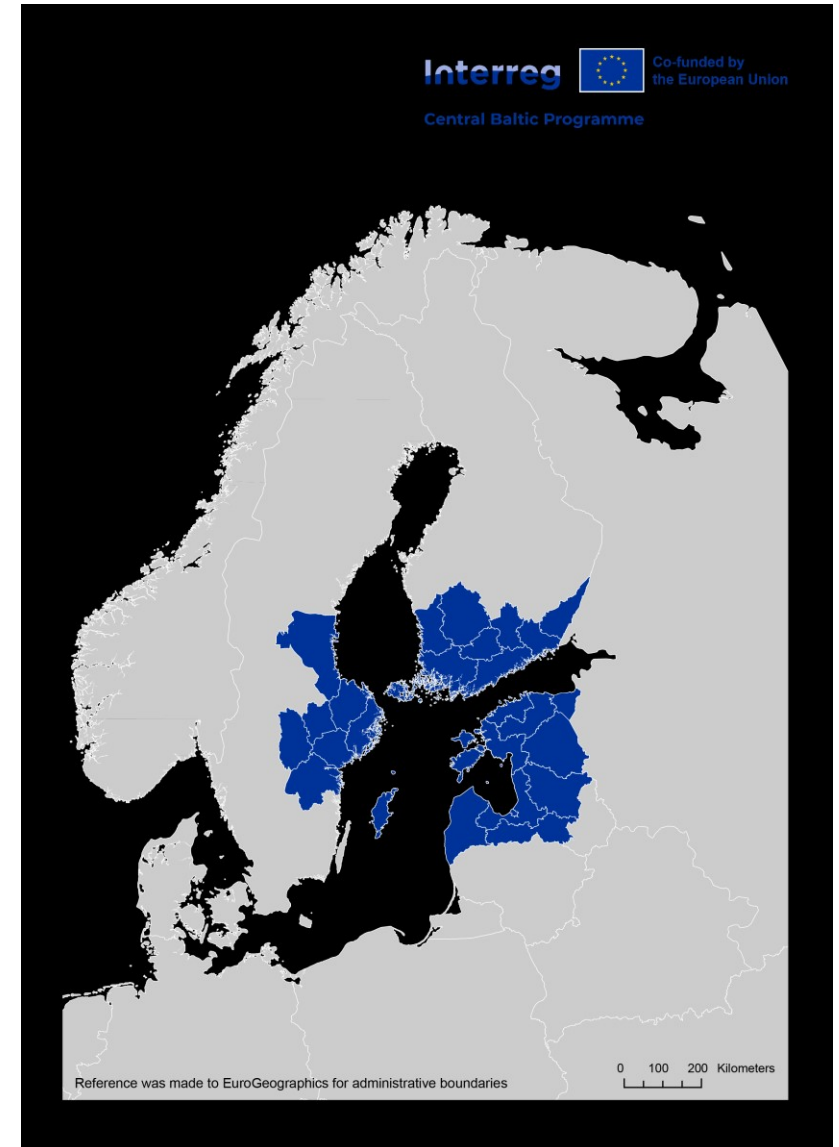
- Covers all EU Member States + Norway
- The next call will open from **15 March to 9 June 2023**
- Total amount of support for the projects: EUR 334.4 million European Regional Development + EUR 0.8 million Norwegian funding.

Table 1 – Allocation of programme budget per Policy Objectives and corresponding Specific Objectives

Share of programme budget	Policy objectives	Specific objectives
80%	1. Smarter Europe	All specific objectives: (i) Research and Innovation capacities, uptake of advanced technologies (ii) Digitisation for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities (iii) Sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments (iv) Skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition & entrepreneurship (v) Digital connectivity
	2. Greener Europe	All specific objectives: (i) Energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse emissions (ii) Renewable energy (iii) Smart energy systems, grids and storage (iv) Climate change adaptation, disaster risk prevention, resilience (v) Access to water and sustainable water management (vi) Circular and resource efficient economy (vii) Protection and preservation of nature and biodiversity, green infrastructures, pollution reduction (viii) Sustainable urban mobility for zero carbon economy
	4. More social Europe	The following selected specific objectives: (i) Effectiveness and inclusiveness of labour market, access to quality employment, social economy (v) Equal access to health care, health systems resilience, family-based and community-based care (vi) Culture and tourism for economic development, social inclusion and social innovation
20%	3. More connected Europe	All specific objectives: (i) Climate resilient, intelligent, secure, sustainable and intermodal TEN-T (ii) Sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility
	4. More social Europe	The following selected specific objectives: (ii) Accesses to education, training and lifelong learning, distance and on-line education and training (iii) Inclusion of marginalised communities, low-income households and disadvantaged groups (iv) Socio-economic integration of third country nationals, including migrants
	5. Europe closer to Citizens	All specific objectives (i) Sustainable integrated territorial development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security (urban areas) (ii) Sustainable integrated territorial development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism and security (other than urban)

Interreg Central Baltic

- The next call is planned for **February 2023**
- Programme Objectives:
 - More exports by SMEs
 - More new scaled-up growth companies
 - Joint circular economy solutions
 - Improved coastal and marine environment
 - Decreased CO2 emissions
 - Improved employment opportunities on labour market
 - Improved public services and solutions for the citizens



Interreg South Baltic

- Target area: regions in Poland, Denmark, Germany, Lithuania and Sweden
- “The Interreg South Baltic 2021-2027 programme stays in synergy with the revised Strategy and will play an active role in its implementation. The Programme measures are strongly linked to the main goals of the EUSBSR Save the Sea (Programme measures 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1), Connect the Region (Programme measures 4.1) and Increase Prosperity (Programme measures 1.1, 1.2)” – Interreg SB Programme Document.
- Planned date of the first call for proposals is **29 November 2022 - 30 January 2023**.

PRIORITY 1 - Innovative South Baltic

- 1.1 Digitalising the region
- 1.2 Building connectivity of the region through internationalization

PRIORITY 2 - Sustainable South Baltic

- 2.1 Supporting transition towards green energy
- 2.2 Promoting sustainable use of water
- 2.3 Supporting a circular and more resource efficient development

PRIORITY 3 - Attractive South Baltic

- 3.1 Developing sustainable, resilient, and innovative tourism

PRIORITY 4 - Active South Baltic

- 4.1 Strengthen the cooperation capacity of actors based within the South Baltic Area (including civil society)

Interreg Aurora

- Programme area: northern parts of Finland, Sweden, Norway.
- Total funding: 165 million Euro split between four priorities.
- The second call for project proposals will be open from **1 February until 28 March 2023**. All Priorities and Specific Objectives will be open for project applications.
- A **continuous call system** is in place for the submission of small-scale project applications (applications can be submitted at any time).



Priority 1 - A smarter Europe Smart and sustainable growth

Specific Objective 1.1 Smart specialization, research and innovation
Specific Objective 1.2 Competitiveness of SMEs



Priority 2 - A greener Europe Green and sustainable transition

Specific Objective 2.1 Climate change adaptation
Specific Objective 2.2 Nature protection and biodiversity
Specific Objective 2.3 Sustainable mobility



Priority 3 - A more social Europe Education, culture and sustainable tourism

Specific Objective 3.1 Education and lifelong learning
Specific Objective 3.2 Culture and sustainable tourism



Priority 4 - A better Interreg Governance Better and more sustainable cross-border cooperation

Specific Objective 4.1 Cross-border capacity building



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