



EUSBSR EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

**EUSBSR PA SHIP Steering Group meeting
29.5.2023 (Online)**

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Activities of the Policy Area Coordinator: PA Ship's cooperation procedure with HELCOM + PA Ship Meeting Structure

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Overview of the activities since November 2022 1/3

- New PAC/ Mirka Laurila-Pant started: handover & introduction to the activities, people, stakeholders, issues etc. (2/1/2023)
- Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership kick off in Rome (Online), participating (27/1/2023)
- Meeting of the EU MRS Transport Coordinators (Brussels), presentation and networking (1 - 2/2)
- HELCOM Baltic Stakeholder Conference 2023 (Online), participating (9 March 2023)
- PA Safe Idea Generation Workshop in Klaipeda, participating (29 March 2023)*
- PA Safe workshop supporting studies of Ukrainian maritime students (Klaipeda) participating (30 March 2023)*
- BlueMissionBANOS Introductory Seminar (Online), participating (12 April 2023)
- EU MRS Week (Online), presentation (25 April 2023)
 - Stakeholder session: Tackling the energy crisis in transport - smart solutions from MRS for a joint policy dialogue

Overview of the activities since November 2022 2/3

- Drafting the PA Ship's cooperation procedure with HELCOM as an Annex III of the PA Ship Strategy* and studying the HELCOM BSAP in order to consider mutual objectives
- PA Ship organizes a workshop on Green shipping corridors in Berlin - 8 June 2023
- Planning for 2023 and 2024: project idea workshops to be arranged in cooperation with PA Safe, as outlined in the Application
 - Autumn 2023: Sweden (Donsö Shipping Meet) 29 August and Estonia 12 October
 - Spring 2024: Germany (MARISSA/MCN), Denmark (Danish Maritime Fair May)
- Annual Forum 2023 in Riga
 - PA Ship and PA Safe (together with PA Spatial Planning) are planning a workshop on maritime transport and maritime spatial planning (specially windfarm planning)
 - Pa Ship, PA Nutri and PA Bioeconomy are planning a workshop on strengthening and developing cooperation with Ukraine to empower sustainable rebuilding. The preliminary subjects for new cooperation initiatives (sustainable agriculture, clean shipping, bioenergy) are linked to Save the Sea-objective of the EUSBSR.

Overview of the activities since November 2022 3/3

- Interreg BSR applications
 - 3 Small and 6 Core applications
 - PAC provided input to two core project applications
 - No small project were funded (decision made in April 2023)
 - The Monitoring Committee will make the decisions about funding in June for the Core projects
- At least 1 Regular project application (under PA Ship Action 3) for Interreg Central Baltic
 - The monitoring committee will decide on those who go to the second round in October 2023

Workshop supporting maritime students of Ukraine (30 March 2023) 1/3

- Objective of the workshop: discuss and coordinate actions to support maritime students of Ukraine to complete their studies and training with the assistance of individual EU Baltic Sea member states and their maritime educational institutes
- The chair of the workshop: Mr. Markku Mylly (former EMSA Director General) from the SeaFocus International
- Participating maritime academies and institutions:
 - Maritime Academies in Kherson and Odessa, Ukraine (on-line)
 - Lithuanian Maritime Academy (hosting the workshop)
 - University of Split, Croatia (on-line)
 - Chalmers University of Technology (Göteborg, Sweden)
 - Kalmar Maritime Academy (Kalmar, Sweden - on-line)
 - Liepaja Maritime College (Liepaja, Sweden)



Workshop supporting maritime students of Ukraine 2/3

The result of the workshop: 3 concrete proposals:

1. Online courses - topics, what type of lectures are needed
 - Maritime academies of Ukraine should define the need
 - Practical training is essential (both simulator and vessel training).
 - Note: Ukrainian male students have difficulty leaving Ukraine due to war legislation. However, but it is possible for women to leave Ukraine.
2. Traineeship on-board at Nordic vessels
 - Finnish Shipowners Association will help (their member Shipping companies)
3. Remote simulator courses
 - Currently not possible - requires sufficient broadband and similar simulator equipment at Ukraine

Workshop supporting maritime students of Ukraine 3/3

- As result of the workshop it was planned to apply funding (e.g. Erasmus + or ESR) for project to support maritime students of Ukraine to complete their studies and training with the assistance of EU Baltic Sea member states and their maritime education institutes.
- Next step: Planning on practical arrangements (coordinated by SeaFocus International) ([Maritime, Logistics, Supply Chain - SeaFocus International](#)) and writing the application:
 - Definition of scope and context
 - Establishment of project consortium
 - Funding instrument (Erasmus + or ESR)
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Time table

3. Activities of the Policy Area Coordinator: PA Ship's cooperation procedure with HELCOM

- Email was sent to SG on the 27th April 2023 (No changes have been proposed to the document)
- The idea behind the **PA Ship's cooperation with HELCOM** is to exchange information and offer ideas to achieve the common goal of a clean and sustainably utilized Baltic Sea region
- PA Ship has developed a cooperation procedure that includes following tasks/steps:
 1. To share a common understanding of the objectives of the cooperation.
 2. To exchange on common areas of activities.
 3. To identify concrete cooperation activities.
 4. To facilitate funding.
- The plan is to include the PA Ship's cooperation procedure with HELCOM as an Annex III of the PA Ship Strategy document

3. Activities of the Policy Area Coordinator: PA Ship Meeting Structure 1/2

Dividing the current PA Ship meetings in two interlinked parts:

- Formal Steering Group meetings focusing on administrative tasks
 - PAC work
 - Policy dialogue: New rules & regulations
 - Deployment of OG recommendations
 - Project proposals to OG based on the identified needs
- Operational Group (OG) meetings focusing on new projects
 - Financing and funding issues
 - Project status: Current and new projects/ideas (suggestions by Formal SG)
 - Recommendations to SG based on project results

3. Activities of the Policy Area Coordinator: PA Ship Meeting Structure 2/2

- Proposed next steps:
 - PAC will draft a written procedure for the OG and send it to the SG members by the end of June 2023
 - Attach a form where the SG members can provide contact information of national experts for the OG meetings
 - Deadline for the comments and the list of contact information by the early September 2023
 - First OG meeting (online) in October/November 2023?

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Presentation from the HELCOM Maritime Working Group

Mr. Markus Helavuori, HELCOM Maritime Working Group

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**Discussion on PA Ship related policy and
research needs**

Ideas for policy work/discussion 1/2

Idea Generation Workshop in Lithuania - Scrubbers

- Open Loop Scrubber systems - to ban within the Baltic Sea ? - no IMO regulation yet
 - Some ports have banned the use of open loop systems
- Handle scrubber sludge properly (port facilities) - not to be released / washed to the Baltic Sea
- Co-operation with HELCOM Maritime

- Policy lab: Rules and regulations, national and within the Baltic Sea (PSSA)
- Technology lab: technology and facilities to handle scrubber sludge in ports

Ideas for policy work/discussion 2/2

Green transition

- Handling of alternative fuels on-board and in ports
 - Update seafarers training on new/alternative fuels (e.g. methanol, biofuel and hydrogen)
- Windfarm energy transport -> use for alternative energy production
 - Ports as energy hubs (for alternative energy)
- Policy lab: Rules and regulations, national, HELCOM recommendations, IMO regulations
- Technology lab: technology and facilities on-board, in windfarms and in ports, digitalisation

5) An open discussion on PA Ship related policy and research needs

1. What are the current and upcoming policies and regulations related to clean shipping that should be focused on (e.g., in the upcoming PA Ship activities, idea generation workshops)?
2. What are the identified gaps or areas where further policy action is needed to drive the transition to cleaner shipping practices?
3. What are the research needs related to the development and implementation of clean shipping technologies and practices, e.g., including areas such as alternative fuels, emissions monitoring, and waste reduction?
4. What are the issues related to the promotion of clean shipping practices and technologies that are currently being focused on in your country? Is there national funding for these or how are they implemented in your country?

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Presentation from PA Ship Flagship project EMERGE

Dr Jukka-Pekka Jalkanen, Finnish Meteorological Institute



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Presentation from project Sustainable Flow

Mr Ulf Siwe, Swedish Maritime Administration

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Any other business:

- Latvia will take the Presidency of the EUSBSR PA Ship from July 1, 2023.
 - Next Formal SG meeting October 3 afternoon (tentative), Riga, Latvia (as back-to-back with the EUSBSR Annual Forum)

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Thank you!

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