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What is ShipCycle aiming for?

ShipCycle adresses the challenge of dismantling end-of-life ships in a safe, sustainable, and circular way within the Baltic Sea Region.

Today, many vessels are sent outside Europe for scrapping under conditions that harm workers and the environment. Meanwhile, EU regulations demand certified facilities, but regional capacity is low and fragmented.

Our project is needed by local and regional authorities, port operators, business support organisations, and maritime companies. These actors could play a central role in creating a circular ship recycling market, but they lack an overview of capacities, clear policy guidance, and opportunities to cooperate across borders.

What stops them is a mix of barriers: high costs compared to overseas scrapping, uncertainty about future regulations, and limited awareness of how different national strengths could be combined into a regional solution.

ShipCycle helps overcome these barriers by mapping the ecosystem of actors and infrastructures, facilitating policy dialogues, and directly engaging companies through cross-border visits and exchanges.

The output of the project will be a joint roadmap for circular ship recycling in the region.

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Project partners in ShipCycle?



Group of Activities, Deliverables and Output

Group of Activities	Deliverable/Ouput	How	Why	Partner lead
1. Knowledge base & ecosystem mapping	Mapping/report of actors, infrastructure, capacities and value chains	Partner input, interviews, site visits, desk research	To create a shared evidence base for circular ship recycling in the Baltic Sea Region; identifying where capacities, gaps and cross-border complementarities exist.	Rostock Business (DE)
2. Policy dialogue & awareness raising	Policy briefs/publications for decision-makers	Policy dialogues, briefings, conferences, direct outreach	To turn fragmented knowledge into policy attention and help authorities understand how ship recycling links to clean shipping, port development and circular economy.	Danske Maritime (DK)
3. Transnational business engagement	Delegation visit reports and conference materials	Delegation visits, matchmaking, company engagement, conferences	To connect the companies, ports, yards and service providers that could form future circular value chains across Denmark, Germany and Poland.	Business Lolland-Falster (DK)
4. Recommendations & roadmap	**Output:** Joint policy recommendations and strategic transnational roadmap	Synthesis, stakeholder validation, final publication	To provide authorities and industry actors with a knowledge base and practical direction for building regional capacity beyond the project lifetime.	Baltic Sea and Space Cluster (PL)

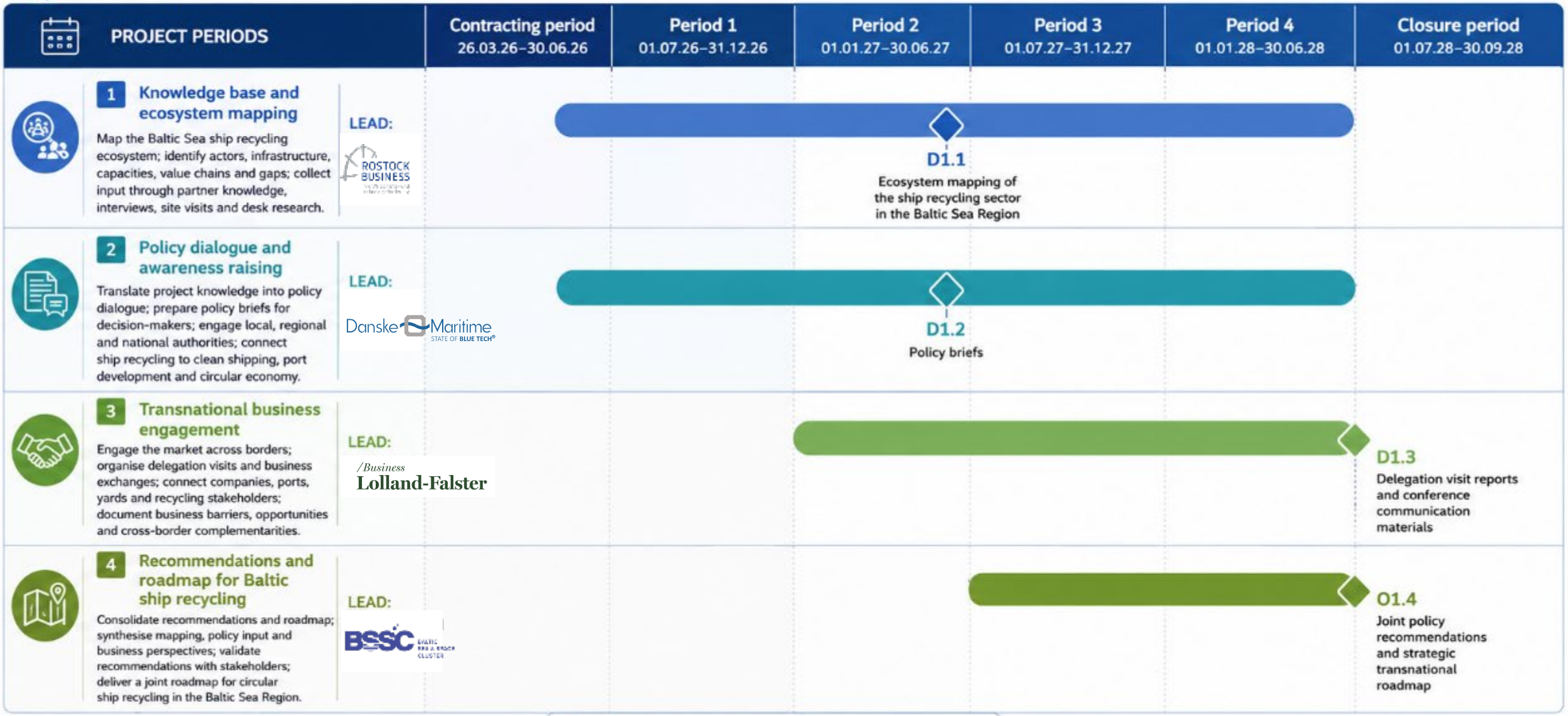
Four target groups

Geographical focus of partners: Zealand and Lolland-Falster (DK), Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (DE), Pomerania (PL)

Target group	Who they are	Role and needs
Business support organisations	Chambers of commerce, maritime clusters and development agencies supporting SMEs and larger companies in shipbuilding, ports, and recycling. Sector: maritime industries and circular economy.	Connect and guide companies towards emerging opportunities in circular ship recycling. Apply the roadmap in daily advisory work, using it as a reference for regulatory trends, investment priorities, and cross-border cooperation.
Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)	Businesses in shipbuilding, maritime services, recycling and logistics. Sector: Ship dismantling, material reuse and circular economy services.	Deliver ship recycling and material reuse. Apply the roadmap as a strategic orientation tool. It provides them with clarity on future regulatory developments, investment priorities, and opportunities for cross-border partnerships.
Local public authorities	Municipalities and port authorities responsible for land use, infrastructure and local development. Field of responsibility: spatial planning and port development.	Apply the roadmap and recommendations when drafting spatial plans and investment strategies. The output helps them assess how their local assets can contribute to circular ship recycling and align local priorities with regional and transnational goals.
Regional public authorities	Regional councils and development agencies responsible for industrial and economic policy. Field of responsibility: regional development and circular economy transition.	Regional councils and development agencies will use the roadmap and recommendations to guide industrial and economic development policies. The output offers a transnationally validated framework for integrating circular ship recycling into regional strategies, funding programmes, and cluster initiatives.

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Workplan Overview



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