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The EUSBSR Action Plan 2020

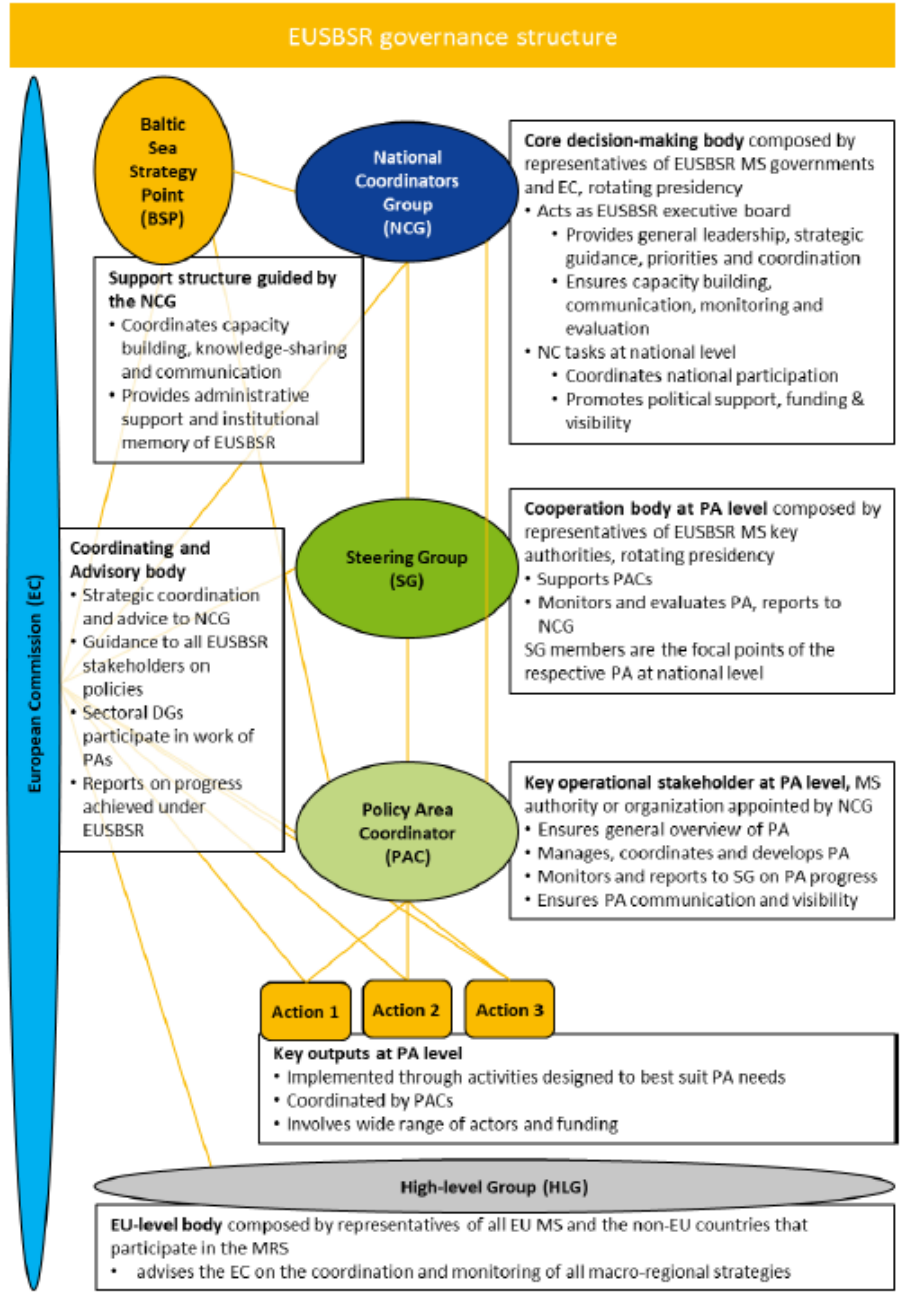
- Is aligned with the current EU strategic priorities and other relevant policy frameworks
- Integrates the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
- Focuses better to the needs for macro-regional cooperation in Baltic Sea Region for the 2021-2027 programming period
- It is more concrete in presented actions
- Facilitates the embedding exercise
- Is significantly shorter and more readable document

EUSBSR Governance Structure - Aims

- Empowering relevant stakeholders
- Increasing their ownership and encourages participation in the implementation and development of the Strategy
- Clear links to policy-making at the national and regional levels
- Engagement of line ministries and other public authorities and to solidify political support and implementation in the EUSBSR Member States

2.2. Governance structure

Picture 2: Simplified version of the EUSBSR governance structure



Elements of EUSBSR Governance to be funded by Interreg BSR 2021-2027 [provisional]

- I The EUSBSR Strategy Point (Baltic Sea Strategy Point/BSP)
- II Organisation of the EUSBSR Annual Forum
- III Assistance to the Policy Area Coordinators

Baltic Sea Strategy Point (BSP)

The Action Plan 2020 gives further details on the new BSP.

- Management tasks (technical support to the NCG, serving as the institutional memory of the EUSBSR, coordinating the monitoring and evaluation of the EUSBSR),
- Communication,
- Coordination of cross-cutting issues, including cooperation with non-EU partner countries,
- Capacity building.

Policy Areas (PAs)

- Climate protection is now the overall guideline for every PA
- Indicators and Actions were tightened, e.g. PA Secure (from eight to three Actions)
- Indicators and Actions were specified, e.g. PA Energy
- new PA included: PA Spatial Planning (formerly a Horizontal Area)

Extract Article 2.4.3, revised Action Plan

A PAC organisation representing an EUSBSR Member State can be a ministry or other official authority of the national or regional government. A PAC can also be an organisation or an intergovernmental or non-governmental body, which can ensure the operationalisation of a PA.

Horizontal Areas (HAs)

Action Plan 2017	**Action Plan 2020**
HA Capacity	dissolved as a HA; will be incorporated in the Baltic Sea Strategy Point
HA Climate	dissolved as a HA; incorporated in all Policy Areas (PA); every PA now has to keep in mind climate issues
HA Neighbours	dissolved as a HA; will be incorporated in the Baltic Sea Strategy Point
HA Spatial Planning	no longer a HA, but now a PA

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