EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

~~Priority~~ Policy Area on Clean Shipping

Welcome

4th meeting of the international Steering Committee
Copenhagen, 7 May 2015

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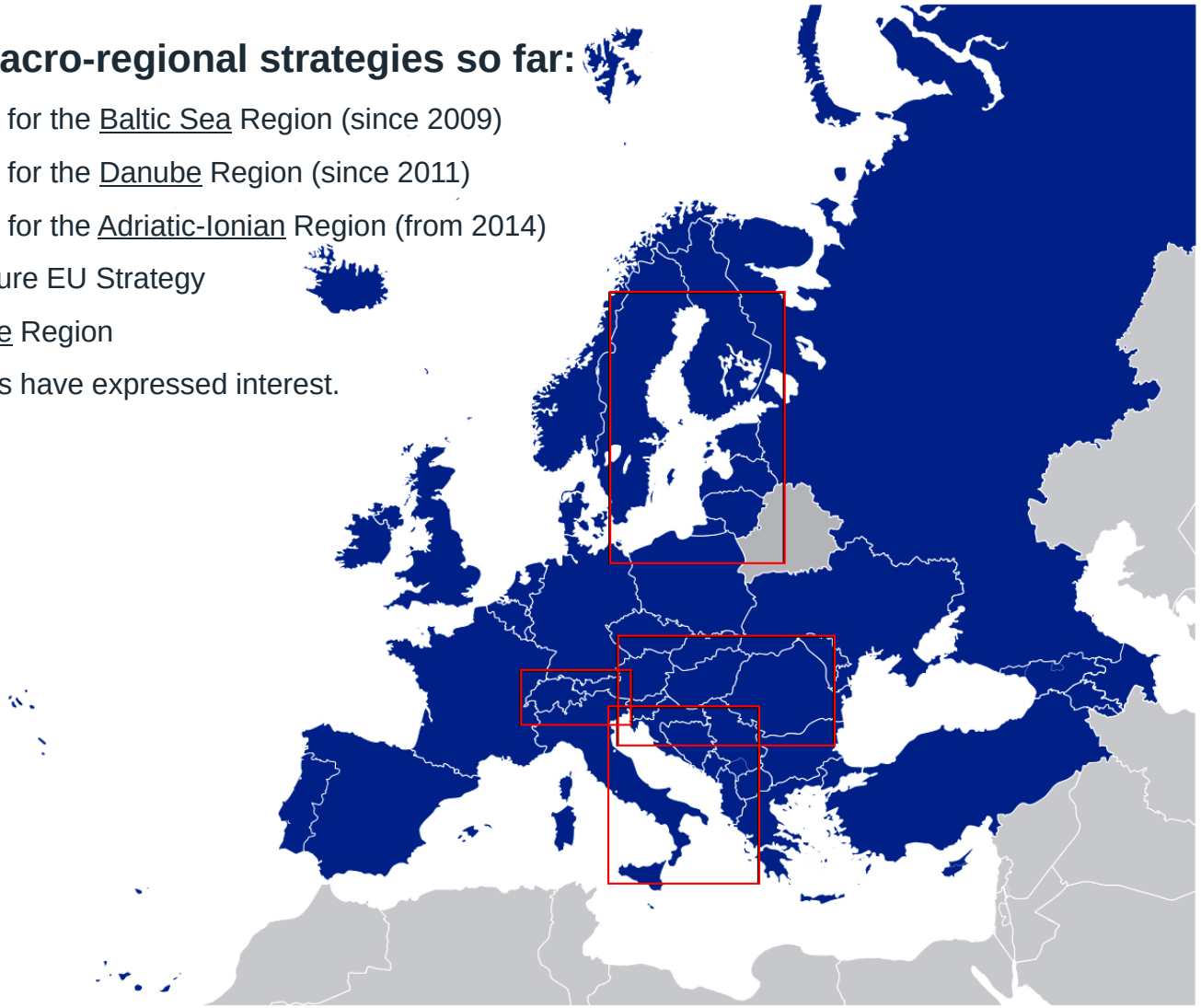
The 4 EU macro-regional strategies so far:

- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (since 2009)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (since 2011)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region (from 2014)
- Potential future EU Strategy for the Alpine Region
- More regions have expressed interest.



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Save the Sea

Connect the Region

Increase prosperity

8 EU Member States:
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
Germany
Latvia
Lithuania
Poland
Sweden

European Commission
Other stakeholders

Cooperation with
neighbouring states

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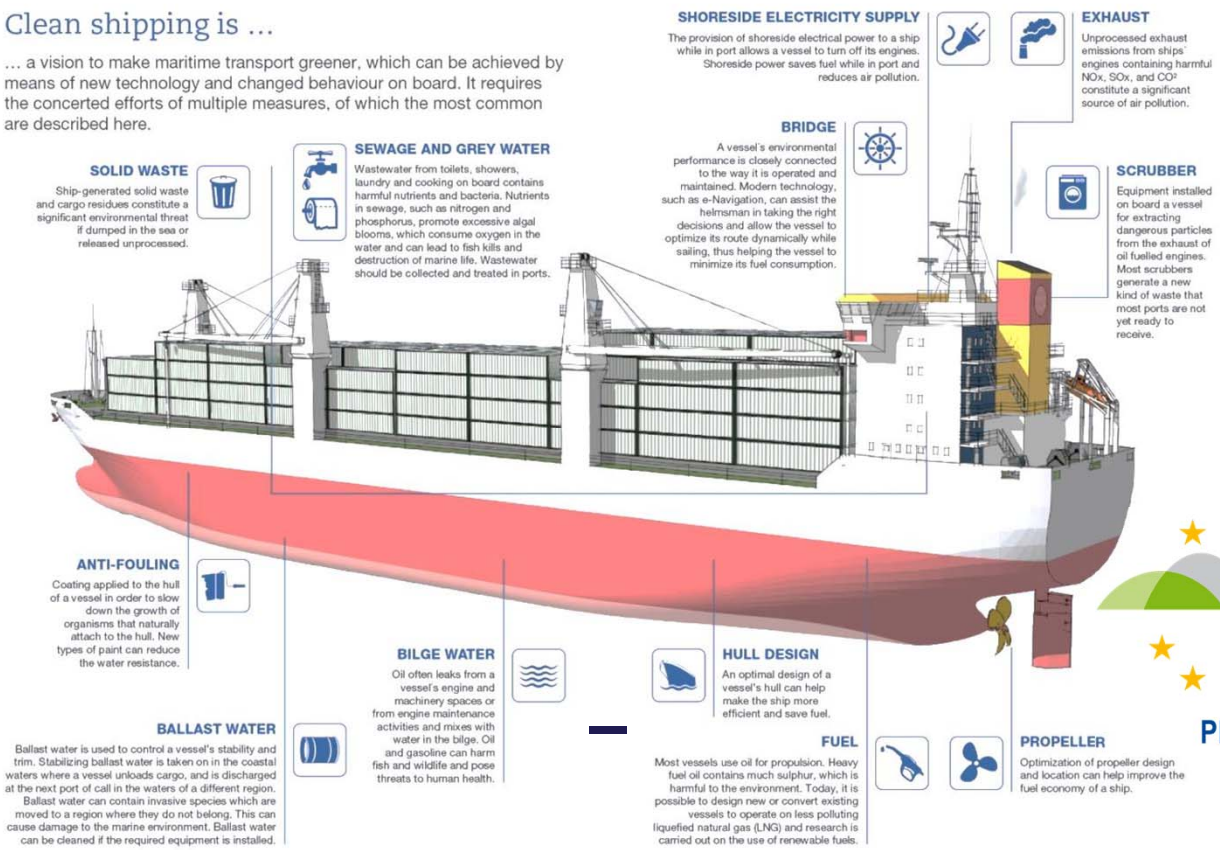

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PRIORITY AREA 'SHIP'

Creating a model region for clean shipping

The task and mandate of the PAC

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Roles and responsibilities of the implementing stakeholders of the EUSBSR and a flagship project concept

Working document

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The tasks of the Priority Area Coordinator

Facilitate involvement of and cooperation with relevant stakeholders from the entire macro-region and in close cooperation with those[1]:

1. Implement and follow-up the Priority Area towards targets and indicators defined. Whenever relevant, review of the indicators and targets set.
2. Review regularly the relevance of the Priority Area as described in the Action Plan. Propose necessary updates including the addition, modification or deletion of actions and flagship projects to the European Commission.
3. Facilitate policy discussions in the Baltic Sea Region regarding the Priority Area concerned.
4. Facilitate development and implementation of actions and flagship projects defined under the Priority Area.
5. Convey relevant results and recommendations of ongoing and completed flagship projects to the policy level.
6. Ensure communication and visibility of the Priority Area.
7. Maintain a dialogue with bodies in charge of implementation of programmes/financial instruments on alignment of funding for implementation of the Priority Area and flagship projects.
8. Liaise and cooperate with other Priority Area Coordinators and Horizontal Action Leaders in order to ensure coherence and avoid duplication of actions in the EUSBSR implementation.
9. Monitor progress within the Priority Area and report on it.

1 For this purpose, a steering committee/coordination group should be set-up and chaired by the Priority Area Coordinator(s). A group should be composed of representatives of all Member States and other Baltic Sea Region states, when relevant, as well as experts in the area concerned. A group should meet at least twice a year and support Priority Area Coordinator(s) in implementation of the tasks referred.

International Steering Committee for PA Ship

Consists of
- authorities
- projects
- regional organisations
- other stakeholders

Convenes 2 times annually

Provides assistance & advice to PAC

Monitors progress of projects & select topics for new initiatives

Conveys results to policy level for implementation

What can we offer to projects?

- Official recognition in the EU Strategy
- Political attention
- Access to exhibit results
- Assistance to convey project results to policy level
- Access to seed-money facility
- Networking with other projects
- Expected in the future: facilitated application

More challenges to overcome ahead..

Revised EUSBSR Action Plan

Summary of process

Review formally launched in the Spring of 2014

PA Ship started its review process already last Summer
- Committee members and projects provided ideas and comments
- discussed the review at our steering committee meeting in October
- the PAC has worked a lot on the draft in early 2015
- the Committee approved the draft by silent procedure in March/April
- National EUSBSR coordinators approved our proposal in April
- Interservice consultation in European Commission now ongoing
- Subject for approval at High Level Group meeting on 3-4 June
- Public presentation expected at 6th Annual EUSBSR Forum in Jurmala, Latvia on 15-16 June 2015

Revised EUSBSR Action Plan
Which changes in PA Ship chapter?

Most comments and proposals received reflected in the text

Focus on blue growth attempted throughout the text, as a driver for change

New section on results already achieved by former PA Ship projects

New section on working methods:
- project based policy dialogue, connnect project makers
- provide advice on funding and strive for alignment of funding
- ensure that projects are building on results of completed projects

<u>No changes</u> to targets and indicators – we are still aiming at:
- Reducing emissions from the shipping in the Baltic Sea
- Establishment of upgraded reception facilities for sewage

Revised EUSBSR Action Plan
Which changes in PA Ship chapter? (continued)

Actions and projects

Previously a single major action:
- Reduce ship pollution and develop shore-side facilities

Now three new thematic actions
- To create infrastructure for alternative fuels in the Baltic Sea region
- To support measures reducing emissions from ships
- To develop shore-side facilities to foster clean shipping measures

In new annex:
3 new proposed Flagship Projects: EnviSum, CompMon, BallastRisk
2 existing Flagship Projects: Clean Shipping Index, LNG in BSP II

Updated entry on all succesfully completed projects

Alignment of funding
Role of PA Ship

Alignment of funding (i.e. the Policy Area´s view on how to prioritise clean shipping in the EU funding programmes)

Need for a prioritisation of programmes we liaise with?
“Investment” vs “cooperation” programmes

Need for specific prioritisation of thematic fields for project development?
If so, which fields should be prioritised?

Should both land/portbased initiatives and such at sea be equally supported?
Do we wish to prioritise certain technologies?
Do we have sub-regional/geographical priorities?

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Project endorsement/support
Role of PA Ship´s Steering Committe

Endorsement of projects (i.e. which clean shipping projects the Policy Area can support)

Is time ripe for a more selective assessment of projects?
Limit endorsement to projects foreseen in Action Plan?

Should we only endorse projects already enjoying Flagship Project
Should we support other projects, which indirectly support objectives?
Should we differentiate our appraisal of projects according to their affiliation to the Strategy?

What is the role of the international Steering Committee in this process?
How does the Steering Committee wish to be included?
Do you have capacity to go through project proposals?
Can we share the workload?

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Thank you for your attention & have a nice day!

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EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
http://www.balticsea-region-strategy.eu

Priority Area on Clean Shipping
http://pa-ship.dma.dk

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