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# Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020

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# Programme area and funding

- 115 million euros available for projects

- Co-financing rates:
  - 75 % in Finland, Åland, Sweden
  - 85 % in Estonia, Latvia

# Programme basics

- Partners from at least two participating countries
- Clear cross-border added value
- 2-step approach for regular projects
- Small projects

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# Four Priorities of the Central Baltic Programme

1. Competitive economy
2. Sustainable use of common resources
3. Well-connected region
4. Skilled and socially inclusive region

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**Competitive economy of the region**
(29 meur)

**Sustainable use of common resources**
(37 meur)

**Well-connected region**
(37 meur)

**Skilled and socially inclusive region**
(12 meur)

Access to and use and quality of ICT

The shift towards a low-carbon economy

New knowledge intensive companies

More entrepreneurial youth

More exports by the Central Baltic companies to new markets

Natural and cultural resources developed into sustainable tourist attractions

Sustainably planned and managed marine and coastal areas

Better urban planning in the Central Baltic region

Reduced nutrients, hazardous substances and toxic inflows to the Baltic Sea

Improved transport flows of people and goods

Improved services of CB small ports for mobility and tourism

More people benefiting from stronger CB communities

More aligned vocational education and training programmes

# Maritime aspects in CBP (1)

- Specific Objective (SO) 2.2 – Sustainably planned and managed marine and coastal areas

- SO 2.4 – Reduced nutrients, hazardous substances and toxins' inflows into the Baltic Sea

# Maritime aspects in CBP (2)

- SO 3.1 – Improved transport flows of people and goods ➡ if the project will include development of marine transport corridors or nodes including seaport

- SO 3.2 - Improved services of existing small ports to improve local and regional mobility and contribute to tourism development

# First call

- Open on 18. December – 9. February
- Small projects: decisions in April and projects can start in May 2015
- Regular projects: decisions on the first step in April and final decisions in August. Projects can start in September 2015

# Next calls

- Second call: 24. August – 23. October 2015
- Small projects can start from February 2016
- Regular projects can start from July 2016

- Third call: open in spring 2016
- Projects can start from July or December 2016

# Submitting an application

- eMonitoring System
- Opened when the call is opened
- Lead Applicant fills in application
- Templates and questions will be available earlier

# What characterizes a strong project?

- Contribution to the programme result indicators
- Presence of a cross-border challenge or opportunity
- Joint interest to co-operate
- Strong partnership: capacity for international co-operation

# Results

- Project results must support the programme in fulfilling the programme objectives
- The most important factor in assessment of project proposals
- Focus on result indicators!

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# Thank You!

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