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EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
Priority Area on Clean Shipping

Proposal to create Steering Committee

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Why a new separate steering body..?

- We found it necessary to anchor the development of the Priority Area better with Member States and stakeholders throughout the Baltic Sea Region.
- There are already several fora in the Baltic Sea Region dealing with clean shipping.
- It´s necessary to be conscious of ressources and to limit travels.
- We have carefully assessed, if any of the existing fora could serve as a Steering Commitee or governance body for the Priority Area.
- We have analysed several options, but came to the conclusion that a combination of political and practical issues favour a separate steering body.
- A separate steering committee may e.g. conduct its meetings back-to-back with other fora or meetings.

Analysis – existing fora

Issue / Forum	Frequency of meetings	Thematic relevance	Membership	Inclusion of non EU Member States
CBSS Expert Group on Maritime Policy	2-3 annual meetings, typically 1-2 days	Varies. Focuses on maritime economy. Each chairmanship defines activity. Time-limited.	Governments. Other organisations can attend as guest.	Yes, RU, NO & ICE
HELCOM Maritime	1 annual meeting 3-day long	Strong, but often more policy- than project oriented.	Governments. Observers and guests may attend.	Yes, RU
Steering Commitee for PA Ship	2 annual short meetings expected.	Tailormade for project-based policy dialogue	Tailormade for EUSBSR. Governments, projects, private stakeholders.	Not yet, but can attend if agreed.

Requirements for PA Ship steering body

- Provide advice and assistance to the Priority Area Coordinator.
- Serve as a forum for policy discussions on the actions of the Priority Area on Clean Shipping.
- The Steering Committee is to discuss and recommend actions pertaining to the implementation of the priority area. May include monitoring and review of the targets and indicators set and review of the Priority Area´s section of the Action Plan.
- Identify topics for and initiate new projects.
- Assist in selecting and prioritising seed-money projects.
- Meet approx. twice annually.
- Serve as a forum for dialogue among flagship projects.

What´s in it for the projects?

Not a huge amount of money, but..

- **An official recognition as ”Flagship Project” in the EU Strategy**
- **Increased political attention while the project is running**
- **Access to exhibit the results at various meetings and events**
- **Assistance to convey projects results and recommendations to policy level once the project is completed**
- **Access to new seed-money facility to ease the start of new projects**
- **Contacts with other projects operating in the field**
- **Expected in the future: easier application in some EU programmes**

We hope that this is helpful for the projects.

Thank you for your attention!

Further information:

http://pa-ship.dma.dk

http://www.balticsea-region-strategy.eu/