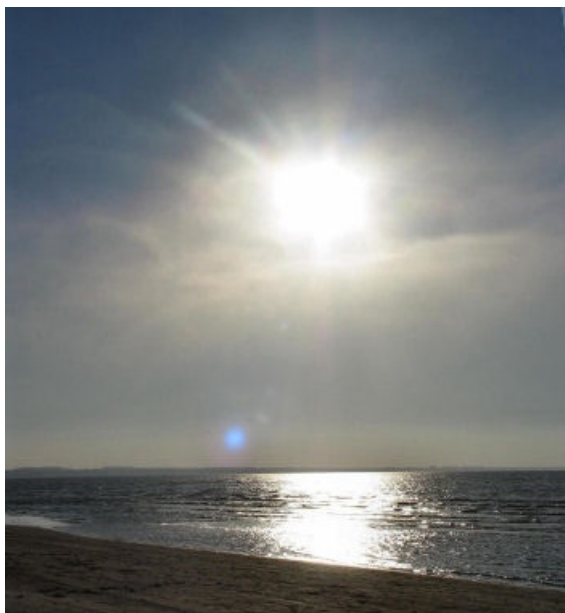


Baltic Sea Region Interreg IV Maritime Projects Proposals



The aim of the Baltic Sea Region Programme is to strengthen the development towards a sustainable, competitive and territorially integrated Baltic Sea region by connecting potentials over the borders.

BSR Programme would welcome project-funding applications aimed at the integration of efforts towards a cleaner and better-managed Baltic Sea.

Maritime safety project within the Baltic Sea Region could be funded under priority 3 of transnational territorial cooperation programme.

Management of the Baltic Sea as a common resource

Maritime Projects in the BSR

The objective of Priority 3 of the BSR transnational territorial cooperation programme is to improve the management of the Baltic Sea resources in order to achieve its better environmental state.

The Baltic Sea has been assigned to be a Particular Sensitive Sea Area and therefore it has some restriction in what is possible. The Baltic Sea Region would like to achieve priority three this by among others, making sure that the projects aim at enhancing the maritime safety by taking the following in account

- Application of strategies, tools and methods to minimise environmental risks resulting from both natural hazards and human activities (marine transport, sea-bottom pipeline transport, tourism, fisheries etc).
- Actions and investments to enhance preparedness and response on the sea in case of accidents or spills (contingency planning,



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- equipment on ships, harmonisation of legislative frames, principles, rules and regulations)
- Joint strategies and actions to increase reliability of maritime transport in the Baltic Sea (e.g. ice breaking, safer transport of dangerous goods)

In dealing with these issues, maritime projects should consider using tools and strategies such as Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM); Multi-Hazard Management and Risk Reduction, Vulnerability Reduction by Spatial Planning and Civil Protection Integration, Joint Co-ordinated Approaches to Monitoring Disasters and Early Warning Systems.

Activities in the area of marine environmental policy and legislation, and in the area of maritime safety (e.g. the cross-programme initiative 'Maritime Safety Umbrella Operation') should be given due attention when preparing projects under this priority.

For more information please refer to the Baltic Sea Programme 2007-2013-2013 available at: <http://www.bsrinterreg.net/programm/2007-2013.html>

Do You Have a Project?

The MSUO has researched the potential for maritime projects to be undertaken within the BSR area. This research has identified a number of potential project ideas, which have a maritime safety dimension. Partnerships that wish to undertake these projects could produce viable applications for Interreg IV funding, within the maritime context of Priority 1.

Potential project partners, with project ideas, which could be funded by the BSR IV Interreg Programme, have contacted the MSUO. Have you an idea? or Do you wish to participate?

The BSR Programme and MSUO have identified the following projects that require partners to take forward funding applications in transnational and cross-border territorial cooperation programmes:

Shipping Policy, Marine Spatial Planning & Sustainable Management

- Ship operations in Artic Seas
- Transnational ship registry
- Evaluation of the conflicts vs. the overlaps between the EU marine strategy Directive and the Maritime Strategy Green paper
- ICZM / Sustainable management – best practises in Europe



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- Marine Habitats inventory
- Oceanographic sensors strengthening Maritime Safety
- Structure development for exchanging metrological and hydrographical information
- Spatial planning of selected marine areas.
- Integrated approaches to problems
- Develop integrated risk management system

Risk Management & Prevention

- Maritime Safety Information Exchange System (SWIBZ) with IT infrastructure development for safety and security at sea
- Extra uses of AIS (information about cargo, wind farms, places of refuge, traffic and risk probability)
- Motorways of the Seas, Short Sea Shipping
- Planning of slots allocation for AIS data exchange
- Common IT infrastructure for Maritime Safety and Information
- Implement uniform Baltic Sea FSA (Formal Safe Assessment) system and connection to winter traffic to the system.
- Regional cross-border cooperation and co-ordination in training and mutual support in case of serious accidents.
- Places of refuge in the Baltic Sea, requirements and recommendations
- Use of telematics in improving maritime safety
- Joint transnational risk assessment, long term planning for prevention against maritime accidents and emergencies

Disaster & Incident Response

- *On which grounds the use of dispersants would be recommendable*
- *Development technical solutions to allow monitoring and assessment of the impacts of pollution*
- *Oil spill response and methods – particularly in adverse sea conditions*
- *Polluter Pay Principle*

Do You Have Your Own Ideas for a Successful Maritime Safety Project?

Do You Need Project Partners?

The MSUO has been contacted by organisations and authorities, which are looking for project partners across the BSR Programme area. These include maritime authorities, ports, industry, environment protection agencies, NGOs, local authorities, education foundations and academic institutions. If you have



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a project or wish to participate in one, then contact the MSUO and we can put you in contact with other potential partners.

What You Should Do Next?

If your organisation has a project needing funding or if you would like to participate in one of the projects above, you should contact the MSUO as soon as possible. The MSUO can then put you in contact with other potential partners and the BSR Interreg IV Programme, exchange information and provide technical assistance when your partnership develops a funding application.

Maritime safety projects are being taken forward across the European Seas. The MSUO will work with successful projects to make sure that you are not working in isolation. The MSUO will bring projects from across Europe together to undertake joint work, exchange ideas and knowledge and participate in educational seminars on best practice. However, for this to happen you must make sure that you work closely with the MSUO as you develop your application from the earliest point. As with all initiatives, funding resources will be limited. It may not be possible for two or more similar projects examining the same issues to go forward. When similar projects are being developed, the MSUO can assist partnerships to merge and form coherent strategic projects.

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Good Luck in the next Programme!



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