



Interreg Baltic Sea Region: Support for Blue Growth

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Interreg Baltic Sea Region

10 countries...

...strengthen the integrated territorial development and cooperation for a more innovative, better accessible and sustainable Baltic Sea Region...

... through **transnational cooperation projects** in the area.





What is expected from projects?

- Joint solutions for common challenges relevant for the whole or major part of the BSR
 - ⇒**To increase institutional capacities** of public authorities and agencies, NGOs, enterprises and research organisations to work for a better Baltic Sea Region



Priorities and Objectives

Innovation

Research & innovation infrastructures

Smart specialisation

Nontechnological innovation Natural resources

Clear waters

Renewable energy

Energy efficiency

Blue growth

Transport

Interoperability

Accessibility

Maritime Safety

Shipping

Urban mobility

EU strategy support

Seed money

Support of PACs & HACs

Targeted support & EUSBSR forums



Blue growth in Interreg Baltic Sea Region

Novel and traditional maritime sectors are supported: e.g.

- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Maritime and coastal tourism
- Biotechnology
- Renewable energy
 2.2 Renewable energy

2. 4 Blue growth

Regional development strategies → 1.2 Smart specialisation



Examples of blue growth projects in Interreg Baltic Sea Region





Third call for applications 5 October 2017 – 15 January 2018 – 9 April 2018

Funding for projects in the third call

ERDF (in million euro)	Available
Priority 1 Innovation	23.3
Priority 2 Natural resources	18.5
Priority 3 Transport	15.7

Total ERDF for the 3rd call: 57.5



Funding for projects in the third call

- Norwegian funds EUR 2.7 million
- ENI and Russian funds EUR 5.1 million





Co-financing rates

Norway

up to 50%

Denmark, Finland, Germany & Sweden up to 75%

Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania & Poland up to 85%

Russia up to 85%





Partnership composition

- At least three partners from three different Programme countries: lead partner + two project partners
- Represent strategic combination of expertise
- Involve organisations representing main target groups
- Be in a position to ensure wider outreach to relevant stakeholders



Focus of the call

 The call focuses on projects that increase institutional capacity of public authorities at all levels of governance

⇒It is expected that projects include public authorities with relevant roles in the partnership.



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Focus of the call

In addition, the Programme welcomes in particular...

- **SO 1.1** Research & Innovation infrastructures: applications that include **private partners**;
- P2 "Natural resources" and P3 "Transport": applications that plan investments to be realised with other than the Programme funding;
- EUSBSR **flagship** projects.





Application procedure in brief

- Submit a Project Idea Form by 15 January 2018
- Attend a consultation with MA/JS

Monitoring Committee
Members or National Contact
Points may contact for further
advice.

Submit a project application and further documents by 9 April 2018

Info at https://www.interreg-baltic.eu/thirdcallforapplications.html



First call for applications for project platforms 5 October 2017 – 28 February 2018

Capitalising projects' outcomes in...

Innovation



Smart specialisation (1.2)

Natural resources



Clear waters (2.1)
Blue growth (2.4)

Transport



Interoperability (3.1)
Maritime safety (3.3)
Shipping (3.4)

Objective: to increase impacts of Interreg Baltic Sea Region and other EU-funded projects in the area



New instrument: project platforms

A project platform is a framework for cooperation

- of core partners of Interreg Baltic
 Sea Region projects,
- project partners from other EU funding programmes,
- coordinators of EUSBSR and other stakeholders
- in one thematic field



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