

UMBRELLA

BOOSTING CROSS-BORDER
COOPERATION CAPACITIES
OF SMALL ACTORS IN THE
SOUTH BALTIC SEA
FINAL CONFERENCE

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INVITATION

Dear Umbrella's beneficiary,

On behalf of the Association of Polish Communes Euroregion Baltic as Lead Partner of Umbrella Project and on behalf of the whole project partnership, we would like to invite you to our final conference. Three years have passed since Umbrella was approved by INTERREG South Baltic Programme and launched by the partnership.

This project was needed since research showed that the South Baltic Programme was still poorly available to small organizations because of insufficient institutional and financial capacities, communication barriers, lack of English language skills, lack of competencies and capacities for project development and implementation.

What observed in the frame of the South Baltic Programme could be generalized also for other European grants and other local cross-border cooperation opportunities in the South Baltic Sea area.

The overall objective of the project was to initiate a process of the capacity building involving small municipalities, NGOs and other local/ regional organizations in order to transfer them knowledge and capacities, and to include them in the current cross-border cooperation networks. Today we can finally state that we've achieved over expected results and we would like to share them with you.



On 2nd December 2020, we invite all Umbrella partners and stakeholders, small and local South Baltic beneficiaries to join us and celebrate the final project event.

What to expect?

- **Summary** of our project events & activities with comments from Umbrella partners, associated partners and beneficiaries;
- A solid portion of **knowledge** on EUSBSR and SDGs – how to align them better with your daily work and start new cross-border cooperation activities;
- Future of the interregional cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region
 - Plans for the EU's MFF 2021-27
 - **Hot topics** for cross-border cooperation
 - Inside information about the future of the Interreg South Baltic Programme.

#HaveYourSay

We will also organize an **interactive session** where you can give your input on the future Programme perspective & proposed objectives!



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AGENDA

Wednesday, December 2nd 10am – 15:00pm

10:00

Getting started! Start & Welcome

moderator **Maciej Kautz**

10:10

Few words from the Project Leader

Valentina Scandola

Project Leader, Association of Polish Communes of Euroregion Baltic

10:15- 11:00

**PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT AND UMBRELLA RESULTS -
PROJECT PARTNERS**

About the Umbrella 2.0 concept

Magda Leszczyna-Rzucidło

Head of the International Permanent Secretariat of Euroregion Baltic



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11:00- 12:00

KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND CAPACITY BUILDING SESSION

11:00

Macro-regional strategies as strategic frameworks to develop targeted solutions to today's complex societal challenges.

Anders Bergstrom

EUSBSR Policy Area Coordinator Education /Horizontal Action Coordinator Capacity

11:20

UN Sustainable Development Goals in the Baltic Sea Region – state of art. How to engage small actors?

Daria Akhutina, Senior Adviser, Council of the Baltic Sea States

Ugis Zanders, Priority Area Officer, Council of the Baltic Sea States

11:40

EU Green Deal – an introduction

Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, Senior Fellow with the Center for International Relations in Warsaw, Member of Team Europe Poland

12:00 - 13:00 lunch break

13:00 THE FUTURE - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- **Niels Chresten Andersen**, Regional Municipality on Bornholm
Introduction of the panel. South Baltic programme 2021-27 – state of art
- **Dominika Butkiewicz**, Head of the Joint Secretariat of South Baltic Programme
Proposed Priority Axes and specific objectives of the next Interreg South Baltic Programme
- **Anna Drążek**, Director of the Pomorskie EU Office in Brussels, 'Pomorskie in the EU' Association
Other EU funding possibilities for the future cooperation

Question & Answers to the panellists

Session combined with interactive part for the participants:

#HaveYourSay about the future of the Interreg South Baltic Programme 2021-2027

14:30 Input on the future of the Interreg SBP given by the Umbrella beneficiaries and South Baltic stakeholders

15:00 Final remarks and conference closure



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AND GOALS
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