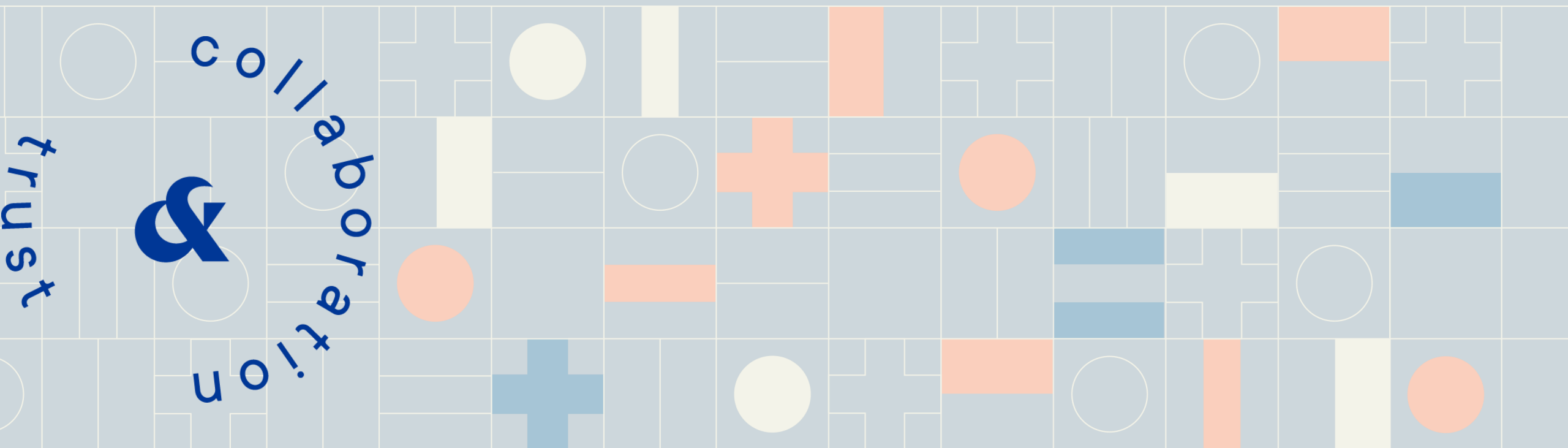
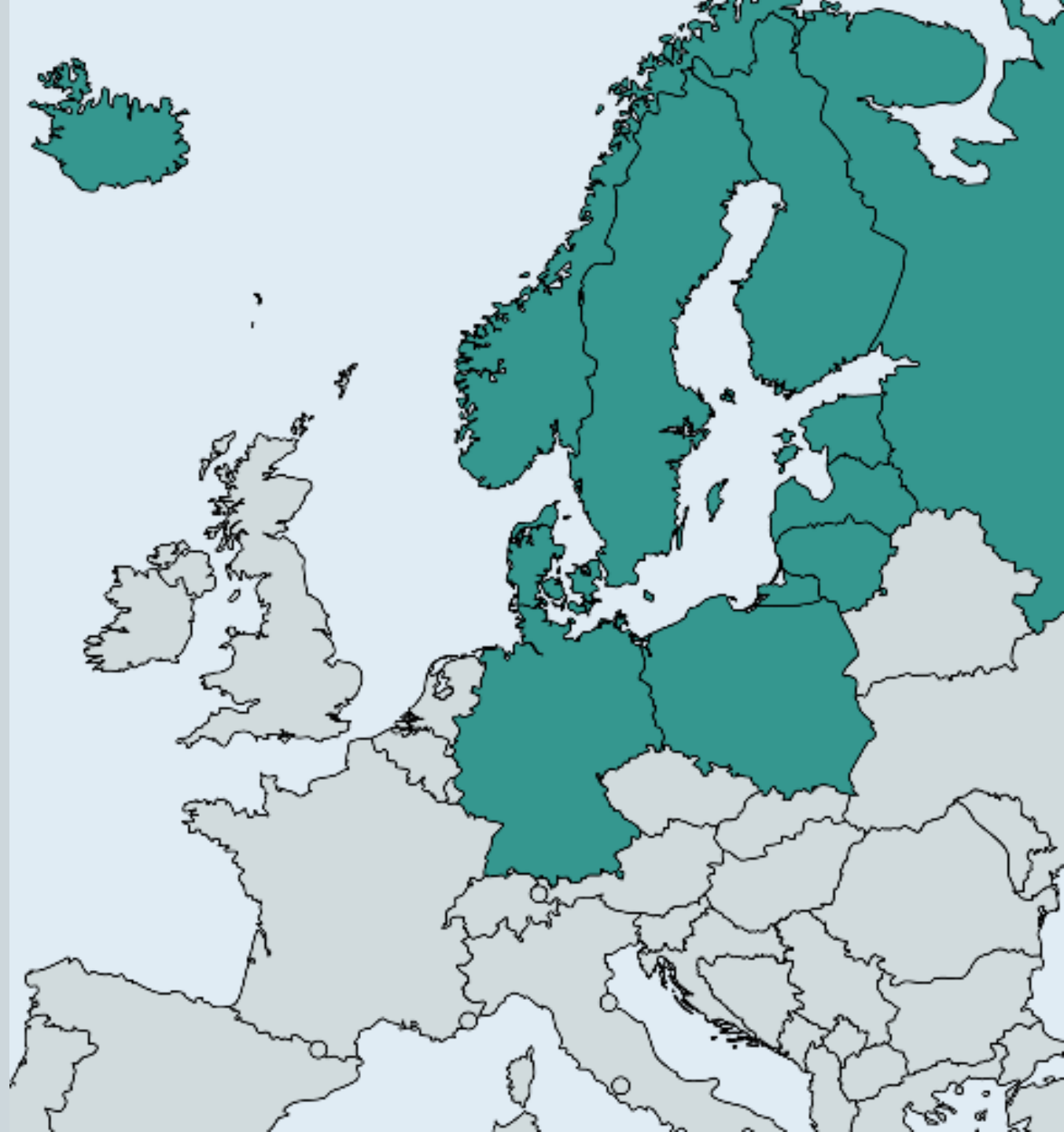


Building Collaboration & Trust



Member States

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Iceland
Latvia
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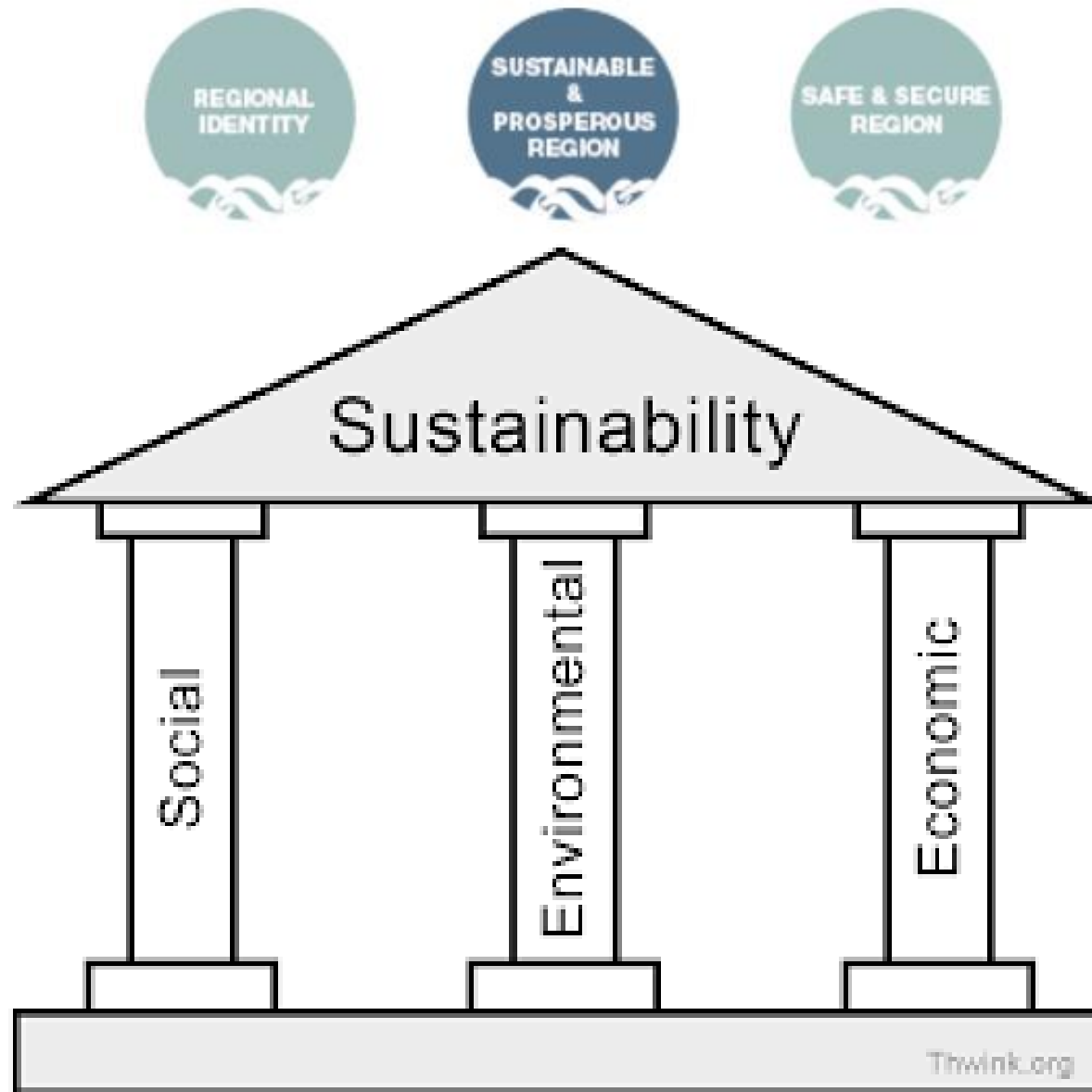
The Three Long-Term Priorities



**REGIONAL
IDENTITY**

**SUSTAINABLE
&
PROSPEROUS
REGION**

**SAFE & SECURE
REGION**



POLITICAL FRAMEWORK

- The CBSS [Decision on Long Term Priorities](#), adopted on 20 June 2014, in particular the long-term priority Sustainable and Prosperous Region, includes the goal of developing the Baltic Sea Region as a model region of sustainable societies and related strategic action *“To ensure further mainstreaming of sustainable development at all levels and in all policy sectors, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects”*.
- 2017, June in Reykjavík, CBSS Foreign Ministers endorsed **the “Baltic 2030 Action Plan: Realizing the Vision”**. The document was elaborated upon the request of the CBSS Deputy Foreign Ministers meeting and the **Warsaw Declaration “Regional Responses to Global Challenges”**, June 2016, that *“recognised that with the adoption of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the time has come to similarly renew the CBSS commitment to realise the vision of sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region”*
- **The Baltic 2030 Action Plan** builds on this legacy of cooperation and extends it into the future, by providing a common vision for sustainable development in the BSR, in alignment with the global 2030 Agenda



- ✓ **Regionalise Agenda 2030 – Sustainable Development Goals’ implementation**
- ✓ **BSR Climate Dialogue Platform/HA Climate**
- ✓ **Maritime cooperation**
- ✓ **Science and Research Cooperation**
- ✓ **Labour and Employment**
- ✓ **HA Neighbours/ EU cooperation with non-EU countries**

Sustainable Maritime Economy



- Aim: Provide politically coordinated support to relevant efforts to improve the BSR's international competitiveness regarding development of the sustainable maritime economy - positioning the Baltic Sea region as a model region for maritime best practice

- Expert Group on Sustainable Maritime Economy, EGSME:

Valuable partner in Baltic Sea maritime dialogue, working jointly with EUSBSR PA Ship, ND Partnership on Transport and Logistics, EU DG Mare and EU DG Move, BSSSC, CPMR, BSPC and other stakeholders

- Cross-sectorial approach: governments, businesses and academia
- Aim: Information Hub for experience and knowledge exchange, providing cross sectorial approach and synergies between key actors in the field of maritime economy in Baltic Sea Region

SI newly funded Project

“Baltic Sustainable Boating”:

Cooperation among small harbours (marinas) in BSR

- **BSR Marinas as a Single Destination:**

Common Branding

- **Competence Development towards Sustainability**
- **Quality Mark for “sustainable marinas” in BSR**
- **Prototype of Common Guide/Route Book, covering entire BSR**



Labour and Employment

Baltic Sea Labour Forum (BSLF) – EUSBSR Flagship, established 2012 as a platform for the Social Dialogue between trade unions and employer organisations

Upcoming event: BSLF Round Table, Vilnius, 2021

Science and Research

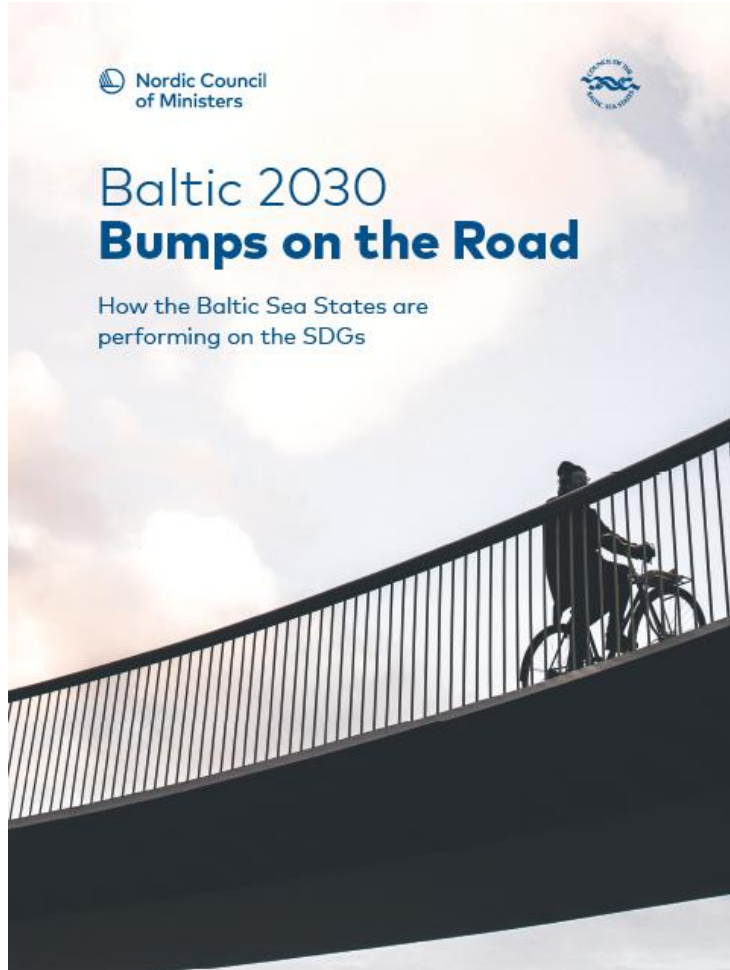
- CBSS Science Research Innovation Agenda (SRIA), endorsed 2016, Krakow
- Annual CBSS Baltic Sea Science Day (BSSD), launched 2017, St. Petersburg:

Focus on Academic Mobilities for Young Researchers

Baltic Science Day Award – CBSS initiative to celebrate the achievements of young promising minds doing research on the topics of great importance to the Baltic Sea Region

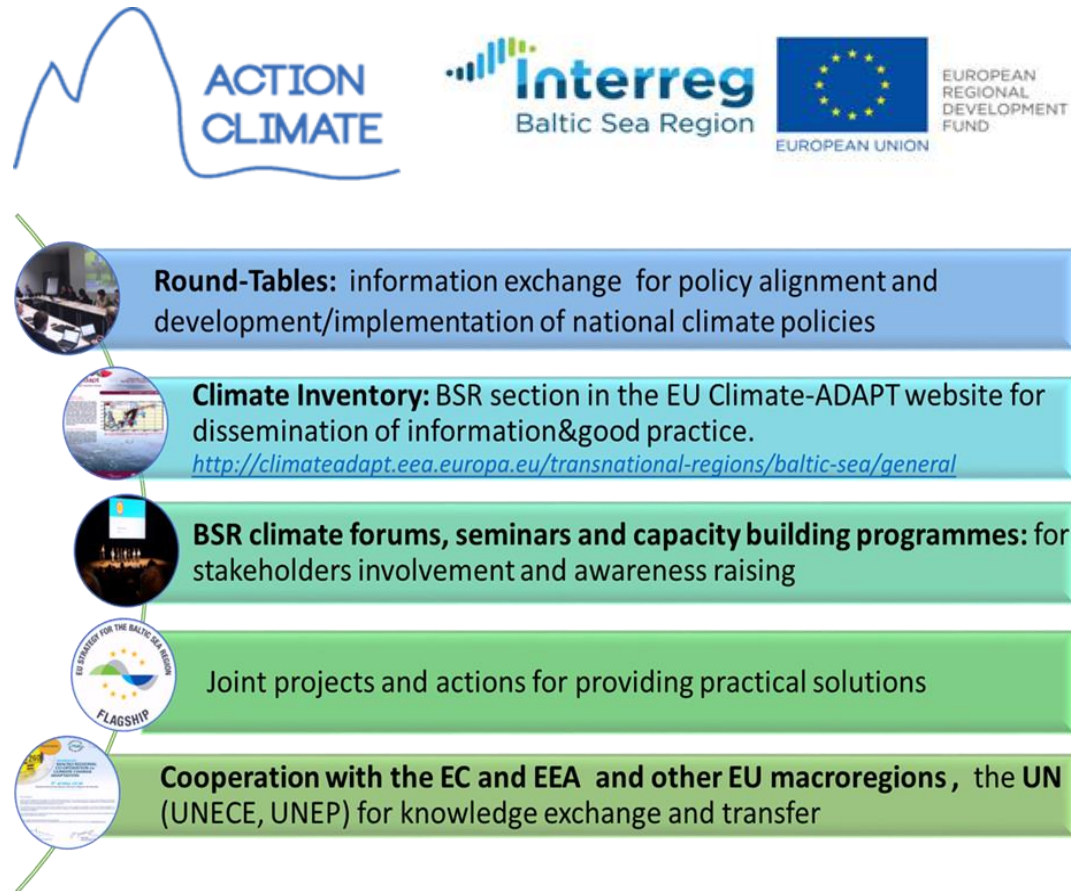


Expert Group on Sustainable Development (EGSD – Baltic 2030)



- Baltic 2030 Bumps Report-
Monitoring tool of implementation of the
Baltic 2030 action Plan in BSR;
- Capacity building on 2030 Agenda –
Leadership and Capacity building
programmes, Handbook
«Localizing SDGs»;
- Youth involvement for the 2030 Agenda-
support for relevant initiatives
- Support the EGSD chairmanship priorities

The CBSS as coordinator of the Horizontal Action Climate of the EUSBSR, is focusing on the transition to a low-carbon economy and increasing climate resilience, as these remain critical challenges and areas of priority collaboration in the Baltic Sea Region



<http://haclimate.eu/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

EGSD and Climate

10 December 2020

- **Online BSR Climate Change Dialogue Platform 10th Roundtable 10:00-12:30 (CET)**

New climate risks in Baltic Sea Region with focus on integrated coastal protection

- **Back-to-back with online EGSD' Meeting 13:30-15:30 (CET)**

The priority of the Lithuanian presidency of EGSD is to support the transition of the BSR towards a low carbon economy with a focus on sustainable and green transformations of the resource intensive industry

Later Spring 2021

Round Table on sustainable and green transformations of the resource intensive industry sectors

Involvement of non-EU Member States to BSR, including EUSBSR and EU project/initiatives

- Interaction of strategies in BSR: EUSBSR and national strategies of non-EU members states (NW Russian strategy)
- Stakeholders' SURVEY on common interests for cooperation
- SDGs as a common framework for strategies in BSR

Drafting: **Baltic Leadership Program “Neighbours”**, with support from Swedish Institute: The Road Map and the Joint Action Plan for Sustainability in BSR

Framework for cooperation

EUSBSR – NW Russia: Joint Action Plan

Sustainability of the BSR

Areas of interest

Ecology



Science, Education, Innovation



Culture and Tourism



Health and Wellbeing



Transport and Maritime Economy



Labour market and Social Inclusion



Strategic approach – Action plan

6 Priority Focus Areas

Sustainable & Resilient
Cities and Communities



Climate Action



Partnerships



Quality of Education &
Lifelong Learning



Equality and Social
Wellbeing for All



Transition to a
Sustainable Economy



Tools for engagement and support

Leadership and Capacity building programmes

BLP Agenda 2030



increase capacity for SDGs implementation, by creating platforms for exchanging knowledge and best practices and providing tools for implementation using existing expertise.



Tools for engagement and support II



Leadership and Capacity building programmes

Localising Baltic SDGs

Strengthening Multilevel Capacity on 2030 Agenda

support **multi-level governance** and localizing of SDGs, by involving representatives of regions and municipalities and provide participants with skills and tools for strengthening vertical coordination.



Tools for engagement and support III



ROADMAP

Challenges – Good Examples –
Recommendations – Ways forward

AWARENESS AND POLITICAL WILL



CROSS-SECTORIAL AND MULTILEVEL COOPERATION



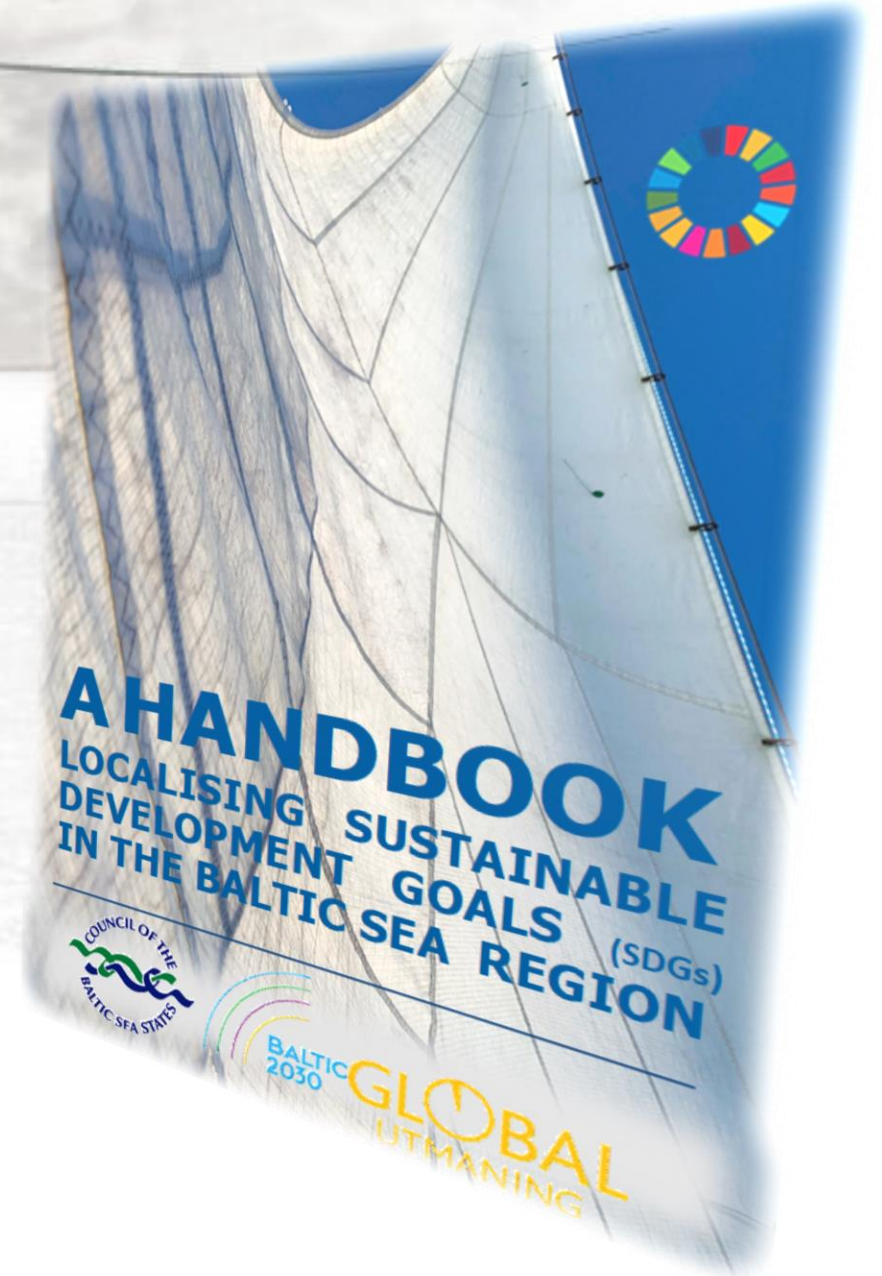
COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY



INVOLVING STAKEHOLDERS



MONITORING AND EVALUATING ACHIEVEMENTS



Tool for progress monitoring



Baltic 2030 Bumps on the Road

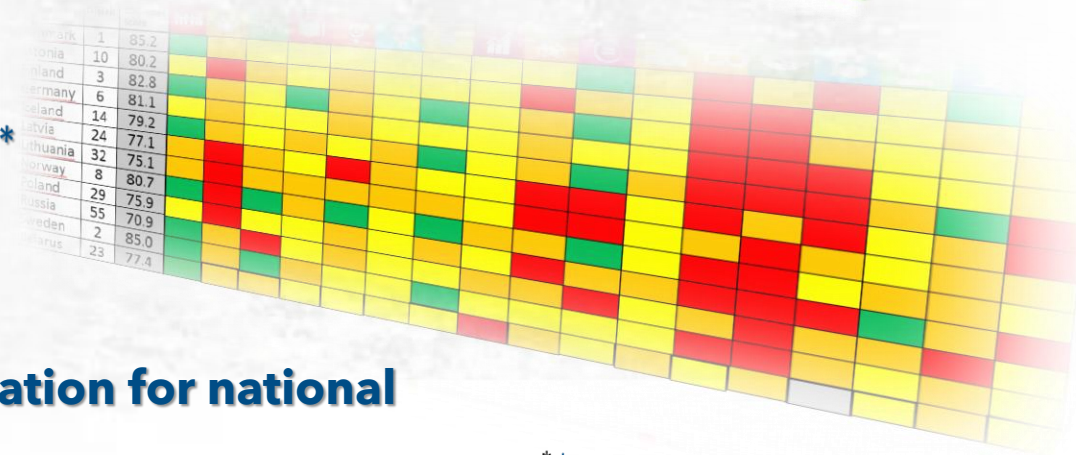
How the Baltic Sea States are
performing on the SDGs



Data 2017*



Data 2019*



- **Recommendation for national data usage;**
- **Agreement on set of indicators still to be found.**

*data from SDG Index & Dashboards
By Bertelsmann Stiftung &
Sustainable Development Solutions
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Thank you!

