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Newsletter



Dear friends,

CBSS Baltic 2030 unit would like to share with you some recent developments in our work, Horizontal Action Climate news, project highlights, relevant publications, and other useful resources including funding opportunities in the Baltic Sea Region. Scroll down to see important events in the region! We are planning to send out this newsletter quarterly, with the next edition coming in May. If you have any relevant events, projects or publications to share, please send them to us in advance and they will be included into the next newsletter.

Sincerely, Baltic 2030 Unit



#FromTalk2Work gathers national insights on SDGs and Baltic2030



What are common challenges for implementing 2030 Agenda in the Baltic Sea Region? What capacities should be built to address the SDGs? Under the frame of the seed money project *Towards Baltic 2030 – From Talk to Work*, funded by the Swedish Institute, workshops in Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Russia and Sweden are helping us to identify opportunities and needs in capacity building for national and macro-regional 2030 Agenda implementation. The outcomes will be presented in the final event on the 27th April in Stockholm.

Baltic 2030 Action Plan – drafting started



In June 2016 high representatives of the CBSS government institutions responsible for sustainable development decided to elaborate an Action Plan of cooperative and synergistic work that will identify the thematic areas and collaborative actions where complementary or supplemental dialogues are needed in the Baltic Sea Region. Based on the results of the 15th meeting of the CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development in November 2016, the work on Baltic 2030 Action Plan has begun. In collaboration with AtKisson Group, a mapping of the key BSR stakeholders and their views on the Baltic 2030 vision has started. First draft of the Action plan will be presented to the Expert Group in May 2017.

SDGs collaborative platform is under way - we need your opinion



From Talk to Work project will also result in a development of a collaborative web-based learning platform to help making SDGs implementation more efficient in the Baltic Sea Region. The platform will pool and share information, best practices and knowledge on sustainable development actions, tools, policies and initiatives. How will it look, what information should be there? [Click this link to tell us what you think.](#)

New cross-sectoral project - to build resilience to climate change



With the financial support from the Swedish Institute HA Climate and PA Secure of EUSBSR are leading a consortium to develop a project concept to improve local societies resilience to climate change. The resulting project - *CRCC – Making Communities Resilient to Climate Change: Cross-sectoral Cooperation in Capacity Building*, will bring together climate change adaptation and civil protection specialists from different countries to increase risk assessment cooperation between the national and the local levels.



European Sustainable Development Week 2017 – register your activity

The European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW) is an initiative to facilitate the organization of activities that promote sustainable development and make these efforts visible on a common platform. ESDW aims to raise awareness for the 2030 Agenda in Europe and calls upon local stakeholders to actively engage with sustainable development, in general, and the SDGs, in particular. [Registration for initiatives is open](#) to all forms of government agencies, research centers, educational institutions, museums, foundations, associations, businesses as well as individual citizens.



Project in focus: iWater became a Flagship of HA Climate

[iWater \(Intergrated Storm Water Management\)](#) is a good example of transnational cooperation aiming to increase resilience to the negative effects of climate change. The uniqueness of iWater project is in its holistic approach, which addresses many challenges of urban sustainability (and corresponding SDGs): storm water management, erosion prevention, air quality, local climate regulation, maintenance of genetic diversity, public health, etc. By the end of its term, iWater would have accumulated a great amount of theoretical and practical expertise. The tools and the lessons learned from the project should be spread through the whole BSR region and beyond.”



From EGSD members: BLASTIC – reducing plastic waste in the Baltic Sea

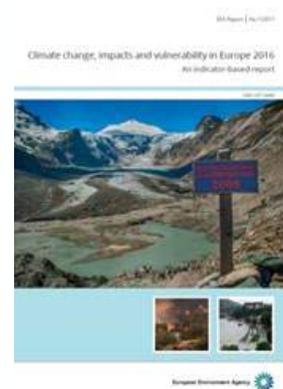
Baltic 2030 Expert Group on Sustainable Development member - IVL (Swedish Environmental Research Institute) participates in the [BLASTIC project](#) (2016-2018), which aims at reducing plastic waste and, thereby, the inflow of hazardous substances into the Baltic Sea by mapping and monitoring the amounts of litter in the aquatic environment.

Useful publications



[Baltic Sea Region Climate Partnerships](#)

20 examples of partnership projects in the region, compiled by Baltic 2030 Unit



[Climate change, impacts and vulnerability in Europe 2106](#)

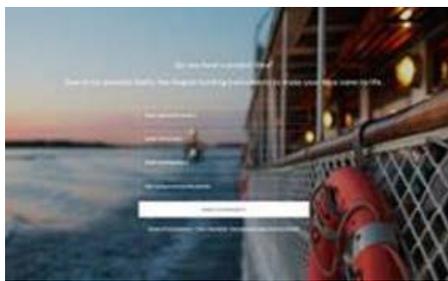
New indicator-based assessment by EEA

Funding opportunities



The CBSS Project Support Facility (PSF)

The CBSS Project Support Facility has launched a new call for applications. The priority area for the year 2017 is "Sustainable development for a prosperous Baltic Sea Region" and the call is open from 15 February to 15 April 2017. [Read more.](#)



Baltic Funding Portal

[Baltic Funding Portal](#) gathers information about Baltic Sea Region funding instruments. It helps you find support for your next project as well as for your cross-border collaboration.



Baltic University Programme SAIL for Teachers 2017

The SAIL for Teachers is an annual course organized by the BUP Centre for Finland at Åbo Akademi University and the Baltic University Programme secretariat at Uppsala University.

Important Events

SEA-RIMS Project (Sustainable and Ethical Adaptation to Rising Mean Sea Levels). Kick-off meeting.	21-22 March, Båstad
XVII International Environmental Forum "Baltic Sea Day"	22-23 March, St. Petersburg
3 rd International event on integrated storm water management, iWater project	29-31 March, Söderhamn
Workshop of the project " Towards Baltic 2030 – From Talk to Work ", as part of Deutsche Woche in Russia	12 April, St. Petersburg
BUP Students conference : " Baltic Region Collaboration in Agenda 2030 Implementation: My Contribution in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals 2030 "	9-13 April, Kyiv
Agroforum Mare Balticum 2017 - Agriculture for Rural Development	18-20 April, Tartu
The second ESDN Peer Learning Platform . It will provide a chance for policy-makers responsible for SD strategies and policies to exchange on the Voluntary National Reviews prepared for the UN High Level Political Forums.	20-21 April, Helsinki
HA Climate/UBC (Sustainable Cities Commission)/Interact joint workshop: " Transnational Projects on Climate "	25 April, Turku
Final Event of the project " Towards Baltic 2030 – From Talk to Work "	27 April, Stockholm
7th Climate Roundtable of the BSR Climate Change Dialogue Platform, topics for discussion include – indicators of vulnerability and electro-mobility.	16 May, Reykjavik
16th Meeting of CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development	17 May, Reykjavik
17th annual conference of the German Council for Sustainable Development	29 May, Berlin
European Sustainable Development Week	30 May-5 June

The [European Biomass Conference](#) and Exhibition will celebrate its 25th edition

12-15 June, Stockholm

[8th EUSBSR Annual Forum](#), HA Climate co-organized seminars: "Climate Challenges for Energy Supply", "Culture as driving force for sustainability" and "Connecting the voice of youth for sustainable future of the BSR"

13-14 June, Berlin

ESDN Conference 2017 on Strategic Governance for Sustainable Development. The conference will focus on aspects of strategic governance for sustainable development in the context of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs implementation.

22-23 June, Prague

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