WE BELIEVE that all levels of society must share responsibility and participate in finding sustainable solutions. With its multi-stakeholder network Baltic 21 is continuously building purpose-oriented partnerships, commissioning studies, conducting trainings, facilitating projects and providing policy input.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in the region’s progress towards sustainability? We are always ready to welcome new ideas and extend our partnership to other organisations working on sustainability in our region. We encourage you to contact us and join us in our work.

OUR MEMBERS are government ministries and agencies responsible for sustainable development in the 11 Baltic Sea States, the European Commission, inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations, academic and financial institutions as well as local, city and sector networks.

THE EXPERT GROUP meets at least twice a year and reports to the Committee of Senior Officials of the Council. The Chairperson rotates following the established patterns of the Presidency of the Council. The Expert Group is serviced by the Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States.

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WE ARE BALTIC 21

A greenhouse for sustainable ideas. People have ideas. For sustainability. For social, environmental and economic change. We find and develop creative and practical solutions for sustainable development, facilitate them and make them grow.

Baltic 21 works with all aspects of sustainable development. This means that we are not just targeting purely environmental issues, but also social and economic actions in an integrated way. For the period 2010–2015, we are focusing on four strategic areas:

- **CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **SUSTAINABLE URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**
- **SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**
- **INNOVATIONS AND EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

TODAY, we have over 200 partners working together on projects for eco-innovation, education for sustainable development, promoting bio-energy, adapting to climate change and more. We bring together experts from governmental organisations, NGOs and other stakeholders. Together we develop hands-on projects and turn results into policy recommendations.

FROM PROJECT TO POLICY

Baltic 21 meets the environmental, social and economic challenges facing the Baltic Sea Region by developing a multitude of sustainability projects. Each one with the most suitable partners and tailor made methods. We call these projects «Lighthouse Projects». They are the core of our work and within their frameworks we find, develop and test practical solutions for sustainability.

Baltic 21 has a project-to-policy approach which means that we transform the findings or outcomes of a Lighthouse Project into general policy recommendations that can be applied in the Baltic Sea Region and beyond. These recommendations are introduced and promoted on different political levels such as national governments, the European Commission and the United Nations.

INITIATED by the Prime Ministers of the Baltic Sea countries in 1996, Baltic 21 is a regional expression of the global Agenda 21 adopted by the United Nations Earth Summit. As of January 2010 we are integrated into the Council of the Baltic Sea States.

As an Expert Group of the Council we will provide a forum for continuous dialogue among governments and stakeholders in the Baltic Sea Region on sustainable development, as well as contribute to the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. Our policy recommendations are rooted in a well-developed project work. The Lighthouse Projects are our tool to demonstrate sustainable development in practice.