Baltic Sea Region cooperation on the 2030 Agenda

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The CBSS & Other Forms of Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region

ARCTIC COUNCIL
(CA, DK / GL / FO, FI, IS, NO, RU, SE, US)

NORDIC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
(DK, FI, IS, NO, SE)

CBSS

Barents Euro-Arctic Council
(DK, FI, NO, IS, RU, SE +EU)

NORTHERN DIMENSION Policy Framework (EU, RU, NO, IS)

N-W RUSSIA STRATEGY

EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy (+EU)

EU Danube Region Strategy (+EU)

BALTIC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
(EE, LT, LV)

N-W RUSSIA STRATEGY

BELARUS
UKRAINE

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP (+ EU)

MED UNION (Coastal States of the Mediterranean +EU)

ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA

MOLDOVA

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11 Member States
Decision-making process is based on consensus.
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Integrity & Social Security
Dialogue
Responsibility
Co-coordination

- HA Neighbours
- HA Climate
- PA Secure
EXPERT GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (EGSD)

MISSION
• facilitate, support and promote 2030 Agenda in Baltic Sea Region

RESPONSIBILITIES
• Support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the implementation of the Baltic 2030 Action Plan
• Strengthen sustainable development governance in the Baltic Sea Region through mutual learning, by exchanging and dissemination of best practices, e.g. through the instrument of voluntary peer reviews.

MEMBERS
• government representatives from CBSS Member States
• pan-Baltic organisations and networks
THE BALTIC 2030 ACTION PLAN

Endorsed by all 11 Member States
17 June 2017

• The Action Plan defines:
  
  • vision of the Baltic Sea Region among the first truly sustainable regions on Earth.
  
  • 6 Priority Focus Areas representing a practical way to address the complexity of the 2030 Agenda in the Baltic Sea region.
  
  • 6 Activation Processes to support national SDGs implementation

“We call on all actors in the Baltic Sea Region — countries and stakeholders, including civil society, young people, business, education, regional and local authorities — to take the “bold and transformative steps” towards sustainable development”
Vision

Sustainable economies: resources, ecosystems, employment

Climate change resiliency

Cities and communities provide opportunities and quality life for all

Gender equality and rights for all, especially children

Equal access to education
6 focus areas
6 activation processes
Baltic 2030 Action Plan: 6 Priority Focus Areas

1. Partnerships
2. Transition to a Sustainable Economy
3. Climate Action
4. Quality of Education & Lifelong Learning
5. Equality and Social Wellbeing for All
6. Sustainable & Resilient Cities and Communities
6 Activation Processes

- Establishing the 2030 Agenda as a Regional Framework for transformative change towards Sustainable Development
- Stimulate Private – Science Networking and Engagement
- Facilitate and monitor regional partnership for sustainable development
- Promote the engagement of the Education Sector
- Address demographic shifts with creative initiatives
- Empower civil society to amplify innovation and action
Baltic 2030 Action Plan

SIX FOCUS AREAS
- Climate
- Sust. Economy
- Education & Learning
- Cities
- Girls & Youth
- Equality & Wellbeing

SIX ACTIVATION PROCESSES
- Education Sector Engagement
- Making the SDGs the framework
- Empowering civil society to innovate
- Acquiring & monitoring partnership
- Addressing demographic shifts
- Private sector networking

Shared Regional Vision

Baltic 2030 Action Plan
Activities taken by the EGSD

- Mapping the gaps
- Capacity building on 2030 Agenda
- ReGeneration 2030
- Knowledge Platform Baltic SDGs
WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN OUR REGION?

Source: CBSS EGSD Report „Baltic 2030: Bumps on the Road – How the Baltic Sea States are performing on the SDGs“, by Nordic Sustainability, June 2018. Based on SDGs Index & Dashboards 2017; Bertelsmann Stiftung & SDSN
ReGeneration 2030
Youth movement for the 2030 Agenda in the Baltic Sea Region

• Focus: SDG12 - Responsible consumption and production

• 100 participants

• Age span: 16-30 year old

• 11 countries represented, including the Faroe and Åland islands

• 12 expert-led workshops
The ReGeneration 2030 manifesto

• Welcoming speech by Mr. Jörgen Petterson, Chair of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference

• Unanimous decision by the plenary of participants

• The declaration of our willingness to be part of 2030 Agenda implementation
Baltic Leadership Programme on 2030 Agenda

12-13 October 2017, Stockholm
Peer learning and capacity building on 2030 Agenda leadership and communication

13-14 December 2017, Tallinn
Understanding the contribution of the EUSBSR HAs & PAs to the 2030 Agenda

11-12 April 2018, Brussels
Macro-regional cooperation supporting the national achievement of the 2030 Agenda, in alignment with the EU objectives
11 - 12 April 2019, Riga
2030 Agenda as a framework for local development. The module will inspire and.

23-24 May 2019, Stockholm
SDGs in practice: Integrated approaches for Circular Economy.
Let’s implement!