



# Information from the Commission

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# The 7<sup>th</sup> Strategy Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

- The 7<sup>th</sup> Strategy Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) entitled "One Region, One Future – Vision 2030 for the Baltic Sea Region"
- Foresight report presented at the first inspirational session on *"Looking towards 2030: Preparing the Baltic Sea Region for the future"*,
- Presentation of the UN Agenda for 2030 in a Baltic Sea Region context
- The report *"Trends, challenges and potentials in the Baltic Sea Region"*, which includes the results from a Baltic Sea Region Territorial Monitoring System and the Baltic Sea Region Potential Index.
- Baltic Development Forum's report *"The Top of Europe – Doing Well Today, Feeling Worried About Tomorrow"*,



**7th Strategy Forum of the EUSBSR  
"One Region, One Future - Vision  
2030 for the Baltic Sea Region"**



# Monitoring - Context

- In the conclusions on the completion of the review in 2012 the Council took note of a set of indicators and targets for the EUSBSR
- In conclusions from the General Affairs Council in December 2015 in connection with the European Union Strategy for the Alpine Region it is stated that every two years, starting 2016, a report will be presented to the Council on the progress of all macro-regional strategies
- Better analytical foundation for taking decisions with regard to the orientation of macro regional strategies
- The ESPON EGTC has offered to establish tailor-made territorial monitoring systems for each of the four European macro regions

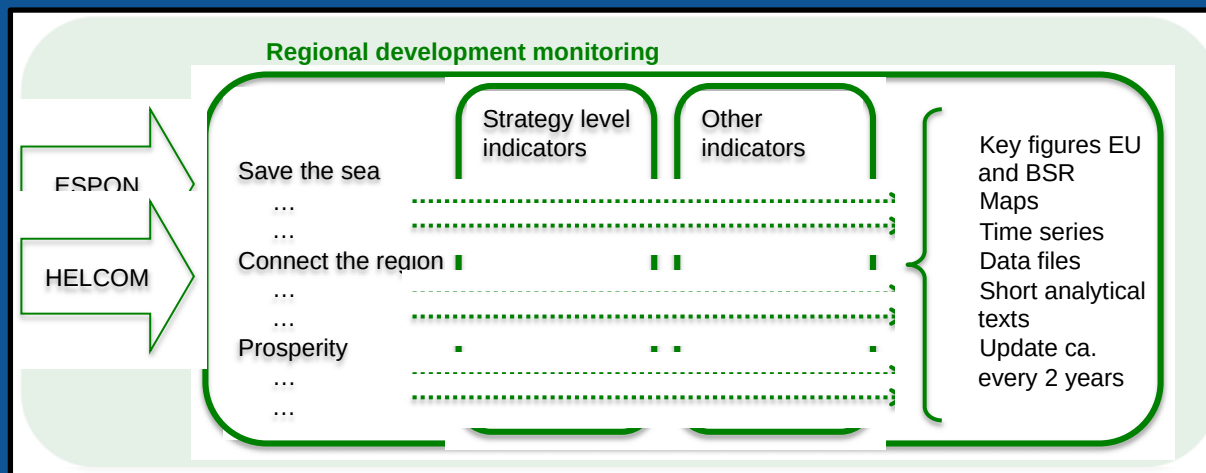
## **EUSBSR Monitoring needs**

- Monitoring the development of the Baltic Sea Region
- Monitoring EUSBSR activities
- Monitoring the EUSBSR contribution to changes in the Baltic Sea Region

## Update of the strategy level indicator

-  Environmental status, incl. level of inputs of nutrients – in line with indicators being developed in HELCOM by 2013 and under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive
-  Biodiversity status and ecosystem health (incl. fish stocks) and amounts of hazardous substances - in line with indicators being developed in HELCOM by 2013 and under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive
-  Illegal discharges HELCOM provides information for this indicator in the annual reports on discharges. Whereas in 2011 around 122 illegal oil discharges were observed, in 2015 around 90 illegal oil discharges were observed which signifies a decreasing tendency
-  Drawing up and application of trans boundary, ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Plans
-  General Expenditure on R&D

# Towards an EUSBSR monitoring system 1





# Other developments

- Commission report on the implementation of macro-regional strategies
- New Baltic Funding Portal - <http://funding.balticsea-region.eu/>
- New study on 'Macro-regional strategies and their links with cohesion policy'
- EUSBSR Annual Forum 2017



# **Developing an Implementation Strategy for the Sustainable Blue Growth Agenda for the Baltic Sea Region**

**PA SAFE**

**7-8 December 2016 - Copenhagen**



# Background

**The „Sustainable Blue Growth Agenda for the Baltic Sea Region“ published in May 2014:**

- **aimed at complementing the EUSBSR by identifying areas which could be strengthened with the focus on blue growth.**
- **focused on the Baltic Sea region's specificities and strengths to develop the full potential for growth and innovation of the region's maritime economies**

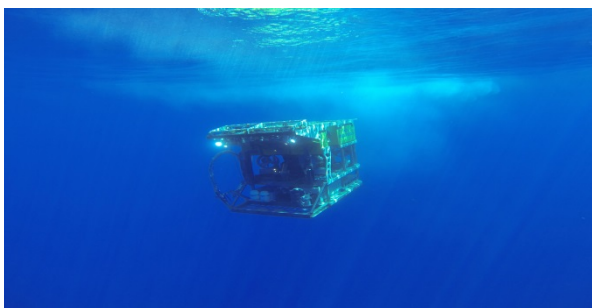


# Objective

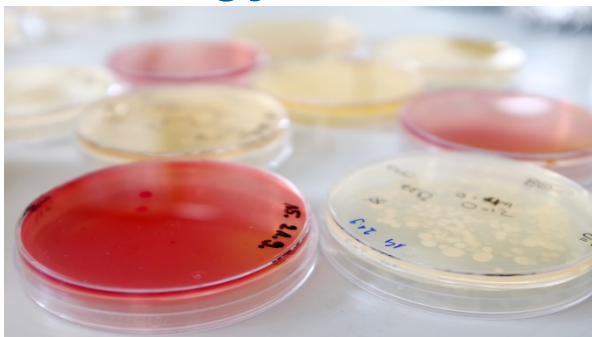
- To **kick-start** the implementation of the Baltic Blue Growth Agenda
- To **push the boundaries** of strategic transnational cooperation for the maritime economy in the BSR
- To **raise** mutual understanding, **create** ownership and **stimulate** the systematic interplay between the actors throughout the region



## 4 Thematic areas



**Environmental & Monitoring  
Technology**



**Blue bioeconomy**



**Shipping**



**Tourism & Maritime  
Experience Industry**

# Methodology



1

**Desk research** will provide an initial overview of existing actors, projects and initiatives to identify the most important development trends and action gaps in each of the chosen opportunity areas.



2

**Surveys** will be carried out to verify and complement the desk research. The surveys will be open to all stakeholders.



3

**Interviews** will be held with selected stakeholders to gain deepened insight on priorities and possible actors.



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# Methodology



4

**Scoping papers** will be developed for each of the four opportunity areas to capture the results of the three previous steps and identify the most important development fields that have the biggest potential for sustainable growth.



5

**Four interactive discussion workshops** will be held to discuss and agree on the identified entrepreneurial opportunities, industry challenges and to explore the necessary transformative steps and structures as to finalise the strategic transformation maps for each of the chosen opportunity areas.



6

**The implementation strategy** will be published, outlining possible activities, projects and interventions for the above-mentioned areas.

## Dates for workshops

- Shipping 09.02.17 Copenhagen
- Blue bio-economy 23.02.17 Stockholm
- Tourism 27.02.17 Riga
- Monitoring and Environmental Technology  
09.03.17 Hamburg



**Thank you for your attention**

