

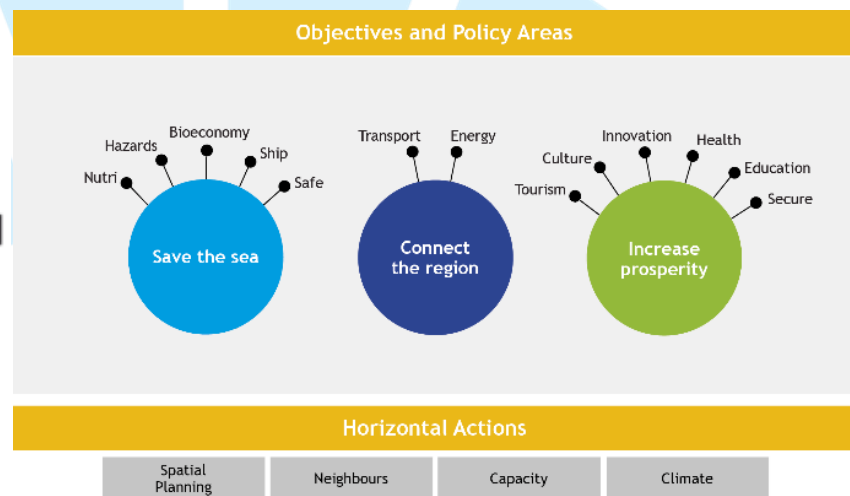


Climate adaptation in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

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ESPON Peer Learning Workshop: Climate change adaptation strategies in the Baltic Sea Region, Online 09.05.2022



EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Brussels, 10.6.2009 COM(2009) 248 final

EU Strategy for BSR: An environmentally sustainable region

Priority Areas:

- (1) To reduce nutrient inputs to the sea to acceptable levels;
- (2) To preserve natural zones and biodiversity including fisheries;
- (3) To reduce the use and impact of hazardous substances;
- (4) To become a model region for clean shipping;
- (5) To mitigate and adapt to climate change.

A sub-objectives under the **EUSBSR Priority „Increase Prosperity“**

1. Climate Change Adaptation:

to increase the BSR resilience to climate change

2. Low Emission Development:

to support the BSR transition to a low-carbon economy

The EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region

Objectives and Policy Areas



Horizontal Actions

Spatial
Planning

Neighbours

Capacity

Climate

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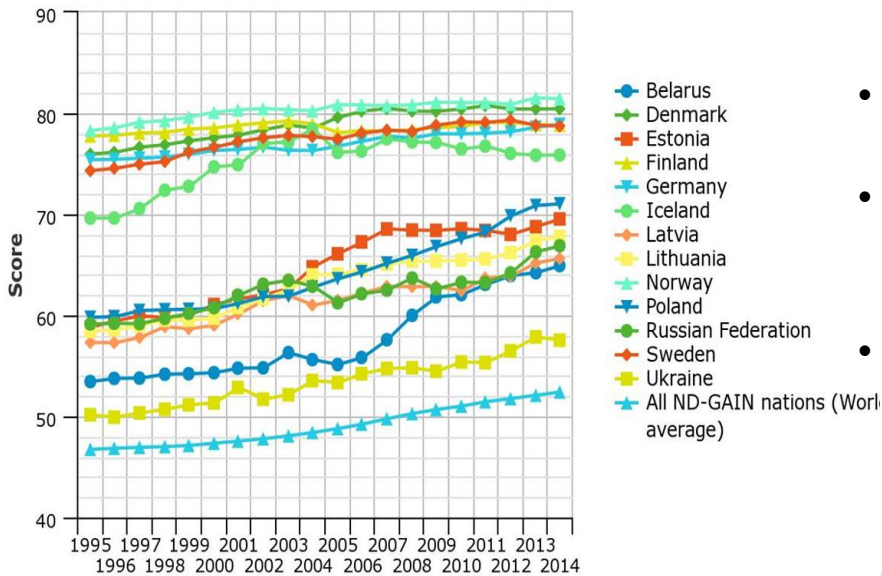
CBSB was co-coordinator of PA Secure, HA Neighbors and soleil Coordinator of HA Climate



What we did as coordinators of HA Climate

Time-series plot of ND_GAIN

Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index. Data release Nov. 2015



Adaptive Capacity and Vulnerability of BSR Countries, by ND_GAIN Index

- Supported EUSBSR Policy Area Coordinators to mainstream climate into their respective sectors
- Facilitated BSR Climate Policy Dialogue Platform
- Supported capacity building of National and Local Authorities to mitigate and adapt to CC
- Facilitated exchange of information on climate change impacts as well methodologies, tools, experiences and best practices on increasing resilience of the society
- Maintained website www.bsrclimate.eu and updated BSR microregion data on EU portal Climate-ADAPT
- Initiated and supported projects aiming EU climate goals like CASCADE, CAMS platform, EFFECT4Buildings, SUMBA, BioBIGG etc

Renewed EUSBSR Action Plan

On 15.2.2021 European Commission adopted Revised Action Plan for the EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

SWD(2021) 24 final

<https://balticsea-region-strategy.eu/action-plan/17-action-plan/download>

The revised action plan is more focused, with 14 policy areas covering 44 actions.

Climate change aspects are mainstreamed as essential elements into all 14 policy areas. Integrating these elements into the policy areas ensures that they are properly considered. It also allows the policy areas to tailor-make the implementation of climate change adaptation and mitigation, as well as cooperation with neighboring non-EU countries, in ways that are the most efficient for each policy area.

EUSBSR Policy Areas climate actions

Policy Area	Direct climate actions	Indirect climate actions
Nutri	None	Action 1,2, Nutrient leakage reduction reduces GHG emission
Hazards	None	Action 1, 2, HS reduction reduces GHG emission
Bioeconomy	Action 1, 2 , 3	
Safe	None	None
Ship	Action 1, 2, 3	
Transport	Action 2	Action 3, strenghtening multimodal system reduces GHG emission
Energy	Action 1,2,4	
Spatial Planning	Action 1	Action 2, ecosystem approach may increase resilience to CC
Secure	Action 1,	Action 3, engagement of public in risk preparedness increases also resilience to CC
Tourism	None	None
Culture	None	None
Innovation	None	Action 1, 2 innovation aiming energy efficiency and digitalisation reduce GHG emission
Health	Action 2	
Education	None	None

Climate Action Coordination in Renewed EUSBSR Action Plan - Baltic Sea Strategy Point

The **Baltic Sea Strategy Point (BSP)** is a function providing administrative and technical support for EUSBSR management, development and communication.

Its **main tasks are:**

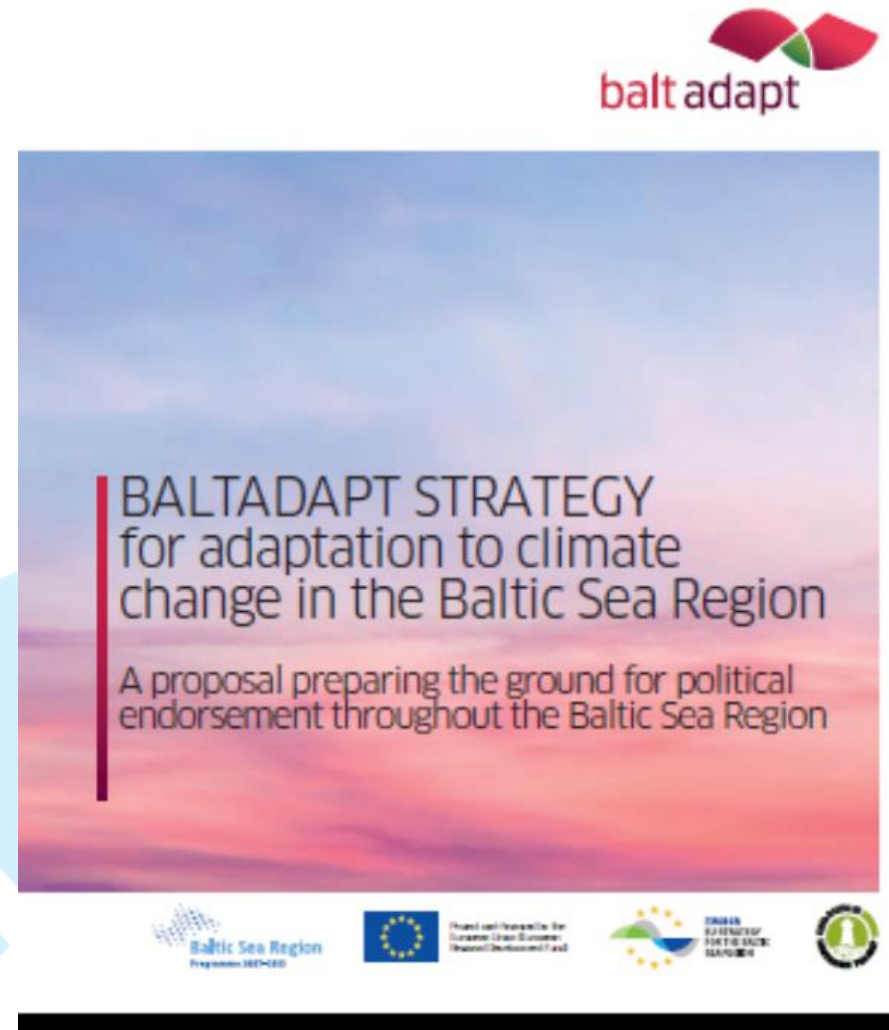
- Coordinating targeted capacity building for EUSBSR stakeholders, including those in neighbouring non-EU countries
- **Coordinating the sharing of knowledge and best practices between PAs as regards integration of essential elements, such as addressing climate change** and cooperation with neighbouring non-EU countries
- Coordinating the overall communication activities of the EUSBSR
- Coordinating the monitoring and evaluation of the EUSBSR
- Serving as the institutional memory of the EUSBSR
- Ensuring technical support to the NCG and, where possible, also to PACs
- Supporting the planning and organisation of the EUSBSR Annual Fora

Other Adaptation Strategies in BSR

The Baltadapt Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change in the Baltic Sea Region and its accompanying Action Plan were officially launched and presented during the Baltadapt Conference "Adaptation to Climate Change in the Baltic Sea Region" in Riga, Latvia, 3-4 September 2013.

11 Goals

25 Actions



Other Adaptation Strategies in BSR



Work on climate change should integrate both mitigation and adaptation, which requires enhanced regional cooperation.

This focus area encompasses several related dimensions: emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction management related to climate and weather risks, monitoring emerging health risks, food security risks, responding to stresses in regional ecosystems, and other challenges.

The goal in this area is to mainstream climate change adaptation into all planning and sectoral development processes to strengthen the resilience of infrastructures and society and to support the implementation of the UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in the region.

Climate is one of the
6 Priority Focus Areas



Thank you!

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