



European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

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EUSBSR:

Unites 8 EU Member States

Represents 80 million inhabitants or nearly 16% of the EU population

Welcomes cooperation with non-EU countries in actions and projects of common interest

3 NOs/YES rule

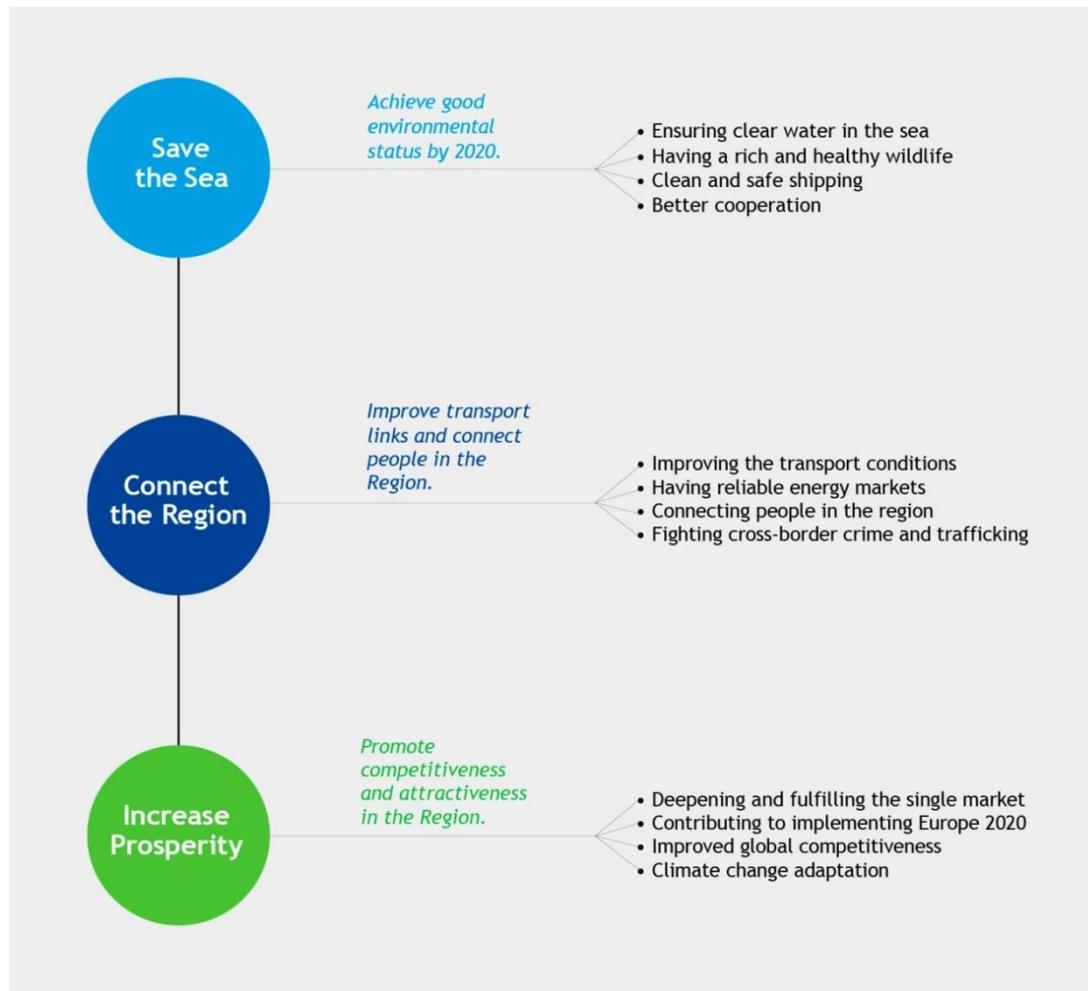


Why?

'Turn your obstacles into opportunities and your problems into possibilities'.

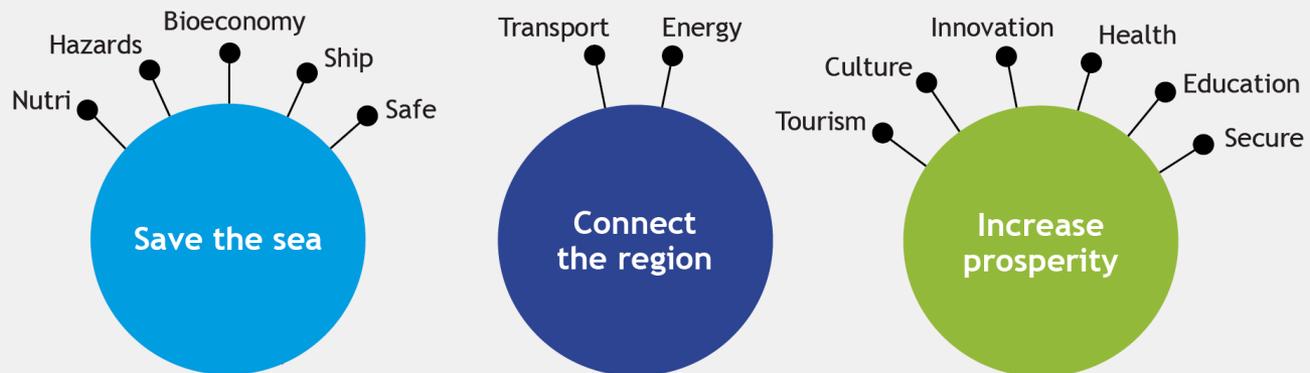
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EUSBSR objectives and sub-objectives:



EUSBSR thematic areas:

Objectives and Policy Areas



Horizontal Actions

Spatial
Planning

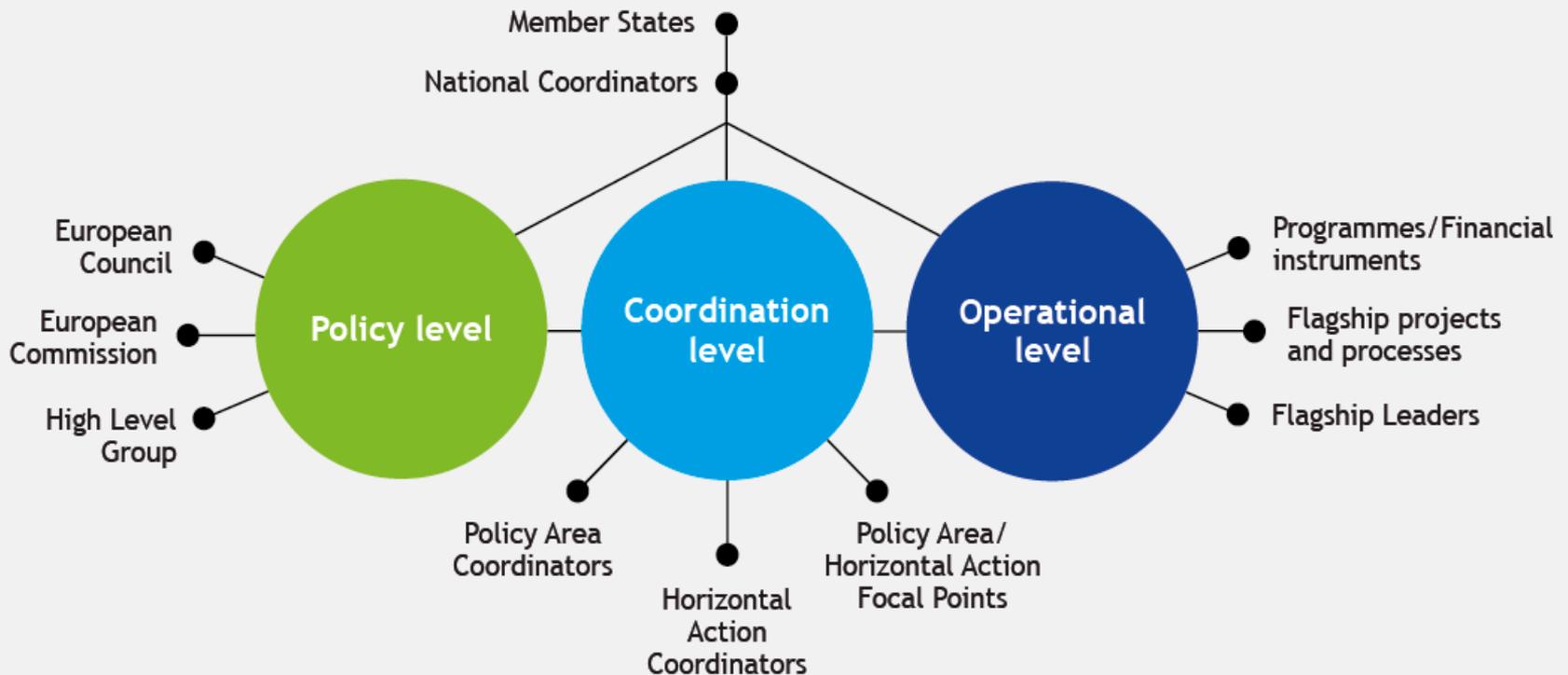
Neighbours

Capacity

Climate

EUSBSR governance:

Governance system of the EUSBSR



Rotating chairmanship of National Coordinators Group:

Estonia	1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018
Denmark	1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019
Finland	1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020
Germany	1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021
Lithuania	1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022
Sweden	1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023
Latvia	1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024
Poland	1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025

Order of organisation of the EUSBSR Annual Fora:

Estonia	2018
Poland	2019
Denmark	2020
Lithuania	2021
Finland	2022
Latvia	2023
Sweden	2024
Germany	2025

Various results have been achieved so far...:

- ❖ policy shaping and development;
- ❖ better implementation of existing legislation;
- ❖ further development of synergies and complementarities;
- ❖ enhanced cooperation and coordination at all levels;
- ❖ new macro-regional importance projects and initiatives.

In order to better use the potential of the EUSBSR...

- ❖ political commitment should be translated into sufficient administrative support;
- ❖ the Strategy has to become an integral part of different policies;
- ❖ governance system and implementation structures need to be strengthened;
- ❖ visibility of the Strategy needs to be enhanced;
- ❖ need to invest in competence and capacity building of key stakeholders.

Norway and the EUSBSR

Norwegian partners are involved in the implementation of **21 ongoing flagships** (*as of April 2018*)

12 thematic areas covered: Bioeconomy, Culture, Education, Energy, Hazards, Innovation, Nutri, Safe, Secure, Ship, Transport and Climate

Coming up...

- ❖ 9th Annual Forum of the EUSBSR on 4-5 June 2018 in Tallinn, Estonia
- ❖ 10th Annual Forum of the EUSBSR on 12-13 June 2019 in Gdańsk, Poland
- ❖ 2nd Commission report on the implementation of EU macro-regional strategies (December 2018)
- ❖ Revision of the Action Plan of the EUSBSR

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