Future of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
3rd Working Meeting
21-22 March 2012 | Vilnius, Lithuania

Agenda

Date 21-22 March 2012
Venue Hotel Crowne Plaza Vilnius (Room Sapphire B)
M. K. Ciurlionio 84, Vilnius, Lithuania (www.cpvilnius.com)

Day One Wednesday, 21 March 2012

11.00 – 12.45 Registration
Foyer in Conference area (2nd floor)

11.30 – 13.00 Welcoming Buffet lunch
Sezonai Restaurant (1st floor)

13.00 – 13.30 Opening of the meeting
Ms. Riitta Ahdan, Coordinator, INTERACT Point Turku

Welcome address
Mr. Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

13.30 – 15.00 Sustaining coordination and implementation of the EUSBSR in 2012-2013: funding and facilitation
The EUSBSR in 2012-2013: Priority Area perspective
Ms. Karin Nygård Skalman, Flagship Project Leader on behalf of Priority Area 7 Coordinators

Financial needs and financing gaps in the EUSBSR implementation
Mr. Ulf Savbäck, Senior Consultant, SWECO, Sweden

Comments from the floor

Questions and answers
Moderated by Mr. Slawomir Demkowicz-Dobrzanski, Head of International Secretariat of the Euroregion Baltic

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break
Foyer in Conference area (2nd floor)
15.30 - 18.00  
**Discussion panel:**  
Opportunities for programmes in 2012-2013: ways of cooperation and possible contribution to the EUSBSR

Cooperation in Objectives 1 and 2 of the EU Cohesion Policy 2007-2013
  Ms. Chiara Valdesolo, Project Manager, INTERACT Point Valencia

Transnational cooperation within the European Social Fund: first experiences and further developments
  Ms. Anne Marie Flood, Head of Unit, European Social Fund, Sweden

Good practice example of interregional cooperation within the regional programme for South Finland
  Ms. Mari Kuparinen, Programme Director, Regional Council for Päijät-Häme, Finland

**Baltic Sea Labour Network: priorities for further cooperation**
  Ms. Katariina Röbbelen-Voigt, Project Manager, Baltic Sea Labour Network Project

**Questions and answers**

Moderated by Ms. Riitta Ahdan, Coordinator, INTERACT Point Turku

19.30 - 22.30  
**Mingling dinner**  
Restaurant Steak House Helios, Didžioji 28, Vilnius, 2nd floor

*End of Day One*

**Day Two**  
**Thursday, 22 March 2012**

09.00 - 09.10  
**Introduction to the Day Two**
  Ms. Riitta Ahdan, Coordinator, INTERACT Point Turku

09.10 - 09.50  
**EU2020 and the EUSBSR: contributing to the same targets**
  Ms. Christina Skantze, Coordinator of the EUSBSR, Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, Sweden

Contribution of Operational Programmes to the EUSBSR priorities and Europe 2020 Strategy targets: Lithuania Perspective
  Ms. Lina Marcinkute, Deputy Head of EU Cohesion Policy Division, Ministry of Finance, Lithuania

**Questions and answers**

09.50 - 11.00  
**Review of the Action Plan of the EUSBSR**
  Mr. Jean-Marc Venineaux, Head of Operational Sector, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

**Comments from the floor**

Moderated by Ms. Joanna Przedrzymirska, Head of the Project Management Centre, Maritime Institute in Gdansk, Poland
11.00 - 11.30  Coffee break  
Foyer in Conference area (2nd floor)

11.30 - 13.00  EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020: legislative proposals  
Mr. Normunds Popens, Deputy Director-General, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

*Discussion panel:*  
Embedding the macro-regional concept in national strategic documents and operational programmes for 2014-2020 - process, working methods and tools

Chairperson: Mr. Normunds Popens, Deputy Director-General, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

Embedding the EUSBSR in the 2014-2020 strategic plans of EU Cohesion Policy  
Mr. Alain Roggeri, Expert, European Commission

Contribution of the Baltic Sea Region Programme to the EUSBSR - experience and future perspectives  
Ms. Arina Andreicika, Chairperson of the Joint Programming Committee for the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020, Director of Development Instruments Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia

Embedding the EUSBSR in the national strategic documents and operational programmes

**Example of Finland**  
Mr. Harri Ahlgren, Senior Officer, Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finland

**Example of Estonia**  
Ms. Mari Lahtmets, Counsellor, Ministry of Finance, Estonia

Questions and answers

13.00 - 13.30  Concluding remarks  
Mr. Normunds Popens, Deputy Director-General, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

Closure of the event  
Ms. Riitta Ahdan, Coordinator, INTERACT Point Turku

13.30 - 15.00  Buffet lunch  
Sezonai Restaurant (1st floor)

End of the meeting