Implementation of the territorial cohesion at macroregional level

EU STRATEGY for the Baltic Sea Region
Regional Perspective from Poland

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### Baltic Sea Region vs. Polish regions

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<th>BSR profile</th>
<th>Interests of Polish regions</th>
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<td><strong>economic and innovative</strong> potential</td>
<td>strengthening real <strong>economic cooperation</strong></td>
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<td>strong orientation on <strong>Lisbon goals</strong></td>
<td>closer the <strong>university cooperation</strong></td>
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<td>one of the most <strong>diversified area</strong> of Europe</td>
<td><strong>entrepreneurship and innovation</strong></td>
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<td>intensive international <strong>cooperation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>natural resources</strong> and biodiversity</td>
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<td>need of cooperation outside the <strong>EU</strong></td>
<td>network <strong>tourist products</strong></td>
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<td>transforming into a <strong>community of regions</strong></td>
<td>better management of the <strong>sea space</strong></td>
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<td>Baltic <strong>citizen community</strong></td>
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Polish regions’ involvement in BSR cooperation

Number of project partners per 1 mln inhabitants

Types of institutions:
- Self-governmental authorities
- R&D institutions
- Economic chambers
- Enterprises
- NGOs
- Other (e.g. ministries, maritime authorities, cultural institutions etc.)

EUSBSR „sectors” crucial for Polish Regions

• research and innovation
  – Create the Baltic Sea Fund for Innovation and Research
  – Develop a regional foresight programme

• internal market, entrepreneurship, SMEs
  – Remove remaining single market barriers
  – Develop deeper cooperation on environmental technology

• internal and external transport links
  – Develop the Baltic Motorways of the Seas network
  – Complete the agreed priority transport infrastructures (e. g. the TEN-T Priority Projects no. 23 i 25)

• natural zones and biodiversity
  – Create marine protected areas

• education, tourism and health
  – Promote the cultural heritage and the unique landscapes
Future perspectives – EUSBSR beyond 2013 (1)

Stereotypes…

• The main issue in the EUSBSR is protection and improvement of the BSR natural environment

• Implementation of the EUSBSR should concentrate on infrastructural investments, mainly concerning transport

• The main role in the EUSBSR implementation should be played by EU structural funds
Future perspectives – EUSBSR beyond 2013 (2)

Expectations…

1. Not only **Cohesion Policy** involved
   - the Strategy is an opportunity for **effective coordination of different EU policies**

2. More focus on **regulatory framework** in the EUSBSR
   - effective implementation of all **single market rules**

3. New approach to **territorial cooperation**
   - possible **new form of ETC programme for the BSR**

Some success factors…

- Readiness for **active participation** in the implementation of EUSBSR
- Preparation for possible **financial instrument** for the EUSBSR after 2013
Thank you!

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