



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

BSR profile

economic and innovative potential

strong orientation on Lisbon goals

one of the most diversified area of Europe

intensive international cooperation

natural resources and biodiversity

need of cooperation outside the EU

transforming into a community of regions

Interests of Polish regions

strengthening real economic cooperation

closer the university cooperation

entrepreneurship and innovation

transport accessibility and cohesion

energy security

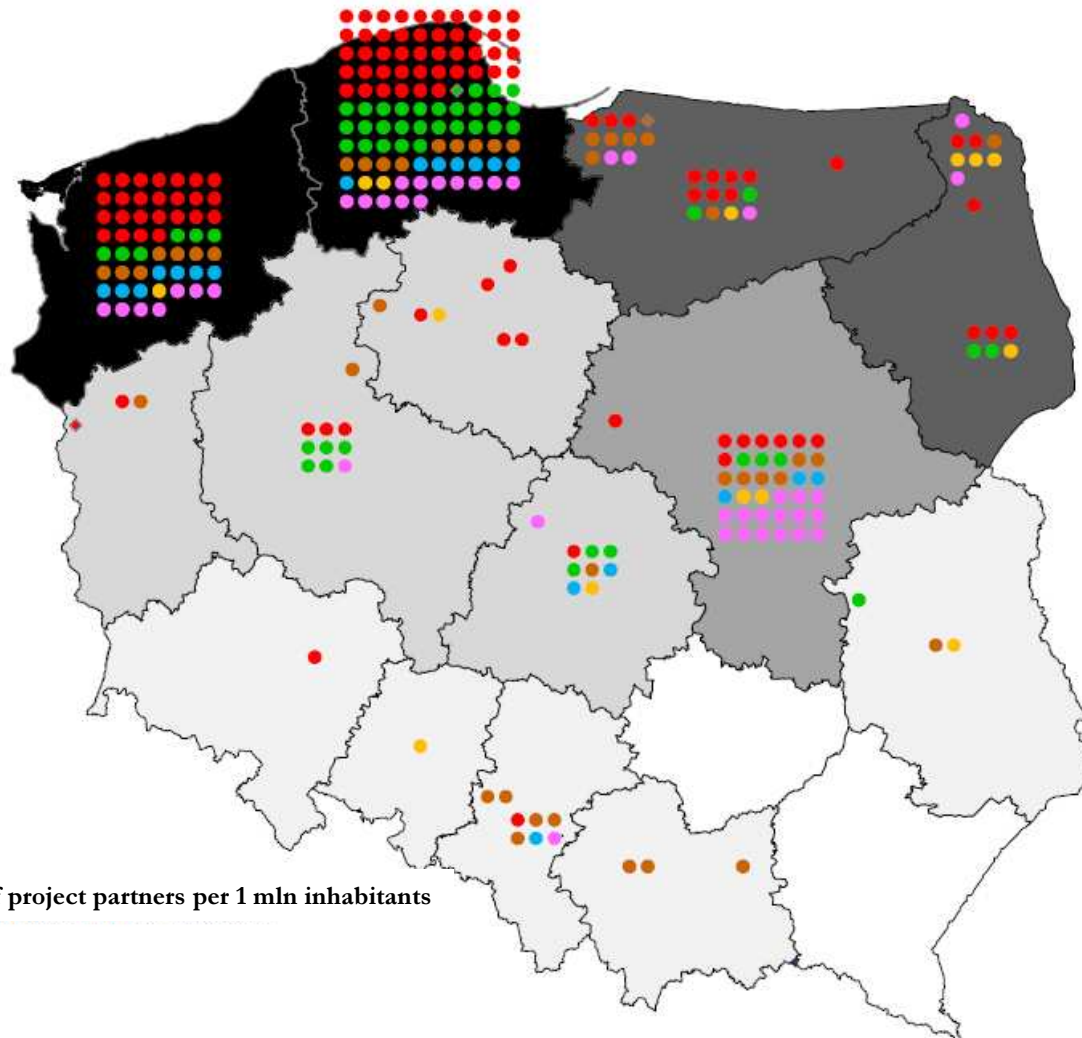
network tourist products

better management of the sea space

Baltic citizen community



Polish regions' involvement in BSR cooperation



Polish institutions in the BSR INTERREG III B Programme

Number of project partners per 1 mln inhabitants

- 0
- 0,3 - 1,7
- 3,0 - 3,5
- 7,2
- 12,5 - 16,8
- 31,3 - 47,6

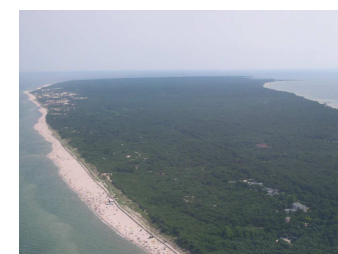
Types of institutions:

- 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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