Implementing SDGs in the Baltic Sea Region

Achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the BSR: principles and trends for sustainable urban development & planning

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The Council of the Baltic Sea States
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11 Member States
Steered by Ministries of Foreign Affairs
Intergovernmental cooperation
Baltic 2030 Expert Group on Sustainable Development (EGSD)

Mission: facilitate, support, promote 2030 Agenda in Baltic Sea Region
Members: ministries, agencies from CBSS Member States, academy, NGOs, networks
BASREC, UBC, BSSSC, CPMR Baltic Sea Commission, VASAB, NCM, HELCOM, ENSI
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EGSD main tasks

- **Action Plan**
  - Elaborate Baltic 2030 Action Plan

- **SDGs**
  - Support implementation

- **Strengthen SD governance**
  - By exchange of best practices, mutual learning
2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Transforming our world

SDGs are:

- A set of 17 goals for the world’s future, through 2030
- Backed up by a set of 169 detailed Targets
- Negotiated over a two-year period at the United Nations
- Agreed to by nearly all the world’s nations, on 25 Sept 2015
What is new about 17 SDGs

**INTEGRATION**
Goals are all inter-connected, in a system. We cannot aim to achieve just one Goal. We must achieve them all.

**TRANSFORMATION**
It is widely recognized that achieving these Goals involves making very big, fundamental changes in how we live on Earth.

**UNIVERSALITY**
First, and most important, these Goals apply to *every* nation … and every sector. Cities, businesses, schools, organizations, *all* are challenged to act.
“We acknowledge also the importance of the regional and sub-regional dimensions, regional economic integration and interconnectivity in sustainable development. Regional and sub-regional frameworks can facilitate the effective translation of sustainable development policies into concrete action at national level.” (2030 Agenda)
SDGs integration

Network of targets: David Le Blanc „Towards integration at last? The sustainable development goals as a network of targets“ DESA Working Paper No. 141, March 2015

Some concrete examples – Drowdown.org

Cows walk on the beach

Girls education and family planning
Some concrete examples – SDG interaction report

Source: icsu.org/cms/2017/05/SDGs-Guide-to-Interactions.pdf

BALTIC 2030 Action Plan Milestones

June 2016
Warsaw Declaration
Endorsement of the Declaration Baltic 2030: Renewing the Commitment to Sustainable Development in the Baltic Sea Region

Nov 2016
Start of the Dialogue
EGSD kicks-off the drafting of the Plan

Nov 16-Apr 17
Input gathering
#FromTalk2Work project toured 6 countries, connected with more than 200 experts through seminars, workshops, surveys

May 2017
Final Draft
Baltic 2030 Action Plan draft

June 2017
Endorsement by Foreign Ministers
Foreign Ministers of CBSS countries adopted the Reykjavik Declaration
Baltic 2030 Action Plan

SIX FOCUS AREAS
- Climate
- Cities
- Education & Learning
- Sustainability
- Equality & Wellbeing
- Partnership

SIX ACTIVATION PROCESSES
- Education Sector Engagement
- Making the SDGs the Framework
- Addressing Demographic Shifts
- Empowering Civil Society to Innovate
- Facilitating & Monitoring Partnership
- Private Sector Networking
Collaborative learning platform on SDGs in the Baltic Sea Region

Share stories
Best practices, tools, publications, policies, projects

Event calendar
All SDGs related events across BSR

Potential partners
Organisations to cooperate with on SDGs

Funding sources
Potential donors for you sustainability projects

Baltic SDGs

11 countries, 98 potential partners, 37 projects, 12 implementation tools, 76 publications, 20 funding opportunities, and counting!
Strategic Visions

Climate and Energy Strategy for Oslo
Adopted by the City Council in Oslo 23.06.2016 (Proposition 195/16)

Main sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Oslo

- **Energy**: 3%
- **Waste**: 19%
- **Transport**: 61%
- **Buildings**: 17%

Source: Statistics Norway combined with The City of Oslo’s own numbers, 2013.

Think Denmark
White papers for a green transition
SUSTAINABLE URBAN TRANSPORTATION
Creating green liveable cities

COPENHAGEN
CLIMATE RESILIENT NEIGHBOURHOOD
Trends of the Nordic countries on urban planning

- Improved integrated mobility planning
- Away from cars
- Two-wheel takeover
- Public services accessibility
Trends of the Nordic countries on urban planning

• **Focus on mitigation and adaptation to the climate change** – many areas of city development and planning are related to this

• **Blue/green infrastructure** - keeping and creating new green/blue areas

• **Energy efficient buildings**
iWater integrated storm water management for city planners
Denmark: Roskilde
Rotterdam – Water Square
EFFECT4Buildings

ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION Policy and Project Review

Examples of practical solutions for increased energy efficiency in buildings in the Baltic Sea Region

- Thermal insulation in kindergarten building (Kalevälja)
- Lighting control and changing habits in school buildings (Virtaa)
- Passive house concept for Nordic countries (Põlva)
- Passive office building (Kalevälja)
- Green roofs on top of public buildings & Eco-SKAL architectural concept (Malmö)
- Location of example, Capital city, EU member state, Non-EU state