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### **“Greening the BSR Economy - Sustainable Development as a Horizontal Action in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region”**

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## Council of the Baltic Sea States, CBSS

- Overall political forum for regional inter-governmental cooperation
- Members: the 11 states of the Baltic Sea Region (incl. Russian, Norway and Iceland) as well as the European Commission
- **Represented by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs**
- [www.cbss.org](http://www.cbss.org)



## Council of the Baltic Sea States, CBSS

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- Finland
- Germany
- Iceland
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Norway
- Poland
- The Russian Federation
- Sweden
- The European Commission



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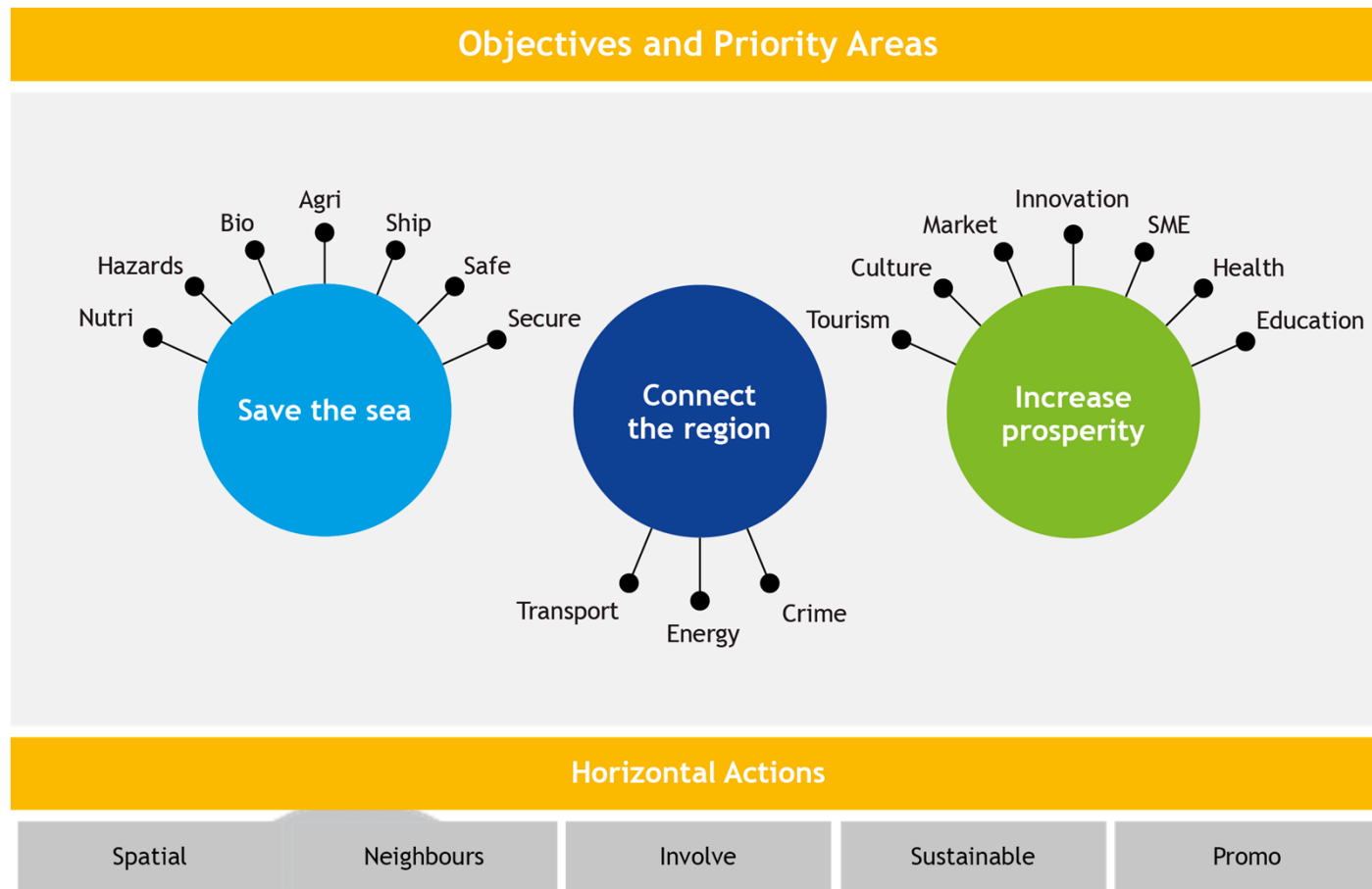




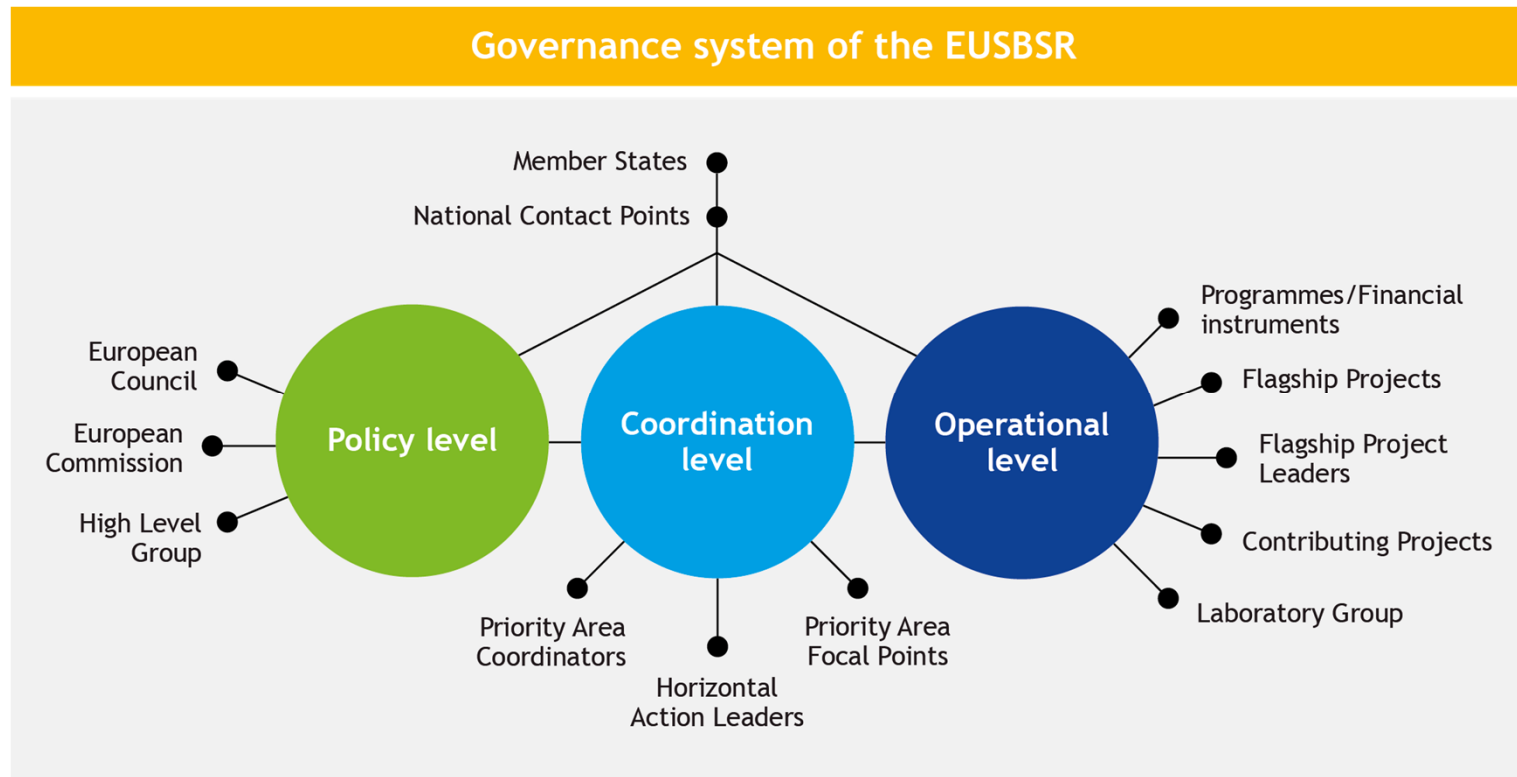
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**Horizontal Action Sustainable Development (CBSS) and  
Bioeconomy (NCM)**

## EUSBSR Objectives and Priorities



## EUSBSR Governance





## Actions

- Climate change
  - Climate change adaptation
    - **Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan** for the Baltic Sea Region (Baltadapt)
- Green Region (Green Economy)
  - Create a network of sustainable cities and regions
    - Ecovillages
    - REALS
  - **EFFECT - Dialogue Platform on Energy and Resource Efficiency in the BSR**
  - **Baltic Green Public Procurement, GPP**
  - Corporate Social Responsibility, CSR in SMEs





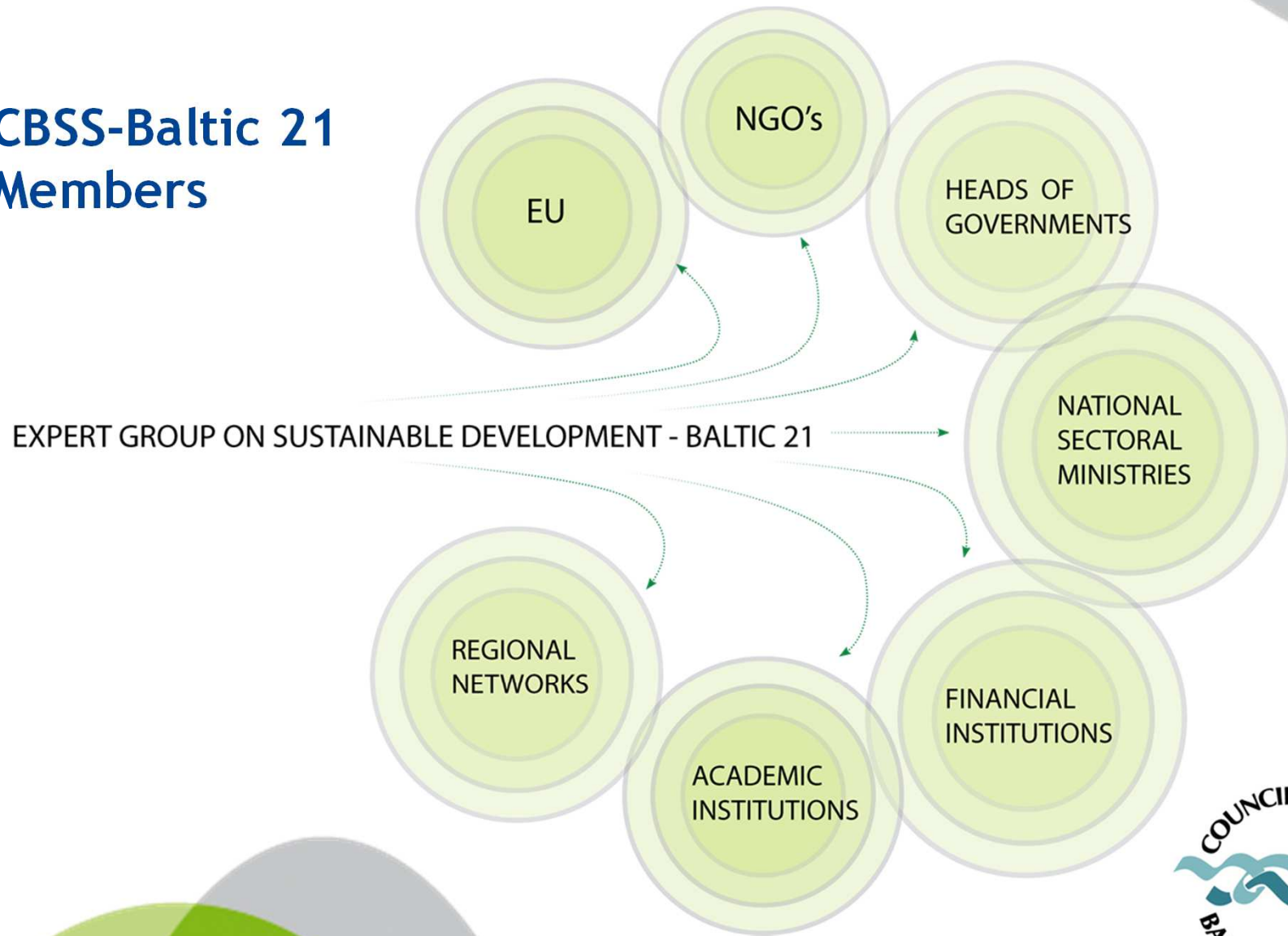
## CBSS-Baltic 21



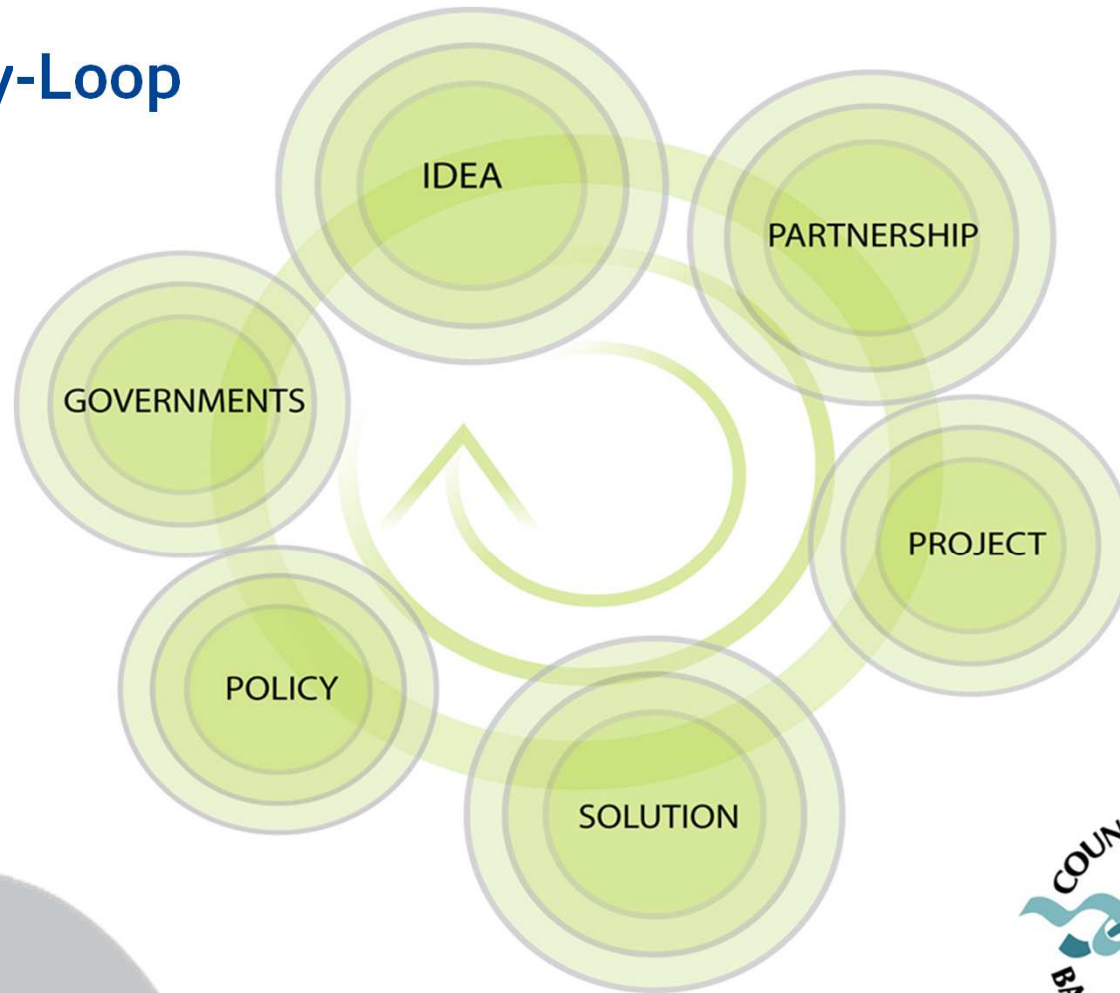
- Initiated by the Prime Ministers of BSR countries in 1996
- Regional expression of the global Agenda 21
- CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development – Forum for continuous dialogue among governments and stakeholders in the Baltic Sea Region on Sustainable Development
- Cooperation with EU neighbouring countries, incl. Russia & Belarus



## CBSS-Baltic 21 Members



## CBSS-Baltic 21 Project to Policy-Loop





## Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan for the BSR

- EU funded project Baltadapt (EUSBSR flagship)
- 3 Policy Fora 2012 - 2013
- Stakeholder dialogues: Tourism & Agriculture
- Presentation of final proposal: 3 September 2013
- Follow-up work 2013 – 2014:
  - EUSBSR Annual Forum
  - Climate Change Adaptation Forum in the Baltic Sea Region



## Climate Change Adaptation strategy for the BSR

**Strategy: Provide goals and visions. Clarifies links to other strategies and added value in a multilevel governance perspective “what in it for me”. Identifies coordinators and implementers. Provides the “rules of the game” regarding exposure , impact and vulnerabilities to climate change.**



## Baltic Green Public Procurement, Baltic GPP

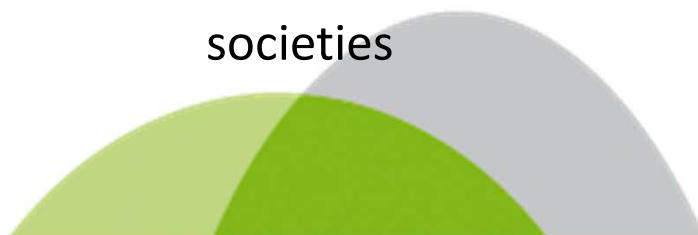
- 2 years project funded by EU BSR Programme 2007 - 2013
- National and international trainers seminar on GPP in BSR
- Establishment of GPP focal points/ national help desks in project partner countries, SE, FI, NO, DK and DE
- Online seminar and training programme for procurers and suppliers, free of charge
- Good cases collection on GPP from the region as online publication in English
- Dissemination of project results to Russia and Baltic States (workshops)
- Translation of online publications into Russian
- Project extension until December 2013
- New project proposal – Sustainable Public Procurement





## **EFFECT Dialogue Platform on Energy & Resource Efficiency in the BSR**

- 11 partners from SE, RU, LT, BY, and PL
- Funded by Swedish Institute Thematic Partnership funding scheme
- Kick-off in November 2012 in Stockholm, Sweden
- Project duration 2012 – 2015
- Expected results:
  - Extension of the project partnership and (at least one) new project application to larger funding source (also investment projects)
  - definition of a holistic approach to “low carbon economy” in terms of energy/ resource efficiency as well as eco efficiency within “innovative Energy Transformation” processes
  - Factors of successful transformation of post-industrial to low-carbon societies





## Bioenergy Promotion

- Funded by EU BSR Programme, 2009 – 2011 & 2012 – 2013
- Development of indicators system and strategies for deployment of sustainable bioenergy
- Development of strategic management plans
- Establishment of practical demo-regions
- Promotion of sustainable use and production of bioenergy for the BSR
- Lessons learnt catalogues for policy makers, practitioners and planners;
- Transfer of strategic management into demo regions
- Policy recommendations to MSPs and funding programmes 2014 – 2020
- Establishment of public and private utility companies







## Next steps

- Follow-up on implementation of Rio+20 outcome document & its implications and status of implementation for EUSBSR MS
- Analysis on the state of play of SD in BSR, transnational gaps and challenges & added value of cross-border cooperation in BSR
- Development of SD indicators, targets and alternative SD measures, beyond BNP
- Linking up to the EU Strategy on Sustainable Development (ESDN-Observer)
- Continuation of Climate Change Adaptation Forum in the Baltic Sea Region ("Time to Baltadapt")
- HASD Kick-off at 4th EUSBSR Annual Forum 11-12 November 2013 in Vilnius, Lithuania
- Generation of new flagship project – REALS, BUF
- HASD management, monitoring, TA-application





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- [www.baltadapt.eu](http://www.baltadapt.eu)
- [www.balticgpp.eu](http://www.balticgpp.eu)
- [www.cbss.org/environment-and-sustainability/project-effect](http://www.cbss.org/environment-and-sustainability/project-effect)
- [www.bioenergypromotion.net](http://www.bioenergypromotion.net)





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**Thank you!**

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