

Polish Presidency
of the Council of the Baltic Sea States
1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016



Priorities of the Polish CBSS Presidency

in line with the three long-term CBSS priorities agreed in June 2014:

- Regional Identity,
- Sustainable & Prosperous Region,
- Safe & Secure Region

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Synergy in diversity:

- ***SUSTAINABILITY***
- ***CREATIVITY***
- ***SAFETY***

Sustainability

Under the CBSS long-term priority Sustainable & Prosperous Region, Poland will implement:

New agenda for sustainable development for the Baltic Sea Region

- climate change adaptation
- regional expression of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- maritime issues, including the transport system
- diversified energy sources and energy efficiency
- science, research and innovation
- tourism

Sustainability - selection of planned events

- 8th Baltic Sea Tourism Forum: Political Support, Cooperation, Development – One Sea, One million opportunities, 22nd – 23rd September 2015, Gdańsk-Malbork
- 18th International BALTEXPO Maritime Trade Fair, September 2015
- Meeting of the Baltic Science Network – a potential new network of cooperation and strategic dialogue of public administration and science experts under the auspices of CBSS, autumn 2015
- BASREC Conference: Increasing energy efficiency through Public-Private Partnership projects in the Baltic Sea Region, 17th November 2015, Warsaw
- 6th Edition of *Transport Week*, March 2016
- Meetings of HELCOM-VASAB Joint Working Group, November 2015, Riga/February; 2016 Helsinki
- VASAB Conference, May 2016, Warsaw
- 4th International Maritime Congress, June 2016, Szczecin
- Conference on Adaptation to Climate Change, 2016
- Conference dedicated to the development of the Baltic-Adriatic corridor, second half of 2015

Creativity

Under the CBSS long-term priority Regional Identity Poland will implement :

Culture as a driving force for social and economic development of the Baltic Sea Region

- creativity + cooperation = development
- promotion of the culture of the Baltic Sea Region
- enhancing the impact of activities of the existing and new cooperation networks of key cultural organisations and institutions

Creativity - selection of planned events

- Ministerial Session of the Ministers of Culture, mapping of studies and expert opinions related to culture as a factor in the social and economic growth of the region, 16th September 2015, Gdańsk
- Expert Conference: *Culture as a tool for social and economic growth of the region*, combined with a meeting of all key cultural organisations present in the region, 16th – 17th September 2015, Gdańsk
- 14th International Symposium *Boats and Vessels in Archeology*, 21st – 25th September 2015, National Maritime Museum in Gdańsk
- Seminar on the potential of computer gaming industry in the Baltic Sea Region, 4th – 5th November 2015, Kraków
- Design of the Baltic Route, under the European Route of Historical Theatres
- Projects implemented under the programme of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage: *Promoting Polish Culture Abroad – Priority Baltic Sea Region*

Safety

Under the CBSS long term priority Safe & Secure Region Poland will implement

Civil protection in the Baltic Sea Region

- enhancing the regional response and interoperability of civil protection services
- nuclear safety and radiological protection in the region
- preparing the establishment of a macro-regional environmental monitoring system (exchange of radiological data)
- safety of children

Safety - selection of planned events

- *Thematic Day* dedicated to the issue of the nuclear forensics, November 2015, Warsaw
- Civil Protection Exercises with the use of specific modules, first half of 2016
- Workshops dedicated to the identification of rescue resources available for a joint response to common hazards, first half of 2016
- Meeting of experts of the CBSS Civil Protection Network, first half of 2016
- CBSS Civil Protection Directors General Meeting, May/June 2016
- Study visits of experts /conference dedicated to issues of foster care

Synergy in diversity

- BSR requires a holistic macro-regional approach
- all existing cooperation formats are equally important and necessary
- interaction between regional formats should take place in the form of a structured dialogue based on common priorities, goals, agendas, documents and joint meetings
- facilitate a better use of resources, a more effective management of the region, improved synergy and coherence
- joint meetings should focus on specific fields and problems to solve

Meetings of Committee of Senior Officials

- ***1st CSO – Gdańsk, 15-16 September 2015***

on the margin of the Ministerial Session of the Ministers of Culture, back-to-back meeting with National Coordinators for the EUSBSR

- ***2nd CSO – Warszawa, 28 October 2015***

back-to-back meeting with B21 group, Arctic Council and EUSBSR Policy Areas and Horizontal Action Coordinators in the thematic bloc *Save the Sea*

- ***3rd CSO – Stockholm, 2-3 December 2015 (tbc)***

back-to-back meeting with the representatives of the various formats of cooperation in Northern Europe in the field of civil security

Poland's chairmanship of the National Coordinators for the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region 1 July – 31 December 2015

- **Governance**

- Bringing the world of Policy Area Coordinators (PACs) and Horizontal Action Coordinators (HACs) and National Coordinators (NCs) closer together.
- We propose three **meetings of NCs and PACs/HACs with the participation of the European Commission in three thematic blocs: *Save the Sea, Connect the Region, Increase Prosperity.***

- **Implementation**

- **Seminar on promotion of the EUSBSR's achievements and evaluation of its results** - focus on achievements, including completed Flagships; recommendations worked out within the EUSBSR and their impact; methods for the evaluation of the EUSBSR's impact.

- **Visibility**

- Building a **Communication Strategy for the EUSBSR** and Action Plan (Task Force on Communication for the EUSBSR led by INTERACT Point Turku)
- **Brochures on projects supporting the achievement of EUSBSR objectives** financed under the cohesion policy in Poland



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Thank you for attention.

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