



Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

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The Three Long-Term Priorities



EXPERT GROUP ON MARITIME POLICY



established 2009, re-titled 2018 to

EXPERT GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE MARITIME ECONOMY (EGSME)

- Partner in Baltic Sea Maritime Dialogue, joint efforts with EUS BSR (PA SHIP and PA SAFE), Northern Dimension Partnership on transport and logistics, EU DG Mare and other stakeholders in BSR

Aims and objectives:

- Provide politically coordinated support to relevant efforts to improve the BS region's international competitiveness with regard to development of the sustainable maritime economy - positioning the Baltic Sea region as a model region for maritime best practice
- Information Hub for experience and knowledge exchange, providing cross sectoral approach and synergies between key actors in the field of maritime economy in Baltic Sea Region.

➤ EGSME FOCUS

- cross-sectoral approach: private sector, increasing the involvement of maritime businesses, academia and research institutions, governments
- competence development in maritime sector
- synergies with the key actors in the field and the existing strategies (UN, ND, EU/Blue Growth Agenda), national
- cooperation with regional and local authorities



Swedish Presidency



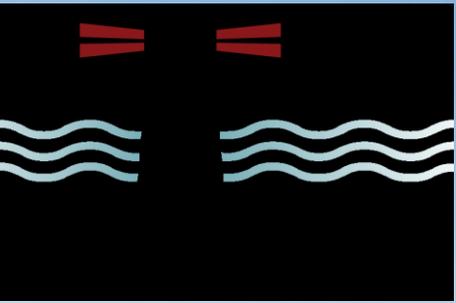
2017-2018

Swedish Presidency (2017 – 2018) in the Expert Group was focused on solutions in SDG14' implementation with maritime sustainability indicators. The outgoing point for this discussion was launched in 2015 in Sweden, Maritime Strategy - a strategy for people, jobs and the environment correlating to the three legs of sustainability - social, economic and environmental.

SWEDISH CHAIRMANSHIP outcomes

Swedish Report on the work with integrated maritime sustainability indicators.

The goal is to have a manageable but still informative set of indicators to support the work with the maritime strategy.



Conference

Development of a Sustainable Maritime Economy: Opportunities and challenges for Small and Medium Ports of the Baltic Sea Region

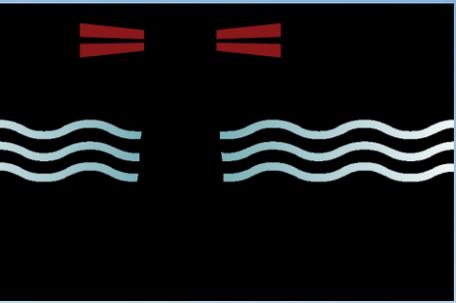
Conference: Jurmala, April 3-4, 2019

Organisers:

- Latvian Presidency in the CBSS Expert Group for Sustainable Maritime Economy,
- Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)
- Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the European Commission

Participants:

- more than 80 participants representing Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Belgium, Norway, Russia, Portugal
- representatives from the Secretariat of the CBSS
- representatives from the EC DG MARE
- Representatives from pan-Baltic organisations (BSSSC)
- EGSME members



The main conclusions of the conference

- The number of small and medium sized ports in BSR is high and they are very diverse in terms of location and importance
- Small and medium-sized ports are vital for specific municipalities, providing jobs, boosting tourism development, participating in the international freight market, servicing both export and import cargoes.
- In view of economic globalization, the volume of maritime trade will increase. Freight segments are focusing on ships of increased size, thus targeting large ports that are capable of attracting investment and modernizing port infrastructure. As a result, small and medium-sized ports are becoming less competitive.
- The CBSS EGSME is the first format to seriously address the problems of small and medium-sized ports
- Exchange of good practice in ports of other regions were presented, information on the financing available from EU funds was provided, Sustainable Blue Growth issues in the context of the ongoing revision of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region was addressed
- The problems and challenges of small and medium-sized ports should not be overlooked also in future. We shall realise that they form an important part of public infrastructure and shall be provided with easier access to public financing and exemptions as regards state aid rules

CLEAN SHIPPING



DANISH PRESIDENCY
2019-2020

**"To focus on dialogue and coordination between maritime actors across the port sector and shipping in order to reduce emission from ships – at port and at sea."
The EGSME event: preliminary, APRIL 2020**

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