



# **EUSBSR** EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

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## **Outlook on the German Presidency 2020/21**

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## Main objectives GER Presidency



## Governance

- Establishment of the Baltic Sea Strategy Point
- Integration of HA functions into the Let's Communicate Project
- Update of the Rules of Procedure for the National Coordinators



## Capacity building

- Alignment of funding (Embedding) within the EUSBSR
- Exchange with the Managing Authorities Networks
- Promotion of EUSBSR communication strategies



## Action Plan

- Close coordination with the Policy Area Coordinators
- Promotion of the updated EUSBSR Action Plan within the greater EUSBSR network (BSSSC, UBC, etc.)
- Follow up with DG Regio and relevant EC stakeholders
- Establishment of Flagship guidance and procedures



## Coordination with all Macro-Regional Strategies

- Follow up on DG Regio reporting on the MRS
- Participation and promotion of the EUSBSR in the MRS TRIO Network
- Representation in the High Level Group





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## **EUSBSR Action Plan 2020**

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## The EUSBSR Action Plan 2020

- Is aligned with the current EU strategic priorities and other relevant policy frameworks
- Integrates the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
- Focuses better to the needs for macro-regional cooperation in Baltic Sea Region for the 2021-2027 programming period
- It is more concrete in presented actions
- Facilitates the embedding exercise
- Is significantly shorter and more readable document





## Governance

The Action Plan 2020 no longer includes ...

- a detailed description of cooperation between the EUSBSR and regional organizations, networks as well as initiatives.
- a detailed description of Flagships and necessary requirements to become a Flagship.



## Baltic Sea Strategy Point (BSP)

The Action Plan 2020 gives further details on the new BSP.

- BSP accountable to the National Coordinators Group (NCG)
- provides administrative and technical support
- coordinates the work of the EUSBSR, e.g. in the sharing of knowledge or communication
- coordinates the integration of essential elements, such as climate changes



## Policy Areas (PAs)

- Indicators and Actions were tightened, e.g. PA Secure (from eight to three Actions)
- Indicators and Actions were specified, e.g. PA Energy
- new PA included: PA Spatial Planning (formerly a Horizontal Area)
- Climate protection is now the overall guideline for every PA



## Horizontal Areas (HAs)

<b><u>Action Plan 2017</u></b>	<b><u>Action Plan 2020</u></b>
HA Capacity	dissolved as a HA; will be incorporated in the Baltic Sea Strategy Point
HA Climate	dissolved as a HA; incorporated in all Policy Areas (PA); every PA now has to keep in mind climate issues
HA Neighbours	dissolved as a HA; will be incorporated in the Baltic Sea Strategy Point
HA Spatial Planning	no longer a HA, but now a PA





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