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Twelve Members of the CBSS



- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- Germany
- Iceland
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Norway
- Poland
- Russia
- Sweden
- The European Commission



Ten Observers

- Belarus
- France
- Italy
- Slovakia
- The Netherlands
- Romania
- Spain
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United States of America



Baltic Sea Region since 90ties and the Council of the Baltic Sea States



- CBSS established in 1992 as an overall political forum for regional inter-governmental cooperation
- The CBSS Permanent International Secretariat was established in 1998, located in Stockholm
- Enlargements of the EU in 1995 and 2004 had significantly changed the Baltic Sea Region and tasks for the CBSS
- Decisions to start the Northern Dimension in 1998 - 1999 and renewed Northern Dimension policy since 2006
- Launch of the EU Strategy of the Baltic Sea Region in 2009

Reform of the CBSS



- ❑ The Council is consisting of the Foreign Ministers of Members States and Commissioner (High Representative) of the EU
- ❑ The CBSS Ministerial Sessions are being held every second year and the 18th MS took place in June 2013 in Russia
- ❑ Decision to reform the CBSS into a political coordination organization with a strong project orientation was taken by the CBSS Deputy Foreign Ministers meeting and was endorsed by the 7th Baltic Sea States Summit in Riga in 2008



CBSS long term priorities: expert groups and networks to implement it

The 18th CBSS Ministerial Session held in June 2013 in Pionersk in the Kaliningrad Region decided to review 5 long term priorities of the CBSS



3 new long term priorities – Regional Identity; Sustainable and Prosperous Region; Safe and Secure Region – were adopted by the Council at the end of the Finnish CBSS Presidency in June 2014



International Expert Group on Euro Faculty Pskov;
Senior Officials Group on Culture;
Ars Baltica;
Monitoring Group on Cultural Heritage of the BSS;
Youth Affairs

CBSS EG on Sustainable Development - Baltic 21;
CBSS EG Maritime Policy;
Baltic Sea Labour Forum;
Visions and Strategies Around the Baltic Sea VASAB;
Baltic Sea Region Energy Cooperation BASREC

CBSS Task Force Against Trafficking in Human Beings;
CBSS EG on Nuclear and Radiation Safety;
CBSS EG for Cooperation on Children at Risk;
CBSS Civil Protection Network;
BSR Border Control Cooperation;
Baltic Sea Task Force on Organized Crime

Baltic Sea States Summits

- **Baltic Sea States Summits - meetings of the Heads of Governments are held every 2nd year**
- **1st Baltic Sea States Summit was held on 3-4 May 1996 in Visby, Sweden**
- **3rd Baltic Sea States Summit in Kolding, Denmark held on 12-13 April 2000 recommended consolidation within the framework of the Council of the Baltic Sea States of all regional intergovernmental, multilateral co-operation taking place among the group of CBSS members**
- **8th BSSS took place in Vilnius on 1-2 June 2010 organised by the Lithuanian CBSS Presidency and the Vilnius Declaration a Vision for the Baltic Sea Region by 2020 was adopted**



Baltic Sea States Summits (2)

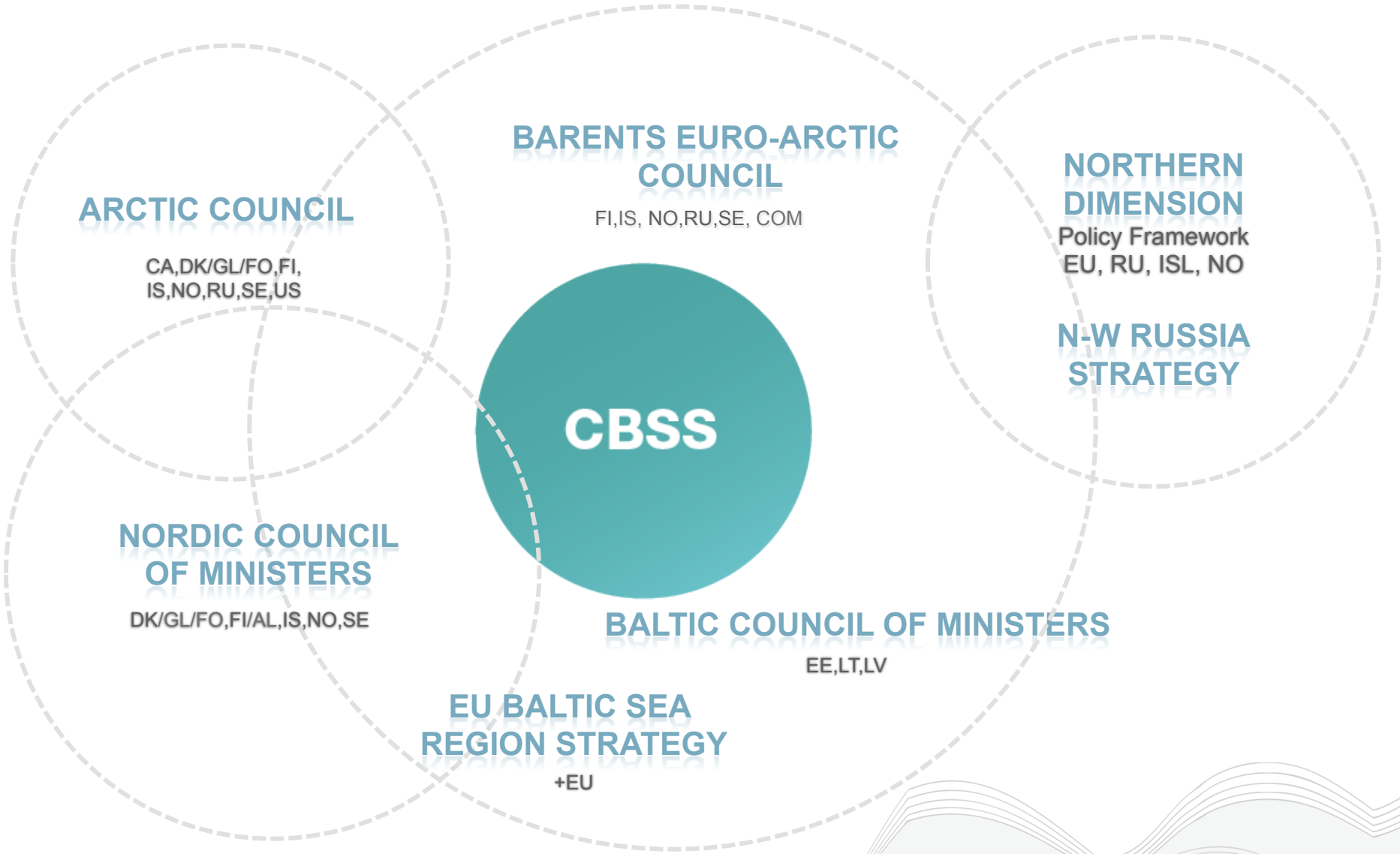
- The last, 9th Summit, was organized by Germany on 30 - 31 May 2012 in Stralsund of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in Germany
- The Conference of the Heads of Governments on Environmental Protection of the Baltic Sea (Baltic Sea Forum) took place April 5-6, 2013 in St Petersburg and the Saint Petersburg Initiative was launched to support the Baltic Sea Action Summit process launched in 2010 in Helsinki
- The 10th Summit was planned to be held on 3 – 4 June 2014 in Turku, Finland but was cancelled for the first time due to the tense political situation



Strategic Partners

- B7 Baltic Seven Islands
- Baltic Development Forum (BDF)
- Baltic Sea Chambers of Commerce Associations (BCCA)
- Baltic Sea Forum – Pro Baltica
- Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC)
- Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN)
- Baltic Sea States Sub-regional Cooperation (BSSSC)
- Baltic Sea Trade Union Network (BASTUN)
- Baltic University Programme BUP
- Business Advisory Council BAC
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions -Baltic Sea Commission CPMR-BSC
- Helsinki Commission HELCOM
- International Organization for Migration IOM
- NGO Forum
- Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC)
- ScanBalt





External CBSS cooperation

- **External cooperation including regular consultation and participation in joint activities and projects**
 - **4 regional councils in the North** (CBSS, NCM, BEAC, AC)
 - **initiatives embracing the Region** as the Northern Dimension, EU Strategy for the BSR and others
 - **international organisations in Europe** (Council of Europe, Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe)
 - **universal international organisations** (UNDP, UNODC, etc)
 - **macroregional organisations in other parts of Europe** (Central European Initiative CEI, Black Sea Economic Cooperation BSEC, Adriatic Ionian Initiative All, Visegrad Group V4, South East European Cooperation Process (SEECP), Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) and others)



CBSS project orientation

- Secretariat is participating in many **projects**, mainly in the areas of sustainable development, environment, economy and civil security/human dimension
- The 9th Baltic Sea States Summit in Stralsund endorsed the establishment of **the CBSS Project Support Facility** with 1 mln euro dedicated to it by the CBSS member states
- Efforts are undertaken to establish functioning cooperation between Iceland, Norway, Russia and the EU in areas where common objectives could be identified under **the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region**
- Acting on behalf of Priority Area Coordinator of the **EUSBSR Priority Area Secure**
- Co-coordinator of **EUSBSR Horizontal Actions Neighbors and Sustainable** for Climate Change Adaptation



- The CBSS Vilnius Declaration & CBSS long term priority “Sustainable and Prosperous Region”

CBSS Sustainable Development Strategy 2010-2015

1. *Climate Change*
2. *Sustainable Urban & Rural Development*
3. *Sustainable Consumption & Production*
4. *Innovation & Education for Sustainable Development*

EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, HA Sustainable

1. *Climate Change Adaptation*
2. *Climate Change Mitigation*
3. *Green Economy*

- **International:** *UN Post-2015 Development Agenda; EU Sustainable Development Strategy, EU Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, EU 2020 climate and energy package, incl. Resource-Efficient Europe Flagship, Energy Efficiency Plan 2011, EU Low-Carbon Economy Roadmap 2050, Eco-Innovation Action Plan 2011 etc.*

Aim: to support the transition of the Baltic Sea Region into a sustainable and green region and facilitating the *innovative practices for green transformation*.

Policy framework: EU 2020, Resource-Efficient Europe Flagship, EU Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, Energy Efficiency Plan 2011, Eco-Innovation AP, 7th Environmental Action Programme, CBSS SD Strategy etc.

PRIORITIES:

- **Green Economy** (*sustainable consumption and production, eco-innovations, energy and resource efficiency*)
- **Climate Change adaptation and mitigation** (*support the transition towards a climate adapted and low carbon region*)
- **Bioeconomy** (*Nordic Council of Ministers*)



➤ RECO Baltic 21 TECH

BSR Waste Management Strategy and Waste Investment Concept for Municipal WM

Establishment of the **BSR Waste Management Council**



➤ BIOENERGY PROMOTION II

Policy Recommendations on principles and criteria for sustainable bioenergy production in the BSR (presented at the BSPC-CBSS-BASREC Seminar on Energy Efficiency in March 2014).

➤ Ecovillages

Policy recommendations to the BSR countries and the respective EU services.

The formation of Baltic Ecovillage Network, a transnational umbrella of national Ecovillages networks.



- **Swedish Institute /CBSS Baltic 21 Baltic Leadership Programme on Low Carbon Economy:** network and training modules for the BSR professionals working in this field
- **BSR Urban Forum for Smart Cities** (Lead: Tartu Smart City Lab +UBC, BDF, City of Turku).
- **BALLOON - Low Carbon emission policy designing and implementing** (Ministry of Regional Development and Environment, Latvia). Pilot cases on integration the low carbon economy aims in relevant sectors.
- **Clim Urban** (Baltic Environmental Forum Germany, Germany) *-adapting cities and regions to climate change with focus on planning for flood prevention in urban areas*
- **Preparation the RECO III/ BOHICA** project on further implementation of the BSR Waste Management strategy and EU WM Directive and the work of the BSR WM Council

Ongoing projects & activities:



- **EFFECT – BSR Dialogue Platform on Energy and Resource Efficiency**
Mapping and communicating innovative solutions on energy & resource efficiency in local planning
- **REALS – Resilient and Ecological Approaches for Living Sustainably**
Capacity building on retro-innovative technologies, green buildings and green entrepreneurship.
- **TREBLE – application of the 3BL approach in sustainable tourism development.**

EFFECT – Dialogue Platform on Energy and Resource Efficiency in the Baltic Sea Region

Energy Efficiency in the Baltic Sea Region
Policy Review
Background Paper II



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EFFECT – Dialogue Platform on Energy and Resource Efficiency in the Baltic Sea Region

Low Carbon Economy
Policy and Project Review
Background Paper I



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Cooperation with Non-EU countries and other macro-regions

SUSTAINABLE
&
PROSPEROUS
REGION



REGERINGSKANSLIET

Ministry of the Environment
Sweden

—● Projects in Russia & Belarus financed by the Baltic

- **BELA-VIPER** (Lead Greifswald University, Germany)
- **FOOD** (Lead Lithuanian Agrarian Institute)
- **LearnWaters** (Lead Union of the Baltic Cities Environment Committee)

—● Cooperation with MEDA

- Seminar “Macro-regional Cooperation in Sustainable Waste Management in the Baltic Sea and Mediterranean Regions” in Barcelona on 12 December 2013 in cooperation with the UfM.
- **Knowledge exchange on governance and policy development** in a macro-regional setting on the topic of climate change with the UfM resulting with the decision of the UfM Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Climate Change on 13 May 2014 in Athens to establish the Climate Change Expert Group in MEDA region.



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HORIZONTAL ACTION 'SUSTAINABLE'

