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EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

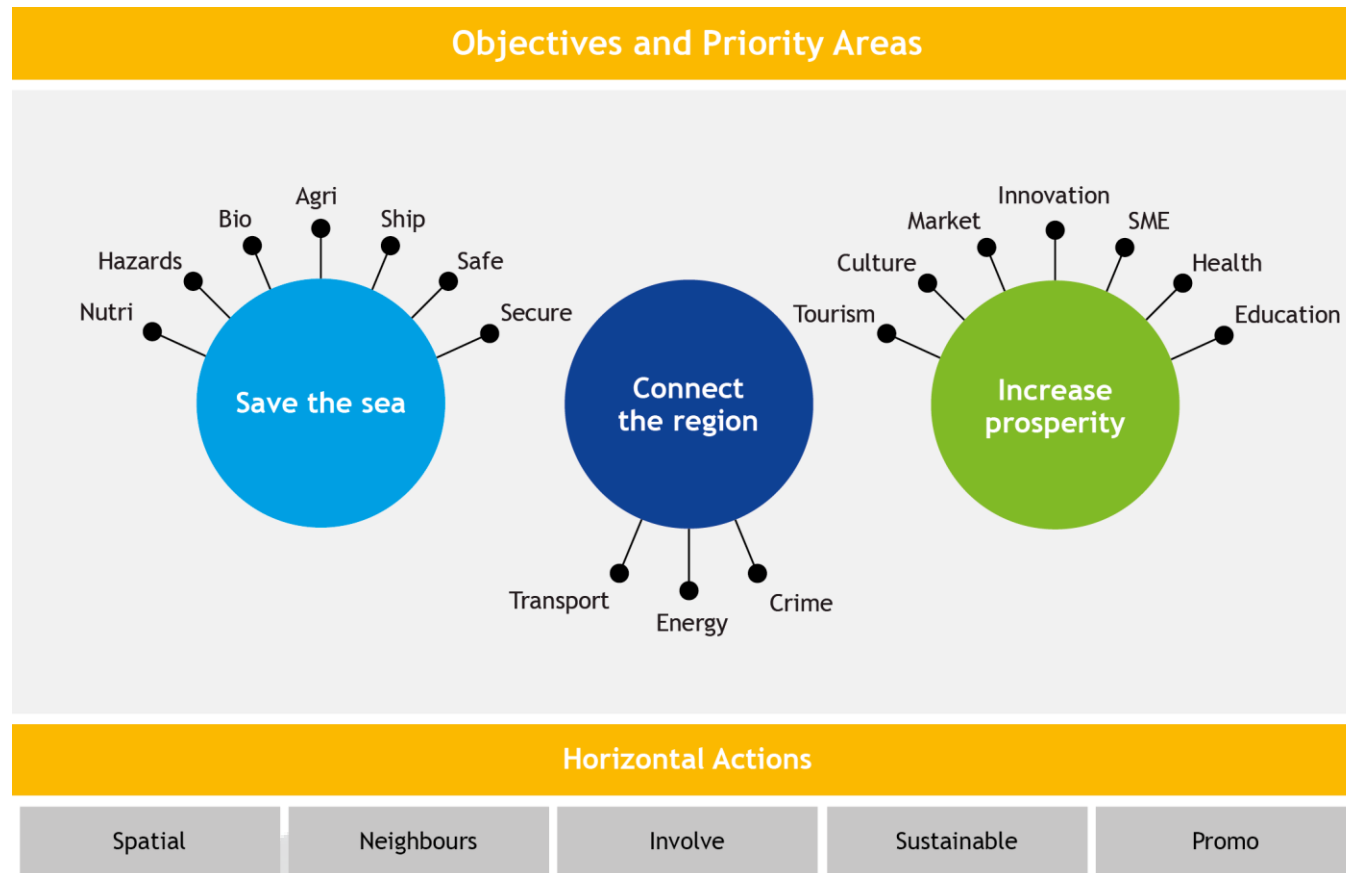
EUSBSR, Saving the Sea PA Nutri

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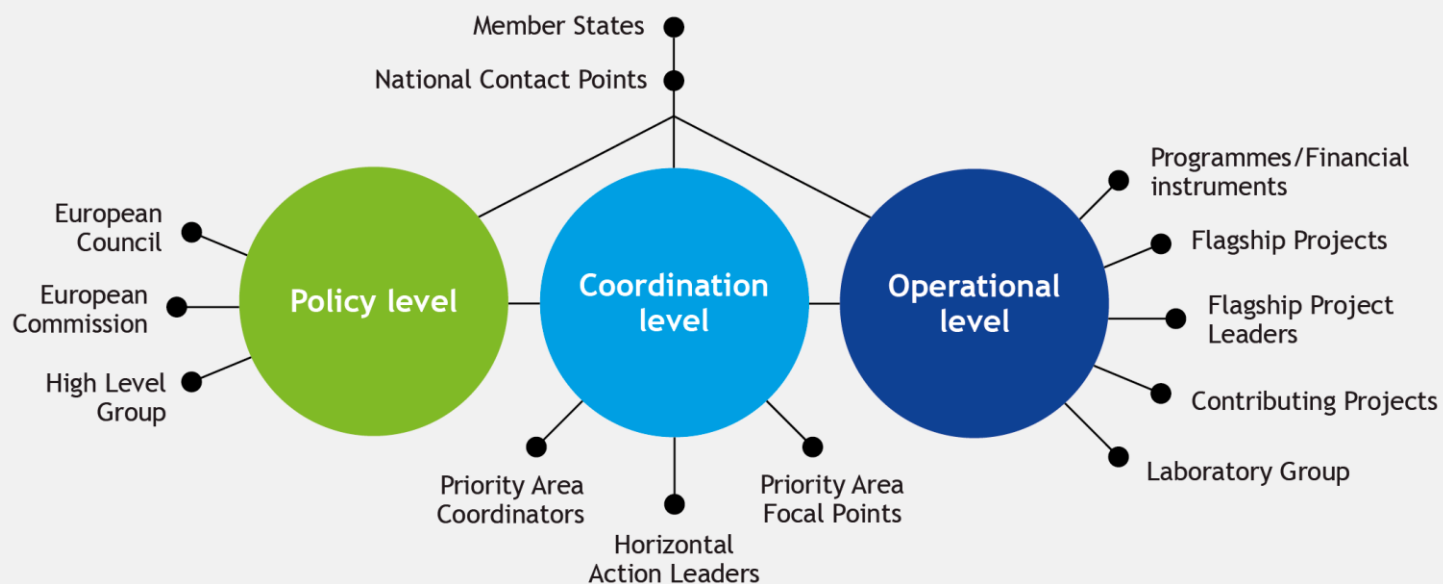
The Strategy in a nutshell

- First macro-regional strategy in Europe
- Aims at reinforcing cooperation within the region and promoting a more balanced development in the area
- Adopted in 2009, Action Plan under revision
- Three main objectives:
 - to save the sea
 - to connect the region
 - to increase prosperity in the region
- 21 Priority Areas and Horizontal Actions (to be reduced)
- No own funding, no institutions, no legislation

Objectives, Priority areas and Horizontal actions



Governance system of the EUSBSR



Saving the Sea: sub-objectives, indicators and targets

Sub-objective	Indicator	Baseline	Target	Sources
Clear water	Nutrient loads; ecological status by eutrophication parameters	BSAP; MSFD	Nutrient load reductions by 2016; GES by 2021	HELCOM; MSFD
Rich and healthy wildlife	Biodiversity status and ecosystem health, incl. fish stocks and amount of hazardous substances	GES indicators	Indicators in 2013; GES by 2021	MSFD, HELCOM
Clean and safe shipping	Number of shipping accidents	Average 2008-10	Decreasing trend	HELCOM
	Illegal discharges	2011	Elimination by 2021	HELCOM
Better cooperation	HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan	2007	Evaluation in 2013; full implementation by 2021	HELCOM
	Drawing up and application of transboundary ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Plans	None in 2011	Pilot plans in 2013; Drawing up and application in 2020	DG Mare, ministries, HELCOM-VASAB, ETC reports

Priority Area Nutri - Reducing nutrient inputs to the sea to acceptable levels

- Supports the implementation of HELCOM BSAP
- Enhances cooperation within the region, across country and sector borders, also with RUS & BY
- Organises stakeholder events, disseminates knowledge and good practices
- Promotes actions and flagship projects
- Links with EU funds
- Steering Committee: representatives from the MS, HELCOM, DG Regio, observers & invited guests as needed
- Website <http://groupspaces.com/eusbsr-nutrient-inputs/>

PA Nutri Flagship projects on sustainable agriculture

- **Baltic DEAL (completed)**
 - Cooperation with farmers to reduce nutrient losses from farms, with maintained production and competitiveness
 - A network of 100+ demonstration farms around the Baltic Sea demonstrating suitable agri-environmental investments, practices and measures
 - With parallel cluster projects Baltic Manure & Baltic Compass/Compact contributed to the formulation of legislation and rural development programmes 2014-20
- **Projects under development**
 - Baltic Blue Growth (BBG). Initiation of business based, large-scale mussel farms to harvest nutrients from the Baltic Sea.
<http://www.kalmarsundskommissionen.se/bbg>
 - Creating business by nutrient recycling (NutriBus). Pilot cases to demonstrate how nutrients can be recovered and cycled by economically feasible and environmentally sustainable methods.
 - Nutrient vulnerable zones (NVZ), initiated by HELCOM Agro-Environmental Forum.

PA Nutri and HELCOM

- Added value from enhanced coordination with HELCOM
 - HELCOM - formulation of policy recommendations, identification of bottlenecks in implementation, proposals of needs for actions and projects
 - EUSBSR, PA Nutri - sharing of good practices, promotion & identification of flagship projects, linking financing
 - HELCOM PRESSURE Work Plan: "HELCOM to consider policy relevant proposals raised by PA Nutri"
- How to improve coherence ?
 - Coordination between national HELCOM representatives and Nutri focal points as Steering Committee members
 - Back-to-back and joint meetings with HELCOM
 - Coordination with all HELCOM relevant priority areas



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