

11th Annual Forum of the EUSBSR Turku 2020
Our Region, Our Future - Towards a Decade of Innovation and Sustainability

WORKSHOP: Common Road Map for COOPERATION in BSR: Joint actions for Sustainable Region

Organisers: CBSS, HA Neighbours, HA Capacity (Swedish Institute, UBC), City of Turku, St. Petersburg Government - Committee for External Relations of Saint-Petersburg, Leontief Centre

6th of OCTOBER 2020, 13.00 – 16.00

Description: The Workshop aims to discuss the possible formats, actions and measures to undertake for further development of the cooperation between multilevel stakeholders in the EU and the North Western Russia, especially in the areas where such cooperation is needed and improves the efficiency of the EUSBSR and addresses the interests of both.

The Workshop is based on outcomes of the Stakeholder' Meeting and the Session on SDGs as a common framework for strategies in BSR which took place at Forum Strategov in St. Petersburg 2019 and the Survey, carried out in 2020 where the 7 prioritised areas of cooperation have been defined by the stakeholders coming from the regions of NW Russia. The outcomes of so far implemented CBC and BSR Interreg projects will be considered as well.

The 2030 Global Agenda provides a common platform through implementation of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for Action for all BSR countries towards sustainability and social welfare of the entire Baltic Sea region, **which can be achieved only by joint efforts.**

The Workshop will gather the key actors from the BSR, including representatives from cooperation platforms, cities and regions to discuss **the Road Map and possibility to draft a Joint Action Plan for Sustainability of the Baltic Sea region** as well as the instruments and resources needed for that purpose.

The expected results are to ensure a practice-oriented and more systematic dialogue, aiming at identifying additional possibilities for practical cooperation and increasing the number of partners in joint activities.

PROGRAM

Moderators:

Daria Akhutina, Head of Priority Area: Sustainable and Prosperous Region, CBSS
Gabor Schneider, Programme Manager, Swedish Institute

First Session 13.00 – 14.20

13.00 – 13.15 **Introduction by moderators:**

- Background and Stakeholder Survey' results
- Swedish Institute Baltic Leadership Program as an instrument for further process

13.15 – 13.40

Welcome address: Igor Kapyrin - Deputy Director of the Department of European Cooperation
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

NWR Stakeholders

Elena Belova, Secretary General, Leontief Center

Dmitry Krutoy, Head of the Department of international affairs of the Committee of Nature Use, Environmental Protection and Ecological Safety, Administration of St. Petersburg

Liana Maksimova, Deputy Head (director) of the Agency of Foreign Affairs and Regional cooperation, Administration of Kaliningrad Region

Natalia Goleva, Head of the Department of the International and Interregional Cooperation, Administration of Pskov Region,
Administration of the Republic of Karelia (TBD)

Expected contribution (5-7 min):

- 1. The background to the chosen areas for cooperation in BSR and the added value for your region/city*
- 2. Opinion on importance of the creation of the Common Action Plan for Sustainability of the entire Baltic Sea region and proposals in this regard*

13.40 – 14.00

BSR cooperation platforms: UBC, BSSSC

Krystyna Wróblewska, BSSSC Secretary General

Marko Paunovic, Head of UBC Antenna in Brussels

Expected contribution (5-7 min):

- 1. How does cooperation look like between NWR and the other BSR countries in your cooperation platform, which are the prioritised areas?*
- 2. How could you contribute to the Common Action Plan for Sustainability of the entire Baltic Sea region and proposals in this regard*

14.00 – 14.15 BREAK

Second Session

14.15 – 14.50

Policy Area and Horizontal Action Coordinators of the EUSBSR

Anders Bergström, PAC Education, Norden Association of Sweden

Anja Uhlenbrok, PAC Culture, Ministry of Justice, Cultural and European Affairs Schleswig-Holstein (tbc)

Wiebke Seemann, PAC Health, Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-Being (NDPHS) Secretariat

Esa Kokkonen, PAC Innovation, The Baltic Institute of Finland

Henrik Noes Piester, PAC Ship, Danish Maritime Authority

Friederike-Sophie Maasch, PAC Tourism, Ministry of Economics, Employment and Health Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

Valdur Latvee, HAC Climate, CBSS

Expected contribution (5-7 min):

- 1. Which actions do you have in your policy area?*
- 2. How are SDGs aligned to your policy area?*
- 3. Name some possible topics where you see opportunities for cooperation with NWR stakeholders and*
- 4. How could you contribute to the Common Action Plan for Sustainability of the entire Baltic Sea region and proposals in this regard?*

14.50 – 15.20 Discussion

on common mapping and analysis, how transnational cooperation and partnership can support the Common Action Plan for Sustainability of the entire Baltic Sea region.

What challenges and opportunities can you see?

What steps and actions are necessary to take?

15.20 – 16.00 Finalising and Way forward

General Recommendations to deliver to AF EUSBSR and to Forum Strategov

Upcoming activities:

Joint Action Plan for Sustainability of BSR

BLP Neighbours

PROPOSAL ON RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.** To recognize the implementation of the UN SDGs as a common task for both EU and non-EU countries in the Region of Baltic Sea and therefore as a relevant framework for further cooperation among the stakeholders of the Region
- 2.** To start drafting of the Joint Action Plan for Sustainability of the Baltic Sea Region, including the measures and instruments to achieve the common goal – make the BSR as a model Region for prosperous and equal development of social, economic and environmental pillars of sustainability.