

Joint Energy and Climate platform of Baltic Sea Region (BSR) organisations



Baltic Sea Region (BSR) organisations contribution to ensuring a Sound Energy and Climate Future for the Baltic Sea Region

GOALS

Baltic Sea Region organisations goals in the field of Energy and Climate are:

1. to convey a clear "Regional Energy and Climate message" to national and intergovernmental authorities.
2. to support ongoing and future regional projects, aiming to achieve a sound Energy and Climate Future for the BSR.
3. to raise public awareness of Energy and Climate challenges in the BSR.

OBJECTIVES

Convey:

- ✓ A clear message to the national and intergovernmental authorities (EU) – containing the regional position/view on Energy and Climate.

Agree on:

- ✓ Common Energy and Climate strategy for BSR organisations
- ✓ Urgent measures/actions to be taken immediately.

Focus on:

- ✓ Diversification of energy sources through free, open, competitive markets
- ✓ Encouragement of a variety of energy sources, including renewable and alternate fuels
- ✓ Wise use of energy through efficiency and conservation
- ✓ Energy saving

Identify:

- ✓ Areas of common interest/areas where the common actions can be applied
- ✓ Project (-s) in the BSR, where a support of relevant organisations/actors is needed

- ✓ Models of co-operation between energy SMEs and regional/local authorities to develop and run sustainable energy units
- ✓ Measures, which can be implemented by the BSR organisations internally (in the organisations) and in the regions/cities they represent.
- ✓ An example of a project, where the BSR organisations can join forces, is a follow-up of the New Hansa Project: Prevention of ships' emissions to the air.

Support:

- ✓ Sound Energy and Climate-related initiatives in the BSR.

Recommend:

- ✓ Projects for participation of the local/regional level in the BSR.

Promote:

- ✓ Best practise examples within Energy efficiency from BSR subregions/cities etc.
- ✓ Inter-sectoral approach to tackle Energy and Climate change challenges (spatial planning)

Co-operate:

- ✓ On information dissemination and exchange within Energy and Climate-related issues – by regularly advising each other on ongoing Energy and Climate-related activities (by e-

mail, by adding information on each others web-sites, etc.)

- ✓ On developing Analysis of Energy and Climate situation in the region, including following areas: Energy supply/ Renewable energy sources like bio-energy, incl. bio-fuels.

Involve into the co-operation:

- ✓ Policymakers, including governments and parliaments
- ✓ Scientists/Researchers/Experts
- ✓ Actors from private, national and international energy sectors
- ✓ Representatives of NGOs, promoting sustainable energy in the region

Obtain:

- ✓ Financial support to implement joint result-oriented activities

Act together:

- ✓ Join forces when interacting with other major international actors (EU, China, Russia) – in projects, at exhibitions and conferences

Implement:

- ✓ Analysis/Survey (-s)
- ✓ Joint conferences, meetings and seminars

Contribute to:

- ✓ Production of a "White Paper" on Energy
- ✓ Implementation of BDF Summit on Energy and Climate

Include:

- ✓ Energy-related issues in spatial planning at the regional and local level
- ✓ Adaptation to Climate Change and Risk Management at the regional and local levels as a part of spatial planning

Raise:

- ✓ Awareness of Climate Change in relation to Energy production and use amongst inhabitants of the Baltic Sea Region by information campaigns, etc.

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