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1 Innovation	1.2 Smart specialisation	BSR S3 Ecosystem	Baltic Sea Region Smart Specialisation Ecosystem	Region Västerbotten, Sweden	Smart specialisation helps regions to use their strengths to boost growth and prosperity. Yet, many regions lack methods or institutional frameworks to implement it successfully. The BSR S3 Ecosystem platform aligns smart specialisation initiatives to better steer investments across the Baltic Sea region. By sharing best practices, it activates research and academic communities, industry and public entities to strengthen the regional innovation ecosystem. The platform builds on the experiences of Interreg Baltic Sea Region's projects Smart-up BSR and GoSmart BSR, as well as BIOREGIO ClusterFy and TraCS3, co-founded by Interreg Europe. <i>Contact: marta.bahta@regionvasterbotten.se.</i>
		2 Natural resources	2.1 Clear waters	BSR WATER	Platform on Integrated Water Cooperation
SUMANU	Sustainable manure and nutrient management for reduction of nutrient loss in the Baltic Sea Region			Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke), Finland	A large share of the nutrient load to the Baltic Sea comes from industrial agriculture. More efficient manure management would reduce the negative impact of farming on the sea. SUMANU gathers and synthesises best practices and recommendations on nutrient management from the Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects Manure Standards and Baltic Slurry Acidification, as well as the BONUS project PROMISE and Interreg Central Baltic's GreenAgri. Best practices and recommendations are translated for and made available to authorities, policy makers, advisors and farmers. <i>Contact: minna.sarvi@luke.fi</i>

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2 Natural resources	2.3 Energy efficiency	CAMS Platform	Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Synergies in Energy Efficiency Projects	Tartu Regional Energy Agency, Estonia	The negative impacts of climate change upon human and natural ecosystems can be minimised by substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. High energy consuming housing and production sectors still leave a major carbon footprint. The CAMS Platform improves energy efficiency measures by aligning research, recommendations, audits and investments from 11 projects across the Baltic Sea region. In particular, the know-how comes from Interreg Baltic Sea Region's EFFECT4Buildings, LowTemp, AREA 21, Co2mmunity, Act Now, BEA-APP, RDI2CluB; but also HORIZON 2020's HERON, SIM4NEXUS, ENLARGE, and ARCEE funded by EuropeAid. <i>Contact: antti.roose@tre.ee.</i>
	2.4 Blue growth	Blue Platform	Bioeconomy for Blue Growth in the Baltic Sea Region – a platform project to capitalize on the outputs of complementary transnational projects	Finnish Environment Institute, Finland	Blue bioeconomy is high on the agenda in the Baltic Sea region to strengthen the EU's competitiveness. The Blue Platform promotes results from eleven blue bioeconomy projects from Interreg, BONUS and Horizon2020 towards authorities, business development organisations and companies as well as national and regional EU funding programmes dealing with blue growth. To improve the framework conditions for blue bioeconomy in the Baltic Sea region, the Blue Platform compiles a manual with joint standards for blue bioeconomy interventions, a Blue Platform Roadmap 2020, and policy papers on the alignment of funding and legislation. <i>Contact: anne-mari.luhtanen@ymparisto.fi.</i>
		Capacity4MSP	Strengthening the capacity of MSP stakeholders and decision makers	State Regional Development Agency (VASAB), Latvia	Shipping, aquaculture, nature conservation etc. compete for space at sea. Since the 2014 EU Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) Directive, the countries around the Baltic Sea have been elaborating national maritime plans which help to make the right decisions for a sustainable use of the sea. Yet, the Baltic Sea needs coordinated management by all countries. In Capacity4MSP, partners of eleven transnational projects cooperate to advance MSP across the entire macro-region (Baltic Blue Growth/ InteGrid/ LINES/ RIM/ SCOPE, as well as Pan Baltic Scope, Land-Sea-Act, SeaPlanSpace, MUSES, BASMATI, BALTSPACE). They address the harmonisation of national maritime plans, their practical implementation as well as their evaluation and monitoring by facilitating regular stakeholder dialogues. <i>Contact: info@vasab.org.</i>

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3 Transport	3.1 Interoperability	BSR Access	Access to clean, efficient and multimodal transport corridors in the Baltic Sea Region	Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, Finland	BSR Access boosts innovative transport and mobility services by facilitating cross-sectoral planning. It creates linkages between traditional infrastructure nodes and smart transport solutions to further develop the TEN-T Core Network Corridors, and contribute to sustainable growth in the region. BSR Access combines expertise from Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects: NSB CoRe, TENTacle, EMMA and Scandria®2Act as well as Interreg Botnia-Atlantica project E12 Atlantica Transport, Interreg Central Baltic project FinEst Link, and Green Regions with Alternative Fuels for Transport, co-funded by the EU Connecting Europe Facility. <i>Contact: malla.paajanen@uudenmaanliitto.fi</i>
	3.3 Maritime safety	ResQU2	Enhancing durability of learning experiences gained in ChemSAR, HAZARD, DiveSmart Baltic and Mirg-Ex projects on guidelines, operational plans and procedures, and exercises related to incidents at sea and in ports	University of Turku, Finland	With about 2,000 vessels operating on the Baltic Sea any minute, the risk of accidents is high. ResQU2 brings together rescue services, seaports and other authorities to share guidelines, operational plans and procedures on incidents at sea and in ports, and to run large-scale exercises. By harvesting from experiences of Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects ChemSAR, HAZARD, DiveSMART-Baltic and project Mirg-Ex, co-funded by the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, ResQU2 increases preparedness and coordination of rescue operations on the Baltic and North Seas. <i>Contact: kirsi.laitio@utu.fi</i>
	3.4 Shipping	CSHIPP	Clean Shipping Project Platform	University of Turku, Finland	The Baltic Sea is one of busiest and most environmentally vulnerable seas. CSHIPP closes the gap between research, business and policy making by establishing long-term knowledge exchange among these networks. This helps the maritime industry reduce its environmental footprint and increase competitiveness at the same time. CSHIPP is based on Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects: EnviSuM, Baltic LINes, GoLNG, ECOPRODIGI, COMPLETE and BSR ELECTRIC, as well as BONUS project SHEBA and CompMon co-funded by the EU Connecting Europe Facility. <i>Contact: Riitta Pöntynen, riipon@utu.fi</i>