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2 Natural resources	2.1 Clear waters	BSR WATER	Platform on Integrated Water Cooperation	Union of the Baltic Cities, Sustainable Cities Commission c/o City of Turku, Finland	Better knowledge transfer about water management across borders can improve the Baltic Sea environment. The online platform “Baltic Smart Water Hub” enhances exchange among water experts from companies, associations, authorities, academia and NGOs. BSR WATER gathers knowledge on smart sludge handling, storm water management, waste water treatment, manure management and energy efficiency in the hub. It builds up on the Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects IWAMA, Manure Standards, Village Waters, BEST and Baltic Blue Growth as well as Interreg Central Baltic’s iWater, NutriTrade, Blastic and Waterchain and South Baltic’s RBR. <i>Contact: bjorn.gronholm@ubc.net</i>
		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>
	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: riku.varjopuro@ymparisto.fi</i>

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3	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>