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**A compilation of 42 projects
funded by the Central Baltic
Programme 2014-2020**

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Welcoming words from the Joint Secretariat

We, the Central Baltic team are happy that you are interested in our cooperation projects and warmly welcome you to the first edition of this booklet. In the following pages you'll find a wide variety of efforts, all trying to solve common problems together and across borders.

The new Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020 continues the legacy of the previous programme period that spanned from 2007 to 2013. Experiences, best practices and know-how have been passed on and help streamlining the process of information transfer for potential applicants, ongoing projects and of course, people benefitting from the outcomes of our great projects.

From plan to action

Preparations for the Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020 started two years prior to launch. Between December 2012 and July 2014, stakeholders from all over the region were busy developing and reviewing content for the upcoming programme.

For the current Interreg programme period, The European Commission defined 11 potential co-operation themes. It was the task of regional and national representatives from Estonia, Latvia, Finland, including the Åland islands, and Sweden to commonly agree on, which of these themes should be chosen. In addition, the Managing Authority organised thematic seminars and met regional stakeholders in many different events to collect information about the needs and strengths of the region.

During the development of the new programme, discussions centered around regions, where co-operation would bring the biggest improvements; despite a 20% funding increase from the previous programme period, focusing efforts and maximising impact was crucial, since Interreg programmes always operate within a limited budget and time-frame.

Finally, four priorities with 11 specific objectives were chosen to be included into the new programme. Each specific objective was discussed in detail to ensure that

stakeholders had a common understanding of desired achievements. In connection to this, potential activities and partners were mapped.

Based on this work, the Member States agreed on the final formulations and in July 2014, the programme was ready to be submitted to the European Commission. In the Commission, careful reading followed and on 16 December 2015 the programme was officially approved.

Pre-approval work for the programme was vital to ensure the best possible selection of co-operation fields, which furthermore lead to real and sustainable improvements within the region. This was put to test in the first call. Would there be enough interest in the chosen fields? Will the projects lead to the desired change in the region?

This booklet is proof that the “test” was passed with flying colors. During the first call, a landslide of 177 project ideas were submitted. After assessing each project idea, the Steering Committee selected 42 projects for funding. The selected projects clearly contribute to the programme objectives and fill the need for such activities. Furthermore, strong partnerships that help finding practical solutions across borders, exist in these projects.

You can read more about these 42 projects in the next pages. As the programme develops together with its projects, this booklet will be updated accordingly. We are happy to embark on this journey and inviting you to join us. Get to know our projects, learn from their results, use their outputs, share your experiences with them or come up with an idea of your own!



Introduction to the programme

The Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020 is a cross-border cooperation programme under the European Territorial Cooperation objective. The Programme aims to achieve the following strategic goals: competitive economy, sustainable use of common resources, well-connected region and skilled and socially inclusive region. These goals are further divided into Specific Objectives (listed below).

Additionally, the Programme will contribute to the goal of Europe 2020 strategy for “smart”, “sustainable” and “inclusive” growth as well as to the achievement of

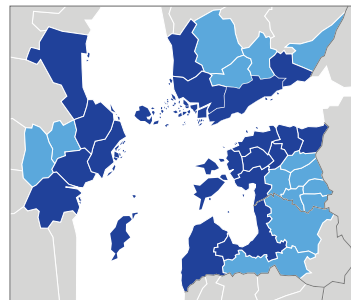
Introduction to the programme economic, social and territorial cohesion. The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region is taken into account by aiming to contribute to its objectives “save the sea”, “connect the region” and “increase prosperity”.

Due to the size and complexity of the Central Baltic Programme, there are three geographically defined sub-programmes: the Central Baltic, the Southern Finland – Estonia and the Archipelago and Islands sub-programme. The Programme priorities and specific objectives are common for all three sub-programmes.

<p>Priority 1: Competitive economy</p> <p>Specific Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. New Central Baltic knowledge intensive companies 1.2. More entrepreneurial youth 1.3. More exports by the Central Baltic companies to new markets 	<p>Priority 2: Sustainable use of common resources</p> <p>Specific Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Natural and cultural resources developed into sustainable tourist attractions 2.2. Sustainably planned and managed marine and coastal areas 2.3. Better urban planning in the Central Baltic region 2.4. Reduced nutrients, hazardous substances and toxins inflow into the Baltic Sea
<p>Priority 3: Well-connected region</p> <p>Specific Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Improved transport flows of people and goods 3.2. Improved services of existing small ports to improve local and regional mobility and contribute to tourism development 	<p>Priority 4: Skilled and socially inclusive region</p> <p>Specific Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. More people benefiting from stronger Central Baltic communities (6 projects) 4.2. More aligned vocational education and training (VET) programmes in the Central Baltic region

Sub-programme:

CENTRAL BALTIC



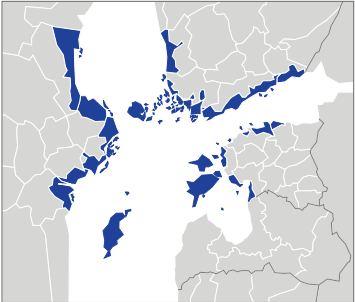
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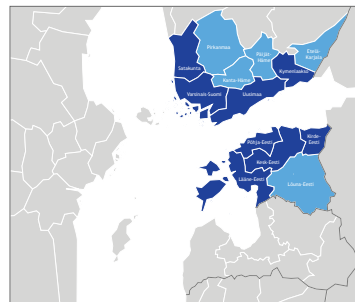
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PRIORITY 1
Competitive economy



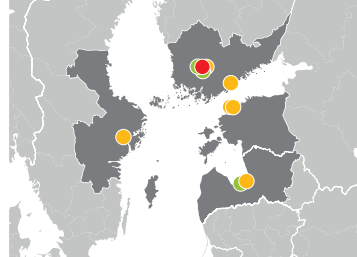
BELT

Baltic Entrepreneurship Laboratories

The BELT project creates new cross-border companies, joint venture opportunities and cooperation between startups, teams and individuals in the Central Baltic region. The project focuses on business development under the theme of “Smart City”, which is a priority at the EU-level and many regional innovation policies to support cross-sectoral smart and eco-efficient innovations.

BELT strives to attract potential startups and entrepreneurship-oriented students to the project incubator activities through relevant networks, platforms and road shows. BELT organizes intensive business development BootCamps for startups and individuals to accelerate business ideas and concepts, and to look for market entries and skilled team members across borders. Further, a coaching network will be created to offer business and seed funding coaching for the best established cross-border teams and business ideas from the BootCamps.

The project will result in at least 5 joint and 10 co-operating knowledge intensive companies. The project will support 30 new knowledge intensive companies in the Central Baltic region.



Specific Objective 1.1. New Central Baltic knowledge intensive companies
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 10/2015 - 9/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 1 101 851
ERDF (€) 843 907

Lead Partner The Baltic Institute of Finland, Finland (Tampere)
Project WWW www.baltic.org

Project Partners New Factory Ltd., Finland (Tampere), Demola East Sweden, Sweden (Norrköping), Demola Latvia, Latvia (Riga), Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland (Vantaa)

Associated Partners Tampere Region Economic Development Agency Tredea, Finland (Tampere), The City of Tampere, Finland (Tampere), Jūrmala City Council, Latvia (Jūrmala)

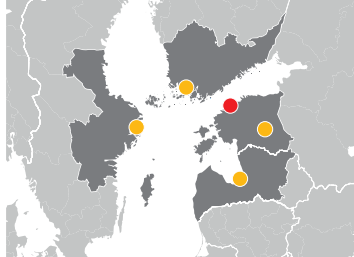
CB HealthAccess

Access to Distant Markets in Health and Wellness

The existing e-health and life-science clusters see a clear need for a cross-border meta-cluster to solve common challenges of supporting expansion of their innovative companies. The project CB HealthAccess focuses on supporting health technology companies to enter into new distant markets in South Korea, US, India and Uganda with their products.

The project activities include gathering market information (legal setup, rules for health products, financial schemes in health, competition, technological environment, partnerships, etc.), adaption of products, marketing and sales activities, involvement of experts from the target market, business missions, 121 meetings, negotiations and closing of sales. The aim is to establish a lasting relation to the target markets to guarantee smoother access for new innovative health technology companies from the clusters.

The project aims at minimum of three new sales by a company of a participating cluster in each of the four target markets, i.e. 12 new sales in these distant markets. Half of these will be achieved during the project duration and the other half within one year after the end of the CB Health Access project.



Specific Objective 1.3. More exports by the Central Baltic companies to new markets

Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 12/2018

Total Project Budget (€) 1 561 525

ERDF (€) 1 242 359

Lead Partner Tallinn Science Park
Tehnopol, Estonia (Tallinn)

Project WWW www.cbhealthaccess.eu

Project Partners Tartu Biotechnology Park, Estonia (Tartu), Turku Science Park, Finland (Turku), Swedish Medtech, Sweden (Stockholm), Enixus Baltics, Latvia (Riga)

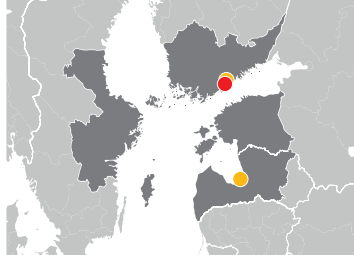
CB2East

Central Baltic Cleantech Clusters expanding to East of EU markets

The project CB2East aims at strengthening the Central Baltic Region's economic competitiveness by creating commercially targeted open innovation platforms between Latvia and Finland. The focus areas are in sustainable eco-efficiency and water expertise solution needs in North-West Russia and Central Asia. Both regions have shown notable market potential for the Finnish and Latvian SMEs but the lack of critical mass and certain capabilities have been an obstacle for successful commercial entries to the markets.

CB2East catalyses transnational innovation collaboration for clusters based on challenge-driven and smart specialization approaches. New element of the approach is the use of an inclusive model of collaboration, co-creative innovation processes including open innovation test-beds and new communication tools. The project creates combinations of the clusters complementary competences with a potential to develop specialized solutions to the target market needs. These strategic platforms support transnational clusters' intermediaries on their operational projects helping companies in their business development and fruitful commercialization of joint ideas internationally.

The project will result in four cluster co-operations exporting to new markets and a continuous and commercially successful transnational cooperation in between two countries as well as a model that can be spread to the neighbouring CB countries in the future.



Specific Objective 1.3. More exports by the Central Baltic companies to new markets

Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 8/2018, 36 months

Total Project Budget (€) 909 065

ERDF (€) 711 643

Lead Partner Finnish Water Forum, Finland (Helsinki)

LP Contact www.finnishwaterforum.fi

Project Partners Green Net Finland, Finland (Vantaa), Latvian Biotechnology association, Latvia (Riga)

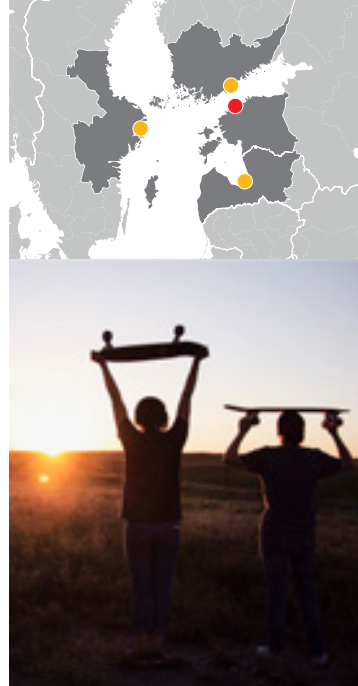
CBEwB

Central Baltic Student Enterprises without Borders

The objective of the CBEwB project is to have more entrepreneurial youth in the Central Baltic region. Until now the focus has been on local entrepreneurship education and it has been a challenge to support international activities. In the CBEwB project students take initiative in creating international student companies with students from other Central Baltic countries. Students meet, develop ideas, create and manage their companies and sell products together.

The project starts with a seminar where students get acquainted, find a common business idea and create the first EwB's. The student company partners work closely together and visit trade fairs to sell their products. The companies are closed down in a year followed by an analysis of the used methods and their outcomes, leading to further developing the model. The project activities include training also for teachers and business mentors as well as producing learning materials.

During the project at least 50 international student companies are created. Altogether this will result in better teachers and more young people with CB networks and competence in international business. At least 300 students, 80 teachers and 50 mentors participate in the project.



Specific Objective 1.2. More entrepreneurial youth
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 4/2019, 44 months
Total Project Budget (€) 1 729 523
ERDF (€) 1 381 958

Lead Partner Junior Achievement Estonia, Estonia (Tallinn)
LP Contact www.ja.ee

Project Partners Junior Achievement-Young Enterprise Latvia, Latvia (Riga), Junior Achievement Finland, Finland (Helsinki), Junior Achievement Sweden, Sweden (Stockholm)



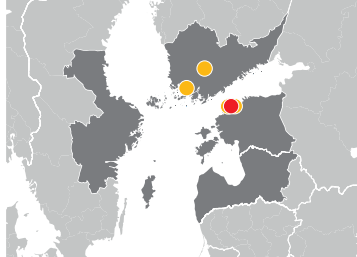
CLUSME

Chances and challenges of cluster-based marketing in mechatronics

The objective of the CLUSME project is to increase export volumes and the competitiveness of Estonian and Finnish mechanical engineering and mechatronics sector through cluster initiative and common marketing. This is done by creating preconditions for successful export to new expanding markets of Georgia, Uzbekistan, South-Africa, Brazil and Mexico.

The project will do market analysis and research, develop entering strategies, find contacts and partners in target markets, make investments to equipment needed to adapt the products to the needs of the target markets (e.g. measuring machine and digitalisation software). Activities will also include seminars presenting research outcomes and possibilities in target markets, business visits and B2B contacts in target markets.

The project will result in five entries to markets outside of Europe, where contacts will be developed with local authorities, supporting institutions, associations and companies in chosen subsectors. These contacts will be disseminated to benefit a large number of companies in the project partners' networks.



Specific Objective 1.3. More exports by the Central Baltic companies to new markets

Subprogramme Southern Finland - Estonia

Duration 9/2015 - 8/2018, 36 months

Total Project Budget (€) 2 014 093

ERDF (€) 1 646 979

Lead Partner IMECC Ltd, Estonia (Tallinn)

LP Contact www.imecc.ee

Project Partners Association of Mechatronics, Estonia (Tallinn), Federation of Estonian Engineering Industry, Estonia (Tallinn), New Factory Ltd., Finland (Tampere), Machine Technology Center Turku Ltd., Finland (Turku)

ICT Meta Cluster

Central Baltic ICT - Export Meta Cluster

The ICT SMEs within the Central Baltic countries are in a challenging situation due to a very small size of fiercely competed domestic markets making it necessary to penetrate into new markets. Through joining resources it will be possible to elevate branding, join and jointly use available resources for market studies and promotion as well as establish constellations eligible for further expansion in the new markets.

The project ICT Meta Cluster aims to create a complete value chain offering 400 ICT-oriented companies in Estonia, Latvia and Sweden resources to generate first sales of their products and services at new markets, to expand the sales within the respective countries and regions, and finally to prepare for further expansion of the business activities.

By the end of the project, the ICT Meta Cluster is a validated ecosystem for establishment and further business expansion into new markets. The participating SMEs have an access and are familiar with the target markets' export analysis, have received match-making results for their product in the target markets, have performed necessary adaptations of products and services as well as received support with export/import regulations. Finally, at least nine sales at target markets have been achieved.



Specific Objective 1.3. More exports by the Central Baltic companies to new markets

Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 2/2019, 42 months

Total Project Budget (€) 2 320 879

ERDF (€) 1 814 790

Lead Partner Fiber Optic Valley AB, Sweden (Hudiksvall)

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Project Partners Acree, Sweden (Hudiksvall), Latvian IT Cluster, Latvia (Riga), Estonia ICT Cluster, Estonia (Tallinn)



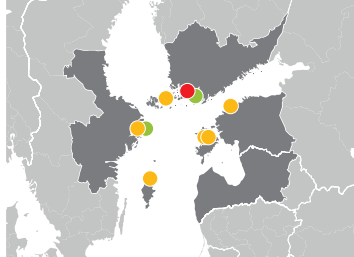
RIBS

Rolling Images in Business Startups

A common challenge in rural societies is that young people move away from their local communities in order to find work and education. By making entrepreneurship more attractive for the youth they could make a living in their local communities. The RIBS project aims at developing young people's knowledge about entrepreneurship and media literacy by engaging them in cross-border entrepreneurship courses, local and international workshops and exchange possibilities for students, teachers and coaches.

The project will organise both local and international business idea workshops to form cross-border teams based on similar business ideas. The teams will be coached in enhancing their business plan and in developing the necessary media and financial skills for the project. The teams will develop their business ideas mainly by using ICT tools but also during cross-border exchanges, under supervision of teachers and coaches.

During the project, approximately 20 joint student companies will be established. The networks of young participants created during their work with the joint student companies can become the starting point for new, creative and competitive cross-border companies in the future.



Specific Objective 1.2. More entrepreneurial youth
Subprogramme Archipelago and Islands

Duration 9/2015 - 11/2018, 39 months
Total Project Budget (€) 1 824 556
ERDF (€) 1 396 710

Lead Partner City of Pargas (Pärninen)
LP Contact www.pargas.fi

Project Partners Kinobuss NGO, Estonia (Tallinn), Young Voices in the Archipelago NGO, Finland (Kumlinge), Film on Gotland, Sweden (Fårösund), Film Stockholm, Sweden (Stockholm), Kuressaare City Government, Estonia (Kuressaare), Saaremaa Development Centre, Estonia (Kuressaare)

Associated Partner Värmdö municipality, Sweden (Gustavsberg), Municipality of Kimitoön, Finland (Kemiö)

SME2GO

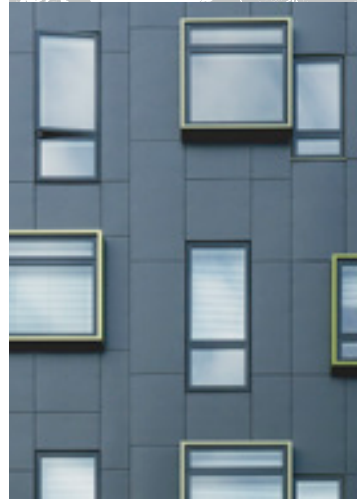
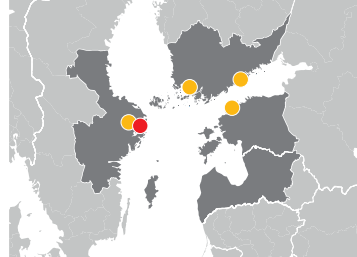
Central Baltic Region Smart City Solutions for Global Cities

For the first time in history the majority of people live in cities, and the urban population continues to grow. This has created a great need for more efficient, sustainable, and smart city solutions.

The Central Baltic region is at the forefront of the development of smart cities. In many cases the cutting-edge solutions are developed within a small or medium-sized enterprise. Unfortunately, these companies often lack knowledge and experience in doing business with emerging markets. This prevents them from offering their solutions to megacities in Asia, Africa and South America, or elsewhere.

For the coming three years, SME2GO will focus on increasing the cooperation between growth-oriented SMEs and multinational enterprises with solutions for smart cities within the region to create synergies, new cross-boarder business opportunities, and export. The participants in the project will be offered networking, international marketing and sales training, matchmaking, market intelligence, and customized support, to facilitate joint export opportunities in emerging markets.

SME2GO will form 3-5 cross-boarder business partnerships (consortia) achieving 2-3 sales during or 1-2 year period after the project has ended.



Specific Objective 1.3. More exports by the Central Baltic companies to new markets

Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 10/2015 - 9/2018, 36 months

Total Project Budget (€) 1 839 996

ERDF (€) 1 419 997

Lead Partner SISP Swedish Incubators & Science Parks, Sweden (Stockholm)

LP Contact www.sisp.se

Project Partners Tallinn Science Park Tehnopol, Estonia (Tallinn), Turku Science Park Ltd, Finland (Turku), Västerås Science Park AB, Sweden (Västerås), Posintra Ltd, Finland (Porvoo)



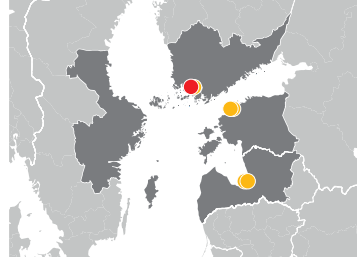
Springboard

Central Baltic Startup Springboard

A cross-border business acceleration process is needed to be able to compete with regions with stronger startup scene. The Springboard project supports the development of new joint and co-operating knowledge-intensive startups springing up of the shared smart specialization strengths of the participating regions (ICT, cleantech and healthtech).

The project provides its target group a supported path towards entrepreneurship by implementing three joint 10-week business acceleration programs and coaching of the most potential teams. Targeted B2B matchmaking activities will also be organized in order to support already established early-stage companies. By combining expertise across borders, it is easier to find potential business ideas and to establish globally competitive joint teams with versatile know-how and experience.

The main result of the Springboard project is an increased capacity to produce international startups in the Central Baltic region, which includes the enhanced support in the process of turning university-based business ideas to viable businesses and fostering of cross-border cooperation in the early stage of business development. The Springboard will achieve 15 new joint or co-operating knowledge intensive Central Baltic companies aiming for rapid growth.



Specific Objective 1.1. New Central Baltic knowledge intensive companies
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 11/2015 - 1/2018, 27 months
Total Project Budget (€) 1 338 503
ERDF (€) 1 078 053

Lead Partner Turku Science Park Ltd, Finland (Turku)
Project WWW
www.turku.fi/en/cbspringboard

Project Partners University of Turku, Finland (Turku), Tallinn Science Park Tehnopol, Estonia (Tallinn), Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia (Tallinn), Latvia Technology Park, Latvia (Riga), Riga Technical University, Latvia (Riga)

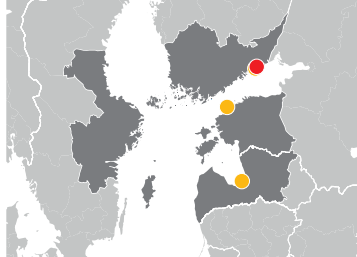
STARPABS

Startup Passion in Baltic Sea Region

While it is widely acknowledged that an entrepreneurial career path is a viable avenue for employment in the times of economic restructuring, many Central Baltic regions have limited resources and knowhow to support the creation of cross-border companies. The project STARPABS aims at raising awareness and interest towards entrepreneurship among university students and helping them to build international teams around their business ideas. The project will also attract new entrepreneurial talent into the Central Baltic region as well as create a model for supporting creation of student-based international companies.

The project combines competences of higher education programmes, student populations and enterprise development agencies to encourage the best students to take up international entrepreneurship. This is done by organising e.g. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) of entrepreneurship, hackathons and business idea development workshops for students. The training process is based on proven business development models and tools including a business idea competition.

By the end of the project 10-15 new knowledge intensive cross-border companies and 5-6 cooperation agreements have been established. Additionally, wide idea of a student-based entrepreneurial ecosystem is disseminated and a competence and network model is created for supporting the creation and growth of knowledge-intensive cross-border companies in cooperation with universities, enterprise development agencies and private actors.



Specific Objective 1.1. New Central Baltic knowledge intensive companies
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 8/2019, 48 months
Total Project Budget (€) 1 761 262
ERDF (€) 1 392 073

Lead Partner Cursor Oy, Kotka-Hamina Regional Development Company, Finland (Kotka)
Project WWW startuppassion.eu

Project Partners Tallinn University, Estonia (Tallinn), Kymenlaakso University of Applied Sciences, Finland (Kotka), Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Latvia (Riga)

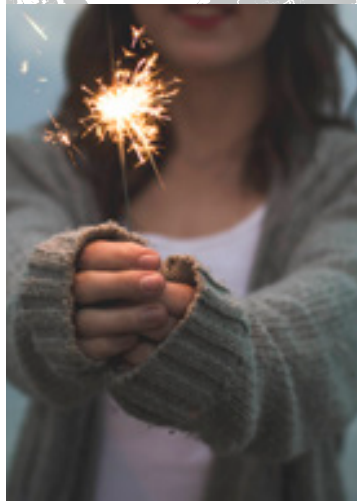
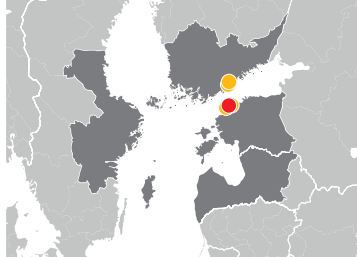
TALSINKI

Talsinki Metropolitan Incubation

The Talsinki Metropolitan Incubation project aims to facilitate the creation of 30 new joint Central Baltic knowledge intensive companies and co-operation between them in the Tallinn-Helsinki area through a network of partners who develop and implement an integrated incubation service. The co-operation addresses four business verticals: ICT, healthtech, cleantech and creative industries.

A shared process for incubating and accelerating new companies will be developed around a common model of start-up development phases. The project will map existing programmes over these phases, compare and benchmark specific services provided by the partners and assess the needs of new knowledge intensive companies for new services and benefits of cross-border collaboration. The assessment will be followed by establishing relevant procedures to develop cross-border teams. The target is to serve new entrepreneurs significantly better than through individual offerings.

By attracting more than 80 startup cofounders to the project activities the project will end up creating a total of 30 knowledge intensive companies during the project duration of three years.



Specific Objective 1.1. New Central Baltic knowledge intensive companies
Subprogramme Southern Finland - Estonia

Duration 10/2015 - 9/2018, 36 months
Total Project Budget (€) 1 434 712
ERDF (€) 1 160 133

Lead Partner Tallinn Science Park
 Tehnopol, Estonia (Tallinn)
LP Contact www.tehnopol.ee

Project Partners Tallinn Business Incubators, Estonia (Tallinn), Aalto Start-Up Center, Finland (Helsinki), Spinno Enterprise Center, Finland (Vantaa), Estonian Business Angels Association, Estonia (Tallinn)

Priority 2

Sustainable use of common resources

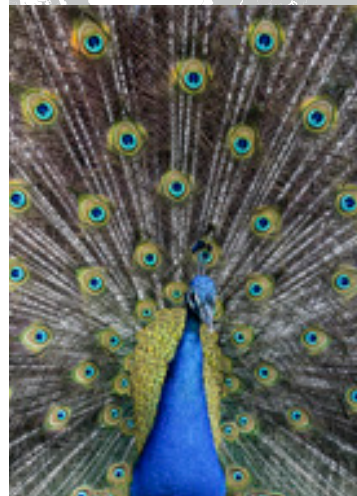
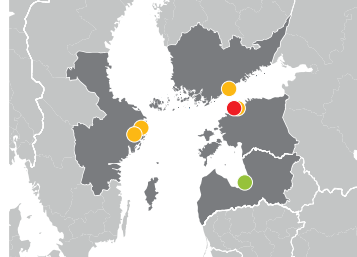
SmartZoos

Cross-border services for creative adventure learning in the zoos of the Central Baltic Region

The main objective of the SmartZoos project is to integrate the zoos of the CB region to form a joint tourist attraction through developing, implementing and joint marketing of a cross-border service package of creative adventure learning with mobile devices (SmartZoo service package).

The project activities include the service package being designed, developed, piloted among 100 visitors of the zoos and jointly marketed by the partner zoos in Estonia, Sweden and Finland. The service package will include interactive location-based assignments, possibilities for challenging other visitors of the zoos and organising adventure games, challenges and tournaments.

The new service package attracts more visitors to the region and therefore fosters growth in economic activity and enhances development of other business activities of the region. The target values are set at 6000 more visitors in the participating zoos during the project and 50 000 more three years after the project.



Specific Objective 2.1. Natural and cultural resources developed into sustainable tourist attractions
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 8/2018, 36 months
Total Project Budget (€) 627 680
ERDF (€) 497 192

Lead Partner Tallinn University, Estonia (Tallinn)
Project WWW smartzoos.eu

Project Partners Tallinn Zoological Gardens, Estonia (Tallinn), Skansen Open-air museum and Zoo, Sweden (Stockholm), Helsinki Zoo, Finland (Helsinki), Södertörn University, Sweden (Huddinge)
Associated Partner Riga Zoo, Latvia (Riga)

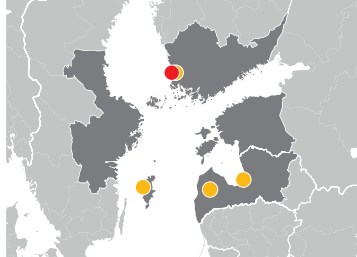
LiviHeri

Living with Cultural Heritage

The goal of the project LiviHeri is to learn how to live, maintain and cherish a historical town while preserving its characteristic environment and liveability. The project builds on a joint interest based on the recognition of similarities and differences between the participating towns of Rauma (Finland), Visby (Sweden), Kuldiga and Aizpute (Latvia).

The project develops thematically joint tourist attractions based on cultural and natural resources as well as thematically and periodically joint tourist products. The participating towns will build joint platforms for communication in social media enhancing simultaneous activities, shared experiences and crowd-sourced innovations. The activities will be done via joint learning process with benchmarking visits, local activities and sharing the local skills and knowledge hand-by-hand in workshops as well as digitally in social media.

The project will produce three new joint tourist packages, two new tourist attractions and three new identification and awareness raising packages.



Specific Objective 2.1. Natural and cultural resources developed into sustainable tourist attractions
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 11/2018, 39 months
Total Project Budget (€) 593 073
ERDF (€) 467 778

Lead Partner Rauma Town, Finland (Rauma)
Project WWW liviheri.wordpress.com

Project Partners Kuldiga District Council, Latvia (Kurzeme), The residencies and workshop centre SERDE, Latvia (Aizpute), University of Turku, Department of Teacher Education, Rauma, Finland (Rauma), Gotland Region, Sweden (Visby)

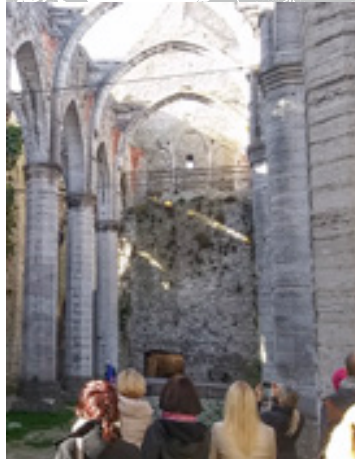
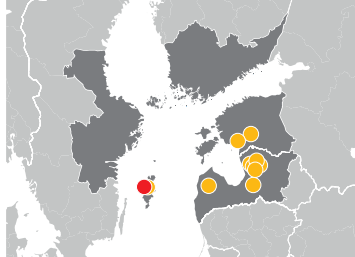
HANSA

Hanseatic Approach to New Sustainable Alliances

Cross-border cooperation is the only way to give impact for small destinations on the international tourism market. In the HANSA project, the hanseatic heritage will be developed for its great cultural value from three perspectives: the local, the national and the international. On the local level the existing attractions are made known to a broader public. The national perspective aims at bringing cities and their attractions together to strengthen the national tourism product and offer interesting packages. Finally, the international perspective aims at development of cross-border tourism packages.

The project will do branding activities, create materials, and disseminate information online and via tourism organisations and info centres promoting the hanseatic history as well as the Baltic Sea region as an attractive place to see and learn more about. The project will also strive for linking the local attractions to a wider European context, thus supporting the label of the Hansa as certified Cultural Route of the Council of Europe.

The project outcomes will include more tourism packages based on cross-border cooperation, more visitors to the destinations, a prolonged tourism season as cultural tourism is all-year-round tourism and improved economy including more jobs.



Specific Objective 2.1. Natural and cultural resources developed into sustainable tourist attractions
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 10/2015 - 12/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 2 180 939
ERDF (€) 1 775 573

Lead Partner Inspiration Gotland, Sweden (Visby)
LP Contact www.gotland.com

Project Partners Region Gotland, Sweden (Visby), Pärnu City Government, Estonia (Pärnu), Viljandi Town Government, Estonia (Viljandi), Cesis Culture and Tourism Center, CCTC, Latvia (Cesis), Koknese Local Municipality, Latvia (Koknese), Limbazi municipality, Latvia (Limbazi), Pargauja Municipality, Latvia (Pargaujas novads), Valmiera City Council, Latvia (Valmiera), Kuldiga Municipality, Latvia (Kuldiga), Vidzeme Planning Region, Latvia (Cesis)



Lights On! Lights On!

The Estonian and Finnish culture have been in a constant interaction since prehistoric time. There are historical key sites on both sides of the Gulf of Finland, from where the areas have been reigned or the control of them have been contested. At present many of these sites are undeveloped and unknown as tourist attractions. The Lights On! sites have a high potential to become attractive tourist destinations.

The Lights On! project will design and package eight historical sites into attractive tourist attractions, by improving visitor experience, on-site services, creating joint marketing tools and developing new creative products. Infrastructure will be developed for improving visitor experience and also to improve sustainability by e.g. protecting vulnerable areas from visitor flows. Cross-border cooperation of educational institutes brings in new kind of expertise in cultural management and creative entrepreneurship. New products will be developed in cooperation with local entrepreneurs by using innovative service designing concepts.

Creating attractive new products and new marketing tools will increase visitor numbers on sites, attract new visitor groups and attract visitors to move between the sites. When local communities start benefitting from the sites and participate in project events their awareness of the historical and natural values will rise. The project will enlighten the history of the North-Eastern Baltic Sea.

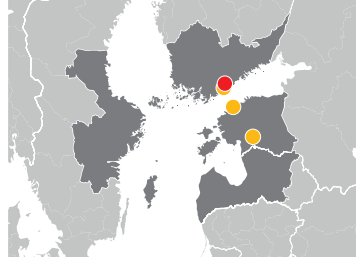


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Specific Objective 2.1. Natural and cultural resources developed into sustainable tourist attractions
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 12/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 1 861 669
ERDF (€) 1 466 852

Lead Partner Metsähallitus, Parks & Wildlife Finland, Finland (Vantaa)
Project WWW
www.metsa.fi/web/en/lightson

Project Partners State Forest Management Centre, Estonia (Tallinn), Humak- Finnish University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Finland (Helsinki), University of Tartu Viljandi Culture Academy, Estonia (Viljandi)

NATTOURS

Sustainable urban nature routes using new IT solutions

The big cities around the Baltic Sea are mainly well known for their built and historical districts but the cities can also boast about the biodiversity richness and high value of nature in urban areas. Most of these urban nature areas are undeservingly poorly recognized even by the local inhabitants, not to mention tourists. The objectives of the NATTOURS project are to improve public recognition of natural tourist attractions in Helsinki and Tallinn and to develop joint tourist attractions and products for sustainable nature tourism between the cities.

The project will study visitor flows, biodiversity and ecosystem services to gather data needed for the creation of new nature attractions, build the platform for a web portal and a mobile application and market the new possibilities through tourism info centres.

By the end of the project a new common web portal and mobile application for nature tourism and education in Helsinki and Tallinn will be in use, including all urban nature areas for observing, learning about and enjoying nature. New sustainable nature attractions in good nature observation areas in Helsinki and in Tallinn will be created by building e.g. boardwalks, bird-watching towers and information boards. The disabled and elderly people are taken into special consideration when designing the attractions.



Specific Objective 2.1. Natural and cultural resources developed into sustainable tourist attractions
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 3/2016 - 10/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 1 258 573
ERDF (€) 1 003 055

Lead Partner Environment
 Department of Tallinn City Government
 (Tallinn)
LP Contact www.tallinn.ee/nattours

Project Partners City of Helsinki,
 Finland (Helsinki), Stockholm
 Environment Institute Tallinn centre,
 Estonia (Tallinn)



Baltic Urban Lab

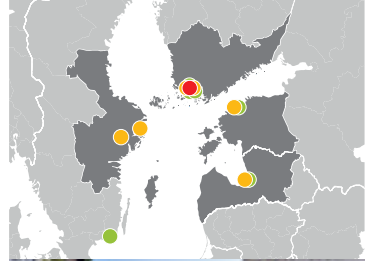
Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable
Cities Commission C/O City of Turku

The project Baltic Urban Lab aims at improving urban planning by developing and testing new integrated models for brownfield regeneration. The project tackles an increasing need to build attractive, high-quality and sustainable urban areas that is a common challenge for all Central Baltic cities.

The project identifies and promotes already existing good practices on brownfield regeneration and facilitates exchange of experiences between planners and experts in the Central Baltic region. New planning tools and models promoting integrated management and co-creative urban planning are developed and tested on selected brownfield sites in the four project cities. The project aims for more inclusive urban planning encouraging the participation of different societal groups including citizens, NGOs, land owners, developers, businesses and other stakeholders in the planning process and maximize the use of knowledge and resources of different parties for the development of high quality living and working environment.

During the project, four cities produce concrete integrated plans and development strategies for selected brownfield sites creating base for development projects and better utilization of brownfields.

All in all, the project leads to an increased awareness of existing good examples and solutions for better management of urban brownfield areas. The project results in a more efficient interaction and cooperation among cities, land owners and developers and other relevant sectors involved in the urban development process in the participating cities and Central Baltic area.



Specific Objective 2.3. Better urban planning in the Central Baltic region
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 10/2015 - 12/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 2 200 242
ERDF (€) 1 697 128

Lead Partner Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission C/O City of Turku, Finland (Turku)
Project WWW www.balticurbanlab.eu

Project Partners Nordregio, Sweden (Stockholm), University of Turku, Finland (Turku), Riga City Council City Development Department, Latvia (Riga), Tallinn Urban Planning department, Estonia (Tallinn), City of Turku, Finland (Turku), Municipality of Norrköping, Sweden (Norrköping)

Associated Partners Regional Council of Southwest Finland, Finland (Turku), Turku Science Park Ltd, Finland (Turku), State Regional Development Agency, VASAB Secretariat, Latvia (Riga), Turun teknologiakiinteistöt Oy, Finland (Turku), BOVERKET – the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning, Sweden (Karlskrona), Tallinn University, Estonia (Tallinn)

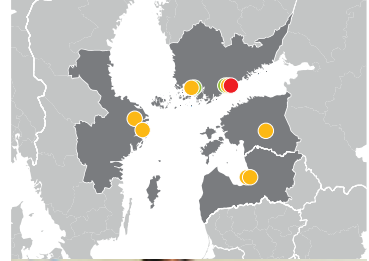
Live Baltic Campus

Campus Areas as Labs for Participative Urban Design

The project Live Baltic Campus aims at developing campuses as innovation hubs by creating better urban environment for businesses and residents and thus contributing to new job creation in the local economy. The idea is to create a working method for participative urban planning which is adopted by cities as part of their normal work.

In practice, the project brings together city planners, government representatives, campus developers and stakeholders to utilize the campuses as labs with an aim to develop plans for better integrated urban management of the Central Baltic region. The project creates a network of practitioners ensuring knowledge transfer between the northern and southern parts of the Central Baltic region. Pilot implementations conducted in each area explore participative urban planning in its different phases, from preceding the official planning, to activities supplementing the official planning and following the official process.

As the main result, project creates integrated campus development plans, as well as service concepts and implementation plans for each partner region via pilot cases co-developed with the city government and stakeholders. In addition, the project creates a platform for discussing policy objectives, exchanging best practices and improving the quality of life indicators. By creating better urban environment for businesses and residents, the project creates new jobs and has positive impacts on the local economy.



Specific Objective 2.3. Better urban planning in the Central Baltic region
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 10/2015 - 3/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 1 763 463
ERDF (€) 1 382 471

Lead Partner Helsinki Metropolia
University of Applied Sciences, Finland (Helsinki)

Project WWW www.livebalticcampus.eu

Project Partners Riga Planning Region, Latvia (Riga), University of Latvia, Latvia (Riga), Brahea Centre at the University of Turku, Finland (Turku), University of Tartu, Estonia (Tartu), Uppsala University, Sweden (Uppsala), Stockholm Resilience Centre at the Stockholm University, Sweden (Stockholm), City of Helsinki, Finland (Helsinki)

Associated Partners City of Turku, Finland (Turku), Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, Finland (Helsinki)

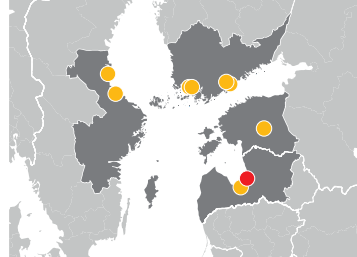


iWater Integrated Storm Water Management

The project iWater aims at improving urban planning by developing integrated storm water management in Central Baltic cities. As the Baltic Sea region is estimated to face more frequent and heavier rainfalls, the current planning and management practices have proven to be weak in meeting these challenges. Thus, the project idea is to create higher quality, cleaner and safer urban environment and increase urban sustainability.

To reach its goals, the project develops guidelines and tools for an Integrated Storm Water Management and introduces the practices into urban planning process. For example, the project provides a platform for science-practice collaboration, aiming to find and develop common management methods, guidelines, tools and solutions for an Integrated Storm Water Management. The project establishes local support groups within all partner cities enabling municipalities to develop their solutions in close collaboration with local stakeholders and various community interest groups.

Consequently, local management practices are developed into an Integrated Storm Water Management approach which will link all the urban planning processes and stakeholders. In practice, the project partner cities adopt new programmes and approximately 35 other cities are trained to use developed methods in the region. In addition, a student competition is organised to find and develop new and innovative solutions for 7 partner cities, which result in construction or investment plans. Thus, urban planning is taken to a higher level by developing, localizing and piloting new tools in the Central Baltic region.



Specific Objective 2.3. Better urban planning in the Central Baltic region
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 12/2015 - 8/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 2 351 260
ERDF (€) 1 831 945

Lead Partner City of Riga (Riga City Council), Latvia (Riga)

Project WWW
www.integratedstormwater.eu

Project Partners Jelgava City Council, Latvia (Jelgava), Municipality of Söderhamn, Sweden (Södermalm), Municipality of Gävle, Sweden (Gävle), Tartu City Government, Estonia (Tartu), City of Helsinki, Finland (Helsinki), City of Turku, Finland (Turku), Union of the Baltic Cities, Commission on Environment c/o City of Turku, Finland (Turku), Aalto University, Finland (Espoo)

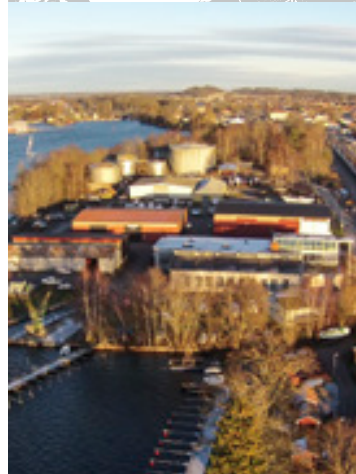
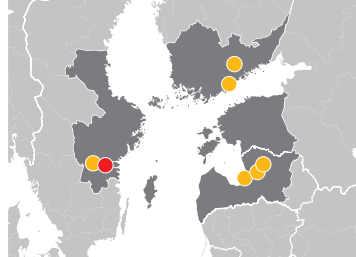
INSURE

Innovative Sustainable Remediation

The project INSURE aims at decreasing the impact of hazardous substances to the environment from contaminated sites. The idea is to decrease leakage from contaminated sites to ground and surface water to reduce the inflow of hazardous substances and toxins into the Baltic Sea.

In practice the project develops and tests cost effective and sustainable methods to contribute to more sustainable remediation. Additionally, the project focuses on finding more efficient management methods and new solutions for prioritisation, visualisation, registration and information of contaminated sites.

As a result of the project best practice for remediation and sustainable solutions is worked out for contaminants. The project contributes to the result through sustainable remediation, management methods and innovative technical tools for visualisation. Five contaminated areas in Sweden, Finland and Latvia are used as pilot areas to test different on-site remediation techniques, demonstrate their sustainability and cost effectiveness compared to present excavation of contaminated sites. Using innovative tools for visualisation of contaminated sites results in a better overview and knowledge of contaminated sites. All in all, the project creates solutions for reducing the transport of hazardous substances to the Baltic Sea.



Specific Objective 2.4. Reduced nutrients, hazardous substances and toxins inflow into the Baltic Sea

Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 8/2019

Total Project Budget (€) 2 463 422

ERDF (€) 1 906 751

Lead Partner County Administrative Board of Östergötland, Sweden (Linköping)

LP Contact

www.lansstyrelsen.se/ostergotland

Project Partners Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre, Latvia (Riga), Motala Municipality, Sweden (Motala), Populus group Oy, Finland (Helsinki), Vidzeme Planning Region, Latvia (Cesis), University of Helsinki (Lahti), Valmiera City Council (Valmiera)



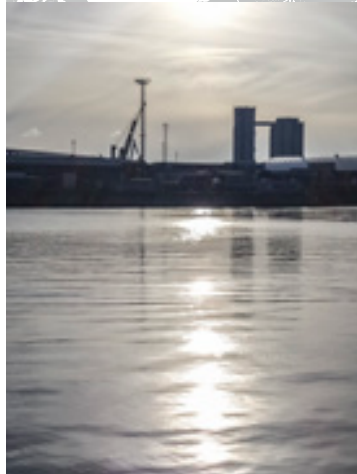
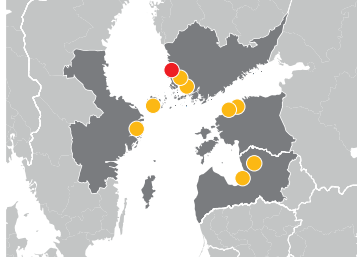
WATERCHAIN

Pilot watersheds as a practical tool to reduce the harmful inflows into the Baltic Sea

The project WATERCHAIN helps to reduce inflows of nutrients and hazardous substances to the Baltic Sea from all types of land-based sources by using pilot watersheds and environmental technology. The project tackles both highly developed intensely populated cities as well as less developed peripheral, sparsely populated rural and island regions in pilot watersheds.

The main actions are carried out in the pilot watersheds in each partner country with the practical actions targeted to sustainable impact. The sustainable use of common resources is based both on prevention of nutrients and hazardous substances inflow, as well as on water treatment of these harmful substances already entered the water bodies. During the project period, one to two sources of nutrients or hazardous substances recognized by river basin water management plans are identified and activities to reduce the substances in each pilot watershed are also initiated.

As a result of the project best practices with a common approach for sustainable development are launched in other geographical areas within the Central Baltic region and further all countries around the Baltic Sea. By year 2023, the pollution loads of nutrients and hazardous substances from targeted sources are reduced in pilot watersheds flowing into the Baltic Sea. Therefore, project results have a direct impact on the quality of living environment of local people and visitors to the area, especially on pilot watersheds.



Specific Objective 2.4. Reduced nutrients, hazardous substances and toxins inflow into the Baltic Sea

Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 10/2015 - 9/2018

Total Project Budget (€) 2 574 250

ERDF (€) 2 029 058

Lead Partner Satakunta University of Applied Sciences, Finland (Pori)

Project WWW waterchain.samk.fi

Project Partners Pyhäjärvi Institute, Finland (Kauttua), Turku University of Applied Sciences, Finland (Turku), KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden (Stockholm), Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia (Tallinn), Estonian Environmental Research Centre, Estonia (Tallinn), Riga Technical University, Latvia (Riga), Foundation "Institute for Environmental Solutions", Latvia (Priekule county), Aland Waterwork Ltd., Finland (Jomala)

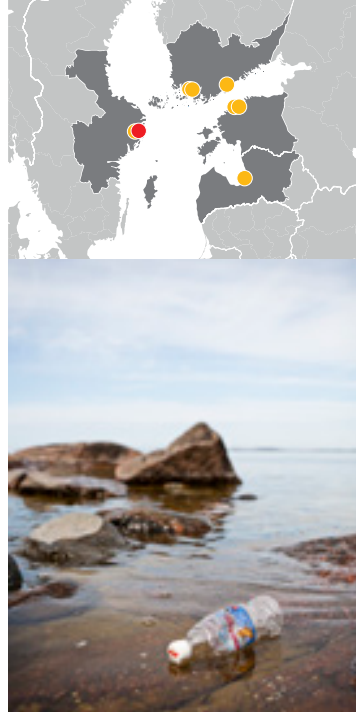
BLASTIC

Plastic waste pathways into the Baltic Sea

The BLASTIC project aims at reducing plastic waste and thereby hazardous substances inflow into the Baltic Sea by mapping and monitoring macro plastics levels in the aquatic environment.

Litter is one of the most broadly spread environmental pressures in marine environments, receiving increasing publicity and causing a lot of concern. Marine litter consists mainly of plastic and packaging material in the Central Baltic region. The project demonstrates how plastic waste in urban areas finds its ways to the Baltic Sea and becomes marine litter. Land-based sources count for most of the marine litter while rivers are major pathways feeding the sea with litter. In practice the project takes regional and national strategies into use on a local level and also produces updated local action plans. The project compiles a list of sources and pathways with recommendations that are closely linked to resource efficiency in waste and water sector. The methodology is implemented in 4 urban areas and the concept is further promoted in other areas.

As a result of the project the amount and inflow of plastic marine litter and hazardous substances are reduced in the Central Baltic area and the Baltic Sea. The outcomes that lead to overall result are approximately 100 kg less plastic in pilot areas, real data and a new methodology that suit the pilot areas as well as a general guideline with list of identified and prioritized sources with focus on plastic waste and urban areas. This project is built to expand after the project is completed, which provides conditions that ultimately contribute to the reduced hazardous substances and toxins' inflow into the Baltic Sea.



Specific Objective 2.4. Reduced nutrients, hazardous substances and toxins inflow into the Baltic Sea
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 1/2016 - 12/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 1 016 556
ERDF (€) 784 522

Lead Partner Keep Sweden Tidy (Stockholm)
LP Contact www.hsr.se

Project Partners Keep the Archipelago Tidy, Finland (Turku), Estonian Institute For Sustainable Development/ Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre, Estonia (Tallinn), IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute, Sweden (Stockholm), Foundation for Environmental Education Latvia, Latvia (Riga), Finnish Environment Institute, Finland (Helsinki), City of Turku, Finland (Turku), Tallinn City Government, Estonia (Tallinn)



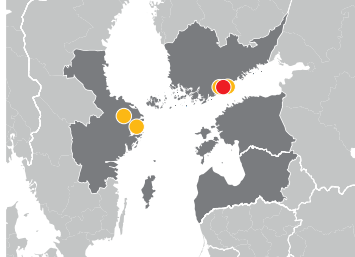
NutriTrade

Piloting a Nutrient Trading Scheme in the Central Baltic

The project NutriTrade aims at reducing nutrients in the Baltic Sea area by piloting a nutrient trading scheme in the Central Baltic region. The idea is to develop new cross-border innovative policy instruments for a cost-effective, cross-sector nutrient reduction measures in the Baltic Sea basin.

The project pilots a platform connecting nutrient removal sources with voluntary financiers willing to acquire nutrient offsets and neutralize their nutrient footprint. In the pilot scheme, several proven nutrient abatement measures including e.g. mussel farming, gypsum treatment of fields, and fishing of cyprinids are implemented, which result in phosphorus load reductions. The project develops assessment mechanisms to find and support innovative and proven nutrient reduction methods which have not yet become market-driven or integrated into governmental policies.

As a result of the project the lessons learned in the pilot scheme are used for analysing nutrient trading as a water policy instrument on a national level, and also for the analysis of a Baltic Sea wide inter-governmental nutrient trading. Based on these, NutriTrade will produce policy recommendations for the Baltic Sea region. The project is of high policy relevance for the Baltic Sea region and has been nominated as a flagship project of the EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy.



Specific Objective 2.4. Reduced nutrients, hazardous substances and toxins inflow into the Baltic Sea
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 8/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 2 206 561
ERDF (€) 1 654 921

Lead Partner John Nurminen
Foundation (Helsinki)
Project WWW nutritradebaltic.eu

Project Partners Natural Resources Institute Finland, Finland (Helsinki), University of Helsinki, Finland (Helsinki), Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden (Uppsala), The Sustainable Seas Initiative, Sweden (Stockholm)

GreenAgri

Environmentally-friendly Management of Organic Fertilizers in Agriculture

The project GreenAgri aims at reducing nutrient losses from agriculture in Baltic States by introducing and testing environmentally-friendly management of organic fertilizers. As agriculture is one of the sources of nutrients eventually entering from surface waters to Baltic Sea the project's idea is to amend the situation.

The project is a joint effort of farmers from Estonia and Latvia contributing to the improvement of eutrophication status of the Baltic Sea. During the project period 20 farmers from Estonian and Latvian pilot areas implement innovative technologies and methods in real life using their own financial resources. Experts and researchers gather and analyse nutrient runoff data and provide the farmers with information about the efficiency of different solutions demonstrating real results in reducing nutrient losses from farms. It's the first time when testing of different technologies in manor management will be arranged in wider area using financial resources and intellectual capital of Estonian/Latvian farmers, farmers organizations and research institutions.

Project main result is reduced nutrient inflows from 20 pilot farms from Estonia and Latvia to surface water entering the Baltic Sea. The sustainability is ensured through dissemination of new knowledge to approximately 300 farmers. The advisors who receive knowledge and experience during the project implementation are able to support farmers from both sides of the border. Additionally, the project results support achieving the HELCOM targets for reduction of phosphorus and nitrogen input in Gulf of Finland and Gulf of Riga, aiming at reaching good ecological and environmental status by 2021.

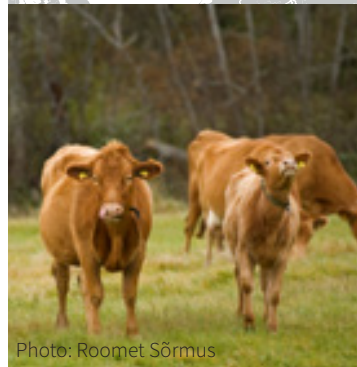
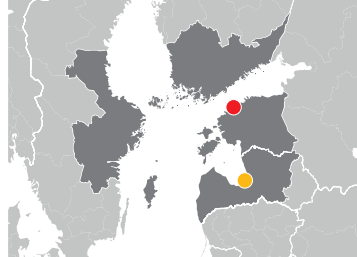


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Specific Objective 2.4. Reduced nutrients, hazardous substances and toxins inflow into the Baltic Sea
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2018 - 8/2019
Total Project Budget (€) 859 492
ERDF (€) 730 568

Lead Partner The Estonian Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce, Estonia (Tallinn)
LP Contact www.epkk.ee

Project Partners NGO "Farmers Parliament", Latvia (Riga)



NUTRINFLOW

Practical actions for holistic drainage management for reduced nutrient inflow to Baltic Sea

The project NUTRINFLOW aims at reducing nutrient losses from agriculture to the immediate watershed and into the Baltic Sea. The idea is to take practical actions for holistic drainage management for reduced nutrient inflow to the sea. This is done by implementing, demonstrating and increasing the recognition of innovative water management measures in agricultural areas.

The project activities focus on pilot areas in Finland, Latvia and Sweden under pressure by agricultural nutrient losses. The project implements targeted demonstration investments to the fields and to drainage network in cooperation with municipalities and farmers as the main target groups. Through the investments, the project expects to reduce nutrient losses from agriculture in three priority regions.

As a result of the project the nutrient inputs to the Baltic Sea is decreased whereas the attractiveness and feasibility of holistic water management approach for agricultural catchments across the Central Baltic Region is increased. All in all, the project connects local authorities and farmers in a unique way and demonstrates a cross-sector approach in sustainable agriculture and management of ecosystem resources. The project is the first full-scale project under the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region flagship project “Flow Baltic” through which it will gain region-wide visibility.



Specific Objective 2.4. Reduced nutrients, hazardous substances and toxins inflow into the Baltic Sea
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 2/2019
Total Project Budget (€) 1 763 962
ERDF (€) 1 389 058

Lead Partner ProAgria Southern Finland (Lappeenranta)
Project WWW flowbaltic.eu

Project Partners Zemgale Planning region, Latvia (Jelgava), Union Farmers' Parliament, Latvia (Riga), Latvia University of Agriculture, Latvia (Jelgava), JTI-Swedish Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, Sweden (Uppsala), County Administrative Board of Östergötland, Sweden (Linköping), City of Loviisa, Finland (Loviisa), Nylands Svenska Lantbrukssällskap, Finland (Helsinki), Jelgava Local Municipality, Latvia (Jelgava)

Associated Partners Vreta Kluster, Sweden (Vreta Kloster)

Priority 3
Well-connected region

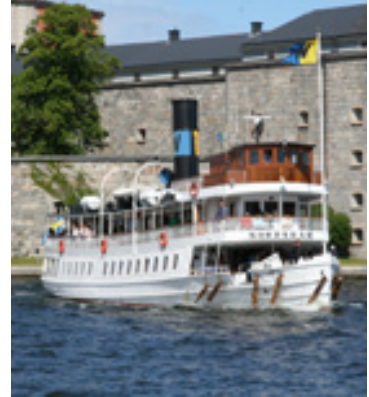
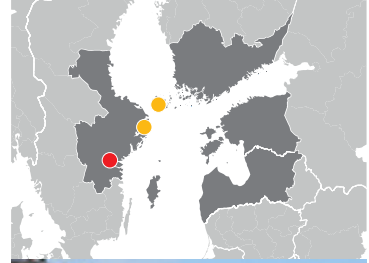
ADAPT

Assuring Depth of fairways for Archipelago Public Transportation

The project ADAPT addresses a cross-border challenge connected to attaining the joint and efficient public transportation system in the archipelagos. The project aims at developing safe, time-saving and fuel-efficient routes for the transportation of passengers and goods in the Åland and Stockholm archipelagos.

In practice the project improves maritime transport system as part of the intermodal system for public transportation along with reducing its environmental impacts and enabling safe and state of the art navigation. To reduce CO2 emissions the project aims to develop more fuel efficient routes. The main beneficiaries are passengers using public transport in the archipelago as well as communities and businesses on the islands depending on tourism and public transportation.

As a result of the project the overall travel times for passengers using public transportation in the Stockholm and Åland archipelagos is reduced by more than 10%. A number of traffic routes are adjusted, while others are under consideration for future adjustments. New tools and methods are in place for optimising vessel use and operation in case of shallow and narrow waters or severe weather conditions. The changes result in improved flows of people and goods.



Specific Objective 3.1. Improved transport flows of people and goods
Subprogramme Archipelago and Islands

Duration 3/2016 - 8/2019
Total Project Budget (€) 2 181 433
ERDF (€) 1 636 075

Lead Partner Swedish Maritime Administration, Sweden (Norrköping)
LP Contact www.sjofartsverket.se

Project Partners Stockholm County Council, Sweden (Stockholm),
 The Government of Åland, Finland (Mariehamn)

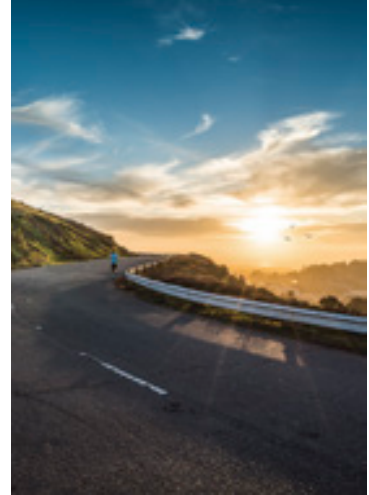
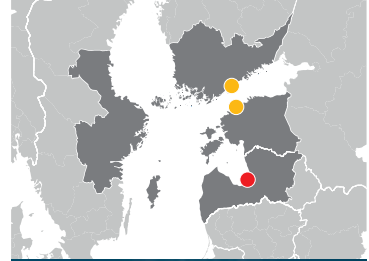
SMART E67

Advanced traffic management on E67 transport corridor

The project SMART E67 aims at increasing efficiency and safety of passenger and cargo mobility in the Central Baltic region by introducing Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) on a key transport corridor in Estonia and Latvia. In both countries among other routes, the E67 transport corridor has the highest annual average daily traffic rates. While basic road infrastructure has been modernized on E67 transport corridor in Latvia and Estonia, traffic information and management systems need improvements to ensure efficient, environment friendly, safe passenger and cargo transport.

In practice the project introduces the ITS elements via pilot investments by developing adaptive traffic management-roadside variable message signs, modernized traffic lights, road weather information systems and other equipment providing to traffic participants timely, efficient and accurate traffic information. The project is implemented in cooperation with the Latvian State Roads and Estonian Road Administration.

The project results in adding information, management and communication technology to E67 transport corridor covering 202 km in Latvia and 192 km in Estonia. E67 road is more efficient which decreases travel time of passengers and cargos. Traffic information about road conditions, road works, congestions, and accidents contribute to the achievement of traffic efficiency whereas roadside telematics reduce traffic accidents. All in all, project E67 results contribute to the achievement of traffic efficiency, safety and reduction of CO2 emissions.



Specific Objective 3.1. Improved transport flows of people and goods
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 8/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 2 458 999
ERDF (€) 2 090 149

Lead Partner State Joint Stock Company "Latvian State Roads", Latvia (Riga)

LP Contact lvceli.lv

Project Partners Estonian Road Administration, Estonia (Tallinn)

Associated Partners Finnish Transport Agency, Finland (Helsinki)

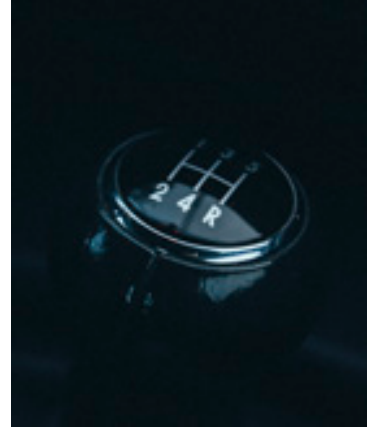
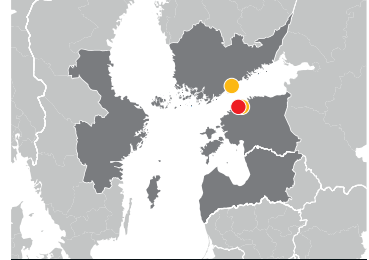
MobiCarnet

MobiCarnet: integrated system for automated and paperless management of transit documents and for tracking movement of goods in real-time

The project MobiCarnet aims at improving the transport flows of goods and reducing the time-consumption of the movement of goods cross-border. The idea is to create an integrated system for automated and paperless management of transit documents and for tracking movement of goods in real-time. Currently, there is no united and integrated system for managing transport-related information and documentation across borders electronically. Creating such a system would make the transportation of goods less time consuming and more effective.

In practice, the MobiCarnet system will contribute to harmonized transport procedures by enabling real-time overview of trucks and the movement of goods for all authorised organisations involved and by preventing duplication and double checking of data. The MobiCarnet system will be, at first, implemented within in three transport corridors between Estonia and Finland. After the project, both partners will be responsible for developing the system further according to the needs and possible changes in the regulations of their respective country.

As the result of the project, the transport flow of goods will be improved. According to the current estimates, the time needed for the movement of goods in the three strategic transport corridors (Ikla-Kotka, Ikla-Kemi and Luhamaa-Turku) will be reduced by more than 13 %. The project is implemented in close partnership between the lead partner, the Association of Estonian International Road Carriers, and partner SKAL Kustannus Oy, who is responsible for developing two applications (management of ADR transports and CO2 calculator) to the MobiCarnet solution family. All in all, the project targets to improve the transport corridors within the Central Baltic region.



Specific Objective 3.1. Improved transport flows of people and goods
Subprogramme Southern Finland - Estonia

Duration 9/2015 - 8/2017
Total Project Budget (€) 2 000 000
ERDF (€) 1 650 000

Lead Partner Association of Estonian International Road Carriers, Estonia (Tallinn)
LP Contact www.eraa.ee

Project Partners SKAL Kustannus Oy, Finland (Helsinki)
Associated Partners Estonian Tax and Customs Board, Estonia (Tallinn)

30MILES

Small port every 30 miles apart - Development of services for lively water tourism in the Eastern Gulf of Finland

The project 30MILES aims at improving the overall service level and safety in small ports and waterfront. The problem is that there is no network of small ports with a good service level and enough piers for leisure boaters to visit. As better small ports increase the attractiveness of the region the project idea is to organise small ports into a cooperating network in the distance of every 30 miles.

In practice the project establishes a ring of ports around the Eastern Gulf of Finland to focus on joint development of sustainable port services and marketing activities. Joint efforts are made to improve the services offered in small ports and help them receive better visibility from the potential visitors. Effective marketing is implemented to inform the visitors and to create sustainability for the local businesses.

As a result of the project service level increases in 12 small ports in the Eastern Gulf of Finland. The new ring of ports create an attractive entity which is in the interest of boaters. The information about the services of the ports and accessibility is clearly presented. The improvements attract new businesses and investors, which in turn attract more visitors to the area.



Specific Objective 3.2. Improved services of existing small ports to improve local and regional mobility and contribute to tourism development
Subprogramme Southern Finland - Estonia

Duration 9/2015 - 8/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 3 301 746
ERDF (€) 2 601 314

Lead Partner Kotka Maritime Research Association (Kotka)
LP Contact www.merikotka.fi

Project Partners Kymenlaakso University of Applied Sciences, Finland (Kotka), University of Helsinki, Finland (Helsinki), Cursor Ltd, Finland (Kotka), Posintra Ltd, Finland (Porvoo), Ida-Viru Enterprise Centre, Estonia (Jõhvi), Non profit organisation of Eisma Harbor, Estonia (Vihula county), Viimsi Municipality, Estonia (Viimsi), Estonian Maritime Museum, Estonia (Tallinn), Narva City, Estonia (Narva), Narva-Jõesuu Municipality, Estonia (Narva-Jõesuu)

Associated Partners Lääne-Viru County Government (LVGOV), Estonia (Rakvere), Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation (FSBF), Finland (Espoo)

SmartPorts

Modern and attractive small ports network through cross-border interactive information system, joint marketing and improved port services

The project SmartPort aims at improving and integrating network of small ports via modern information and communication technology. The project increases the service quality of small ports in the Central Baltic region and helps to create better awareness about marina network to double the number of visitors by the sea.

In practice the project implements systems that facilitate cross border information exchange, as well as creates new port services by investing into modern marina technology.

As a result of the project a cross-border interactive information system for small harbours is jointly developed and piloted. More precisely, the level of services is improved in 25 marinas in four countries. The number of foreign visitors by the sea is increased and doubled by 2020. The visitors are also expected to stay longer in the improved ports. Notable parts of the result are the improved safe navigation and docking services in the small ports as well as improved environmental protection and pollution prevention services.



Specific Objective 3.2. Improved services of existing small ports to improve local and regional mobility and contribute to tourism development
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 6/2015 - 6/2017
Total Project Budget (€) 1 455 658
ERDF (€) 1 225 260

Lead Partner Estonian Small Harbour Development Center, Estonia (Pärnu)
LP Contact www.evak.ee

Project Partners Kurzeme Planning Region, Latvia (Saldus), Riga Planning Region, Latvia (Riga), Jurmala port authority, Latvia (Jurmala), Mersrags Port Authority, Latvia (Mērsrags), Skulte port authority, Latvia (Zvejniekciems, Saulkrastu novs), Salacgriva Port Authority, Latvia (Salacgriva), Pāvilosta Port, Latvia (Pāvilosta), Hiiumaa County (Port of Kärdla), Estonia (Hiiumaa), Sottunga municipality, Finland (Sottunga), Archipelago Foundation in Stockholm County, Sweden (Stockholm), Kalev Yacht Club, Estonia (Tallinn), Liimata Port Development (Port of Purtse), Estonia (Lüganuse county), Lõunaranna Investeeringud Ltd, Estonia (Tallinn), Kõiguste Marina MTÜ, Estonia (Laimjala vald)

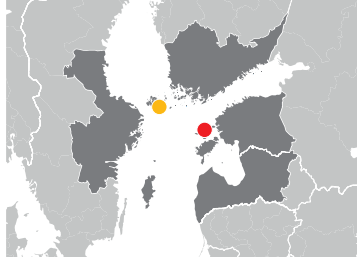
MASAPO

Development of Maritime Safety in the Small Ports in the Baltic Sea Region

The project MASAPO aims at developing maritime safety in small ports in the Baltic Sea Region. The project tackles the lack of information about small ports and safety services in Estonia and Åland. The project develops cooperation between small ports in Estonia and Åland islands to provide better information about the ports and their safety services. The project involves pilot voluntary maritime rescue organisations to use their international experience in developing and implementing higher safety standards in the ports for tourists and local habitants.

In practice the project jointly surveys and maps the current safety situation in the participating small ports and makes development plans for the needed investments. The project does research and trains volunteers and local service providers in the pilot ports to have the necessary skills for preventive activities and for participation in rescue operations.

As a result of the project the pilot small ports in Estonian and Åland islands have tight cooperation with four local voluntary maritime rescue organisations like members of Estonian Voluntary Maritime Rescue Organisation and stations of Åland island Lifeboat Society. Partners have jointly designed a basic safety quality sign and the safety services have been improved. Through these improvements the number of visitors on the islands is expected to increase as higher safety standards improve reliability and attract more visitors to the region.



Specific Objective 3.2. Improved services of existing small ports to improve local and regional mobility and contribute to tourism development

Subprogramme Archipelago and Islands

Duration 10/2015 - 3/2018

Total Project Budget (€) 1 178 136

ERDF (€) 953 597

Lead Partner Hiiu Municipality, Estonia (Kärdla)

Project WWW www.masapo.ax

Project Partners Åland island Lifeboat Society, Finland (Mariehamn)

Priority 4
Skilled and socially inclusive region

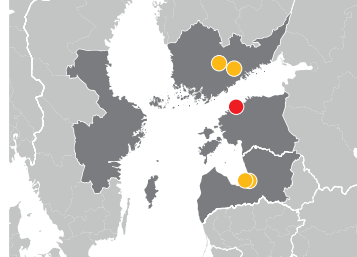
PAD

Positive attitude development - access to labour market for young adults with mental health problems

The project PAD aims at influencing public attitudes to become more positive towards young people suffering from mental health and social problems. The idea is to improve social inclusion of young people with mental problems, especially through better access to labour market, and decrease Stigma concerning mental health problems.

The main activities will take place in two countries: in the cities of Helsinki, Vantaa, Espoo in Finland and Tallinn, Haapsalu, Keila in Estonia. The project will organize face-to-face meetings with citizens and employers and educational trainings for professionals. The purpose of the activities is to develop the target group's skills in interacting with their social environment. The project will launch a media campaign and an informative website to reach the public.

As a result of the project the employment possibilities for the young people with mental health problems are expected to improve, attitudes increase by 20% to become more positive among employers and citizens. A survey will be conducted in the end of the project to measure the impact. All in all, the project will support youth employment and decrease challenges concerning social exclusion.



Specific Objective 4.1 More people benefiting from stronger Central Baltic communities

Subprogramme Southern Finland - Estonia

Duration 5/2015 - 4/2017

Total Project Budget (€) 269 068

ERDF (€) 209 715

Lead Partner Arcada University of Applied Sciences, Finland (Helsinki)

LP Contact www.arcada.fi

Project Partners Tallinn University, Estonia (Tallinn)

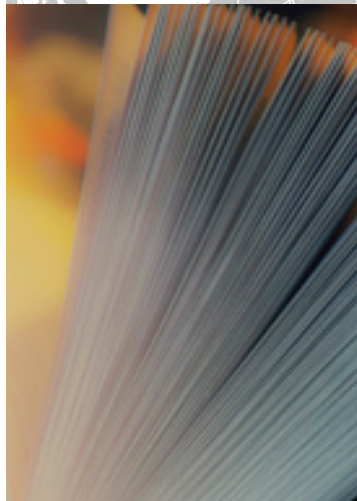
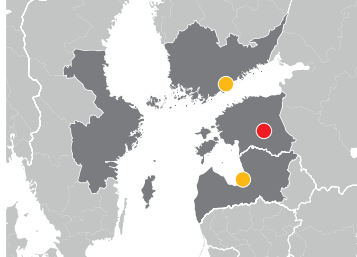
PIM

Development of Parent Involvement Models for Bilingual Pre- and Primary School

The PIM project aims at supporting bilingual education for children in Russian-speaking minority groups in Estonia, Finland and Latvia by developing parent involvement models for bilingual learning process.

The main responsibility in bilingual education in the partner countries has been on the teachers and schools. The project will enable the Russian-speaking school communities to improve their home-school cooperation. In practice the project will combine traditional models of parent involvement with bilingual education specific themes and methods. The project will also take into account the context of old and new immigrants.

As a result of the project home-school cooperation and awareness about multicultural education are both expected to increase. The process, in turn, will have a direct impact on broader Russian-speaking communities gathered around the schools in the same town, and the same region. Through the schools, the changes can be initiated from the grass root level, but the overall influence will have an impact on the whole society.



Specific Objective 4.1 More people benefiting from stronger Central Baltic communities

Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 6/2017

Total Project Budget (€) 204 865

ERDF (€) 167 241

Lead Partner University of Tartu, Estonia (Tartu)

LP Contact www.narva.ut.ee

Project Partners University of Helsinki, Finland (Helsinki), University of Latvia, Latvia (Riga)



Let us be active!

Social inclusion of older people through volunteering in Estonia, Latvia and Finland

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The project 'Let us be active!' aims at decreasing social exclusion and loneliness among older people in Estonia, Finland and Latvia through involving them in voluntary activities. The problem is accurate as the population of people in retirement age is growing and loneliness influences negatively their overall health and wellbeing. The idea is to develop a programme that will allow older people to stay active and participate in their communities by volunteering.

The project will analyse existing activities available for seniors, examine their needs in the area of volunteering and produce guidelines for social and health care workers to promote and support voluntarism of the older people. Workshops, meetings and events for seniors, health care workers and social workers will be organized to develop the new form of voluntary activities. At the same time, the information platform in each city will be established and is to be managed by seniors themselves. The experts from the World Health Organization support the project implementation.

As a result of the project social inclusion of older people is expected to improve. The project activities will contribute to the improvement of the health and well-being of older people and their communities. It is expected that at least 100 older people and their families in every municipality will be influenced by the results of the project. Ultimately, the project will strengthen and support the resilience of the communities in the Baltic Sea Region, contributing to the programme's objective.

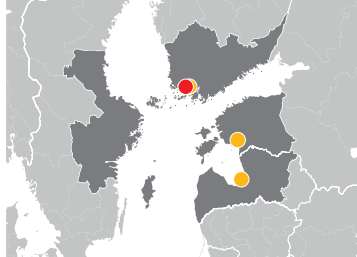


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Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 5/2015 - 12/2016

Total Project Budget (€) 264 007

ERDF (€) 208 054

Lead Partner Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association, Finland (Turku)

Project WWW www.letusbeactive.eu

Project Partners Riga City Council, Latvia (Riga), City of Pärnu, Estonia (Pärnu), City of Turku, Finland (Turku)

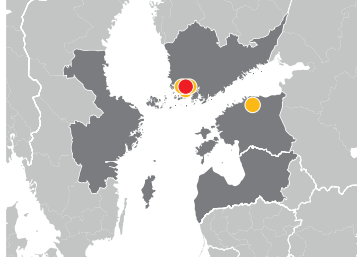
REGI

Reacting to Growing Immigration - Strengthening social inclusion of Estonian migrant families in Finland and Estonia

The project REGI supports Estonian migrant families divided between Estonia and Finland due to work-related reasons. As migration from Estonia to Finland has grown in the last 5-10 years it has brought along a variety of social issues, for example unhealthy or broken families. The project builds stronger and healthier communities and societies both in Finland and in Estonia.

During the project professionals together with the families will develop solutions best suitable for supporting families from Estonia and ways to solve the related problems. The activities focus on training the professionals and volunteers to notice challenges related to work migration before they grow to be problems. This is a multi-directional process in which family-members not only receive support, but act as supporters in group activities. The activities include sharing first-hand information and skills on how to develop effective support methods.

As a result of the project the wellbeing of families and their members improves and wholeness increases on the community level. Successful implementation of project activities increases the number of communities with improvements as the piloted methods and practices are disseminated and adopted throughout Estonia and Finland. The developed methods are universal and transferable and can be used also in other countries.



Specific Objective 4.1 More people benefiting from stronger Central Baltic communities

Subprogramme Southern Finland - Estonia

Duration 9/2015 - 8/2017

Total Project Budget (€) 252 250

ERDF (€) 194 765

Lead Partner Turku University of Applied Sciences, Finland (Turku)

Project WWW regiproject.weebly.com

Project Partners Tallinn University, Rakvere College, Estonia (Rakvere), South-West Finland's Estonian Center, Finland (Turku), Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association, Finland (Turku)

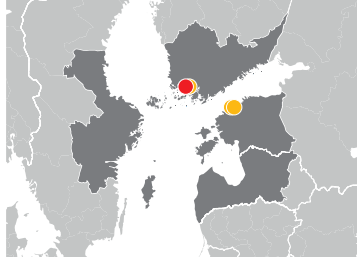
SIPPE

Promoting Social Inclusion of Elderly through Well-being Parties

The project SIPPE aims at increasing the well-being and social inclusion of the elderly by offering them better possibilities for voluntary work and participation in the society through social activities. The idea is to prevent problems like loneliness, health loss and depression by developing cost-effective methods to activate the elderly and, in this way, maintain their well-being.

In practice the project develops a concept called the “well-being party” where the model comes from network marketing businesses (e.g. Tupperware) but has no monetary aspect involved. Voluntary people are trained to hold parties for the elderly people’s own networks in their own homes or other places under different themes like healthy eating, physical activities and social participation possibilities. The project hopes to trigger a snowball effect where participants of the parties become encouraged to host own parties and even become registered volunteers themselves.

As a result of the project elderly communities both in Turku and in Tallinn have encountered several improvements. Participation of the elderly in communal voluntary activities has increased and thus also the social inclusion of the elderly has improved. SIPPE activities strengthen local safety networks and elderly are more capable to take care of themselves as well as of other older people in the community.



Specific Objective 4.1 More people benefiting from stronger Central Baltic communities

Subprogramme Southern Finland - Estonia

Duration 9/2015 - 8/2017

Total Project Budget (€) 269 231

ERDF (€) 209 113

Lead Partner Turku University of Applied Sciences, Finland (Turku)

Project WWW sippe.turkuamk.fi

Project Partners The Association for Vicinity Services in Turku, Finland (Turku), Tallinn Health Care College, Estonia (Tallinn), The Self-Help and Advisory Association for Senior Citizens, Estonia (Tallinn)

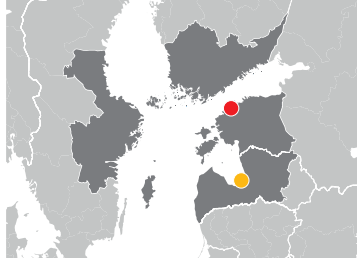
TheatreEx

Theatre Expanded

The project Theatre Expanded aims at raising competitiveness of freelance artists and independent companies. The idea is to develop target group's entrepreneurial competence and establish international networks and innovative models.

This project will offer training courses to nearly 1000 people in Estonia and Latvia during a two-year period. The courses are organized for both local and joint audiences. In addition, two dozens of producers are expected to raise their qualification in process leading, budgeting, and marketing for leading international co-productions in the Performing Arts Sector. Another priority of the project is to teach creative artists how to find new ways to put their professional skills to practice. The project activities are expected to lead to increased confidence and creativity as well as increased professional satisfaction.

As a result of the project new networks and stronger ties between communities are created. The project activities will support more active regional collaboration, especially between Latvia and Estonia, encourage more theatre managers working professionally on the independent theatre scene and increase the value of arts in the society.



Specific Objective 4.1 More people benefiting from stronger Central Baltic communities

Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 8/2015 - 7/2017

Total Project Budget (€) 235 419

ERDF (€) 200 106

Lead Partner Foundation Vaba Lava, Estonia (Tallinn)

LP Contact www.vabalava.ee

Project Partners New Theatre Institute of Latvia, Latvia (Riga)



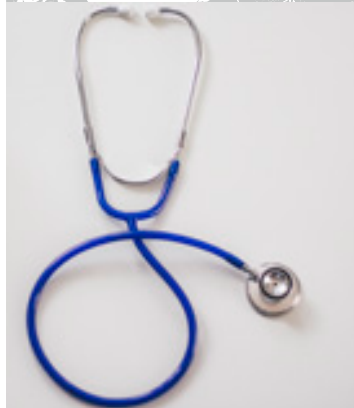
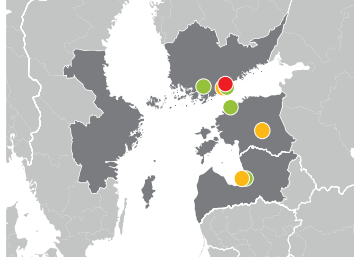
DeDiWe

The Developer of Digital Health and Welfare Services

The project DeDiWe aims at developing digital health and welfare services by creating a new curriculum. The curriculum is built on an e-learning platform to support professionals to live and work in a digital society and to offer citizens easy accessible e-Health services.

The project pilots the new curriculum in Finnish, Estonian and Latvian vocational education programmes. The new curriculum promotes multi-professional studying with the “Learning by Developing” pedagogical model, which gives students opportunities to learn together in real working life. The studies take place mostly on an e-learning platform, combined with cross-border co-creation and cooperation. In the next phase, the curriculum can be spread to all 27 health, social and IT study programmes and 5750 students in partner schools. It can also be spread to the 30 VET/UASs in partner countries and possibly wider in the Central Baltic region and the EU.

As a result of the project not only a new curriculum is created but also students have a possibility to implement development projects that are useful for the citizens. The core curriculum is the same for all students, which allows for a variety of professionals to work together. Each partner has its own set of students, but they work on the same e-learning environment. All in all, the project enhances Central Baltic business ecosystem development and creates better opportunities for public-private partnership, therefore supporting eHealth companies.



Specific Objective 4.2. More aligned vocational education and training programmes in the Central Baltic region
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 2/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 451 412
ERDF (€) 347 128

Lead Partner Laurea University of Applied Sciences Ltd, Finland (Vantaa)
Project WWW
<http://rdi.arcada.fi/dediwe/en/>

Project Partners Arcada University of Applied Sciences Ltd, Finland (Helsinki), Red Cross Medical College of Riga Stradins University, Latvia (Riga), Tartu Health Care College, Estonia (Tartu)
Associated Partners Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa (HUS), Lohja Hospital Area, Finland (Lohja), East-Tallinn Central Hospital, Estonia (Tallinn), State Emergency Medical Service, Latvia (Riga), City of Helsinki Department of Social Services and Health Care, Finland (Helsinki)

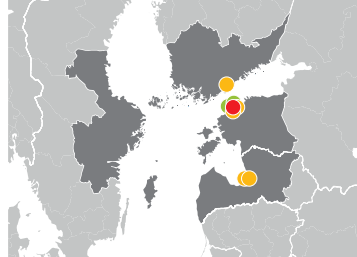
ITSVET

ICT Security in VET

The project ITSVET aims at developing a model for providing ICT security skills on the vocational education level. Reports show that demand for ICT security professionals has grown faster over the past five years than demand for other ICT jobs. Thus, the objective of the project is to meet the needs of the region's employers through developing a VET model for the ICT security specialists to reduce the skill gap of the labour market in the Central Baltic region. The consortium brings together ICT employers, vocational education institutions and vocational education regulatory bodies.

In practice the project performs a research to identify the needed competences for ICT security specialists in the Central Baltic labour market. Based on the results the project develops a new curriculum for vocational education schools in Estonia, Latvia and Finland. To make this a ready-to-go model, learning materials and a teacher's guide will be developed and the future teachers of this curriculum will be trained. All three participating vocational schools will run a pilot of the developed curriculum in their school.

Developing a joint curriculum will lead to further integration of the Central Baltic region labour market due to enhanced mobility of students and employees as well as raised awareness about the developed curriculum.



Specific Objective 4.2. More aligned vocational education and training programmes in the Central Baltic region
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 12/2015 - 03/2019
Total Project Budget (€) 1 160 123
ERDF (€) 966 050

Lead Partner The Technology Education Support Foundation, Estonia (Tallinn)
LP Contact www.tehnikaharidus.ee

Project Partners BCS Koolitus AS, Estonia (Tallinn), Tallinn Polytechnic School, Estonia (Tallinn), Riga Technical College, Latvia (Riga), Helsinki Business College, Finland (Helsinki), The Latvian Information and Communications Technology Association - LIKTA, Latvia (Riga), Foundation Innove, Estonia (Tallinn)

Associated Partners Estonian Qualifications Authority, Estonia (Tallinn), Estonian Association of Information Technology and Telecommunications, Estonia (Tallinn)

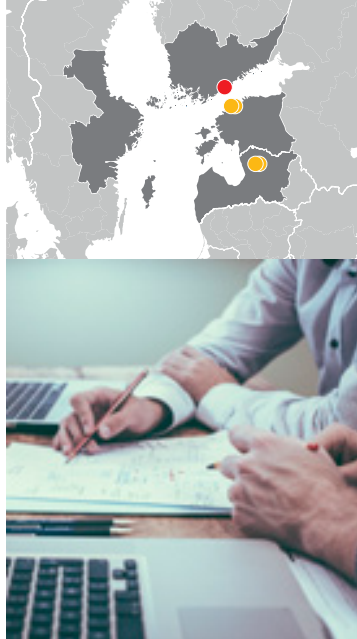
EDU-SMEs

Curriculum alignment and cross-border cooperation with SMEs

The project EDU-SMEs aims at developing a better matching between the graduates' competencies and companies' needs in the Central Baltic region. The project idea lies in aligning partner institutions' curricula in business management and entrepreneurship.

In practice new knowledge and pedagogical approaches are integrated in the existing curricula and students will gain new competencies especially in the field of internationalization of small and medium-sized companies (SMEs). The project main activities help to integrate classroom learning and practice in the workplace by strengthening cooperation between vocational education training institutions and SMEs through real-life assignments. The project also supports individual SMEs in their internationalization through cross-border activities that link SMEs with faculty and students in their target markets. The activities include a jointly developed and delivered e-learning course on internationalization of SMEs.

As a result of the project the curricula in business management and entrepreneurship are aligned and cross-border cooperation with SMEs is expected to increase. The project will also produce useful materials and support for other vocational education and training programmes and SMEs in the region.



Specific Objective 4.2. More aligned vocational education and training programmes in the Central Baltic region
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 9/2015 - 2/2017
Total Project Budget (€) 256 692
ERDF (€) 209 058

Lead Partner Arcada University of Applied Sciences, Finland (Helsinki)
Project WWW edusme.eu

Project Partners Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Latvia (Valmiera), Estonian Entrepreneurship UAS (Erahariduskeskus Ltd), Estonia (Tallinn), TTK University of Applied Sciences, Estonia (Tallinn), Valmiera Business and Innovation Incubator, Latvia (Valmiera)



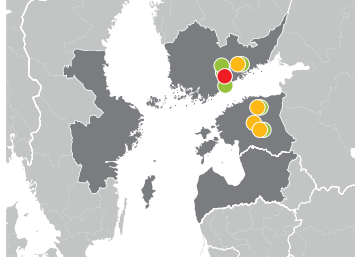
SAFHY

Safety and Hygiene - safer environment

The project SAFHY aims at developing labour skills of cleaning service and health care services in Estonia and Finland by aligning curricula and training material both for vocational education as well as the labour market. The project promotes learning and professional skills in these two sectors to reduce hygiene risks and infections while increasing safer environments in health care and cleaning services.

Health care and hygienic cleaning together is one of the highest topics in the whole world and its importance is increasing because of Ebola-type infections. The project promotes using digital network solutions for developing skills and avoiding global diffusion of these diseases. In practice the project improves two curricula and training methods for vocational education. The project also designs and implements pilot education to health care and cleaning services education by using digital learning platform.

As a result, the project aligns and enriches two curricula and produces cross-border multilingual digital learning material for students both in cleaning services and health care. Digital learning material improves students' skills considering hygiene and safer work environments as well as language skills. It also improves their competencies to enter the profession of their choice. Digital Learning material gives multilingual support for learners and teachers and even more for working leaders and workers. It develops working and language skills, and also improves better matching working opportunities.



Specific Objective 4.2. More aligned vocational education and training programmes in the Central Baltic region
Subprogramme Southern Finland - Estonia

Duration 9/2015 - 12/2017
Total Project Budget (€) 1 184 999
ERDF (€) 921 249

Lead Partner Keuda Group, Finland (Järvenpää)
Project WWW safhy.eu

Project Partners Co-operative Digital Robot, Finland (Kouvola), OÜ Puhastuseksper, Estonia (Väike-Maarja), Tartu Health Care College, Estonia (Tartu), Järva County Vocational Training Centre, Estonia (Paide)
Associated Partners Mestaritoiminta Oy Järvenpää City, Finland (Järvenpää), SOL, Finland (Helsinki), Nurmijärvi municipality, Finland (Nurmijärvi), Järvenpää Municipality, Finland (Järvenpää), Tartu University Hospital, Estonia (Tartu), Järva County Hospital, Estonia (Paide)

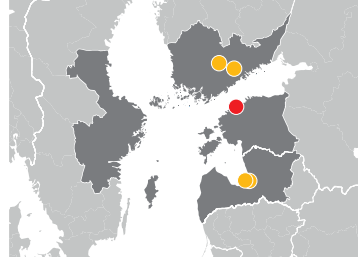
EDU-RAIL

Harmonised and Modernised Multidisciplinary Railway Education

The project EDU-RAIL aims to reduce fragmentation of railway education in the CB region. That goal is achieved by harmonising and modernising railway engineering, transport and logistics vocational education and training programmes.

In practice the project jointly develops aligned specialisation modules that take into account the needs of the regional labour market, including shared challenges of further integration with European railway system and joint regional aspects. The harmonised and modernised specialisation modules allow the railway institutions to better educate specialists for the regional needs and demands in order to enable smoother cross-border rail transportation within the common transport area.

As a result of the project five multipurpose specialisation modules are designed for full-time students and for in-service training programmes. The project raises the quality of railway vocational education and training programmes in the region and enhances more efficient use of resources of each partner organisation (laboratories, railway simulators, etc).



Specific Objective 4.2. More aligned vocational education and training programmes in the Central Baltic region
Subprogramme Central Baltic

Duration 10/2015 - 9/2018
Total Project Budget (€) 449 684
ERDF (€) 358 402

Lead Partner TTK University of Applied Sciences, Estonia (Tallinn)
LP Contact www.ttk.ee

Project Partners KRAO, Finland (Kouvola), Transport and Telecommunication Institute, Latvia (Riga), University of Applied Sciences, Finland (Hämeenlinna), Riga Technical university, Latvia (Riga)

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