

Interreg
Baltic Sea Region



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“Restore our waters – Baltic Sea Region perspective”

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**We put into practice innovative,
water-smart and climate-neutral solutions
through transnational cooperation
for the benefit of citizens across
the Baltic Sea region.**

Our focus

Supporting transition

Towards greener and more resilient societies and economies

Supporting public authorities

In meeting needs of communities and companies etc.

Creating practical solutions

To challenges in the Baltic Sea region and for clearly defined users



Programme area and funds at the start

- ✓ Denmark
 - ✓ Estonia
 - ✓ Finland
 - ✓ Germany
 - ✓ Latvia
 - ✓ Lithuania
 - ✓ Poland
 - ✓ Sweden
- ✓ Norway



Who can get on board?

Public authorities

International governmental organisation
Universities
EGTC
SMEs
Research institutions
Local, regional & national institutions
NGO
Education & training centres

Sectoral agency
Business support organisations
Interest groups
Large enterprises
Pan-Baltic organisations



Three “NOs” of Interreg Baltic Sea Region

**No pure
research on
potential
solutions**

**No
purely
technological
solutions**

**No
investments
responding purely
to local interests**



Project types



Core
projects



Small
projects



Platforms



Core projects

Core changes for the region.

Develop a solution to a challenge,
and bring it to the people in the
Baltic Sea region.

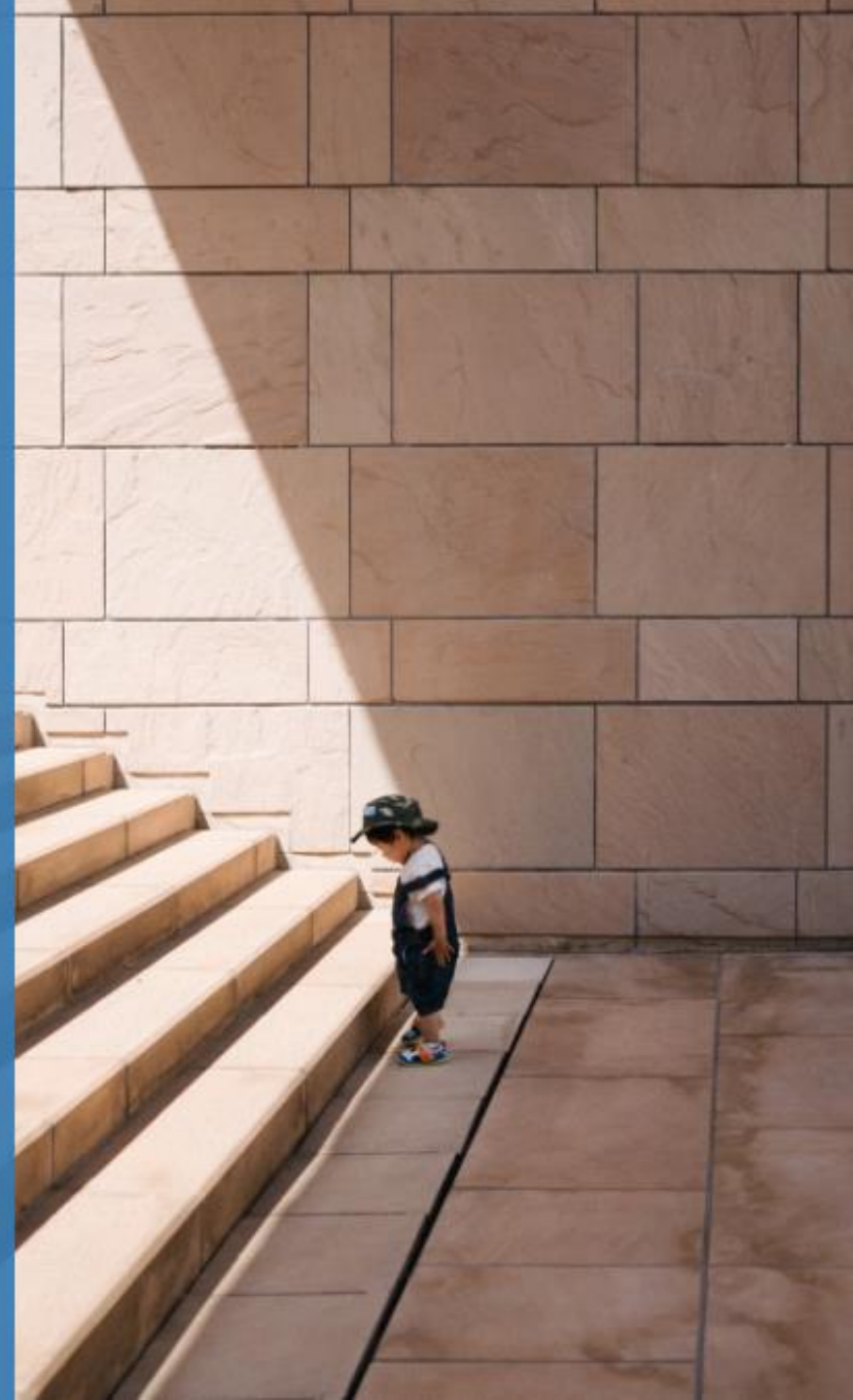


Small projects

Small steps for a big change.

Easier accessible funding.

A testing ground to learn Interreg,
**working across borders with
partners from different countries.**



Programme priorities



Innovative societies

PRIORITY 1

Programme objective: 1.1
Resilient economies and communities

Programme objective: 1.2
Responsive public services



Water-smart societies

PRIORITY 2

Programme objective: 2.1
Sustainable waters

Programme objective: 2.2
Blue economy



Climate-neutral societies

PRIORITY 3

Programme objective: 3.1
Circular economy

Programme objective: 3.2
Energy transition

Programme objective: 3.3
Smart green mobility



Water-smart societies

Programme objective 2.1
Sustainable waters



What can you do?

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Adapt water management practices across sectors

Apply good practices to prevent water pollution

**Improve procedures and implement methods
to remove pollutants**

Adjust planning process to lower the impacts of climate change

Change consumption and production patterns



Water-smart societies

Programme objective 2.2
Blue economy



What can you do?

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Develop value chains for blue economy products and services

Diversify blue economy products

Promote clean shipping

Introduce common environmental standards

Improve management of sea and inland water traffic

Foster maritime cultural tourism

Test models for mitigating conflicts

Facilitate joint use of water and land



**More space for water-
connected topics ...**



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PRIORITY 3

Programme objective: 3.1
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Programme objective: 3.2
Energy transition

Programme objective: 3.3
Smart green mobility



**Who is already on a
journey with us?**



First call projects:
17 small projects
31 core projects

Our project library
interreg-baltic.eu/projects/





NURSECOAST-II project

Pilots/investments + good practice report

- Wastewater treatment solutions adapted to tourist areas to reduce nutrient inputs to the Baltic Sea
- For public authorities, water companies and tourist businesses

17 project partners/8 countries

4.42 million euros budget

Jan 2023 – Dec 2025

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TETRAS project

Pilots/business cases + portfolio of solutions

- Technologies for recirculating aquaculture: fish and shrimp farming on land
- For public authorities, business support organisations, SMEs

10 project partners/5 countries

2.96 million euros budget

Jan 2023 – Dec 2025

SUBMITTED
Applications
for small
projects

2nd call



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Thanks for your smart ideas on how to make
our region thrive!

New projects joining the journey

- Assessment by the Joint Secretariat
- Project selection by the Programme Monitoring Committee: 20 April

SUBMITTED
Applications
for core
projects

2nd call



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Platforms of solutions.

Creating thematic synergies
across EU funds for practitioners
and policy-makers.



Platforms

Platforms of solutions.

FOCUS

- / create **synergies** among EU-funded projects
- / synthesise solutions & results in a **thematic** field
- / transfer to **target groups**

DURATION

Up to **36 months**

PARTNERS

at least **three organisations** from **three** Programme area **countries** that are partners in the Programme projects & in projects funded through other EU funding

BUDGET

tbc in announcement notes



Results synthesised from 10 projects

BSR WATER platform

- Baltic Smart Water Hub of solutions
- Recommendations on nutrient recycling and water management used by HELCOM

For practitioners and decision-makers: national and local authorities, water companies and associations, NGOs

10 project partners/6 countries

1.13 million euros budget

Oct 2018 – Sept 2021



Results synthesised from 12 projects

Blue Platform

- Blue bioeconomy roadmap beyond 2021
- Blue bioeconomy business hub

For policy-makers and public agencies, business support organisations, companies and researchers

9 project partners/9 countries

1.05 million euros budget

Oct 2018 – March 2022

Programme support



New Programme
portal



Tutorials
& webinars



Matchmaking
platform



Consultations
& advice





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3rd calls for project applications: early 2024 TBD

1st call for platform applications: autumn 2024 TBD

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