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European Territorial Co-operation 2007-2013

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**European
Territorial
Cooperation**

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Co-operation programmes

- Strand A Cross-border co-operation (CBC)
local joint initiatives promoting integration of border areas, joint use of infrastructure and services, diminishing of border obstacles (€ 5.4 billion)
- Strand B Transnational co-operation
concrete, strategic projects with transnational impact (€ 1.8 billion)
- Strand C Interregional co-operation
exchange of experiences and good practices to improve regional policy design and implementation (€445 million)

ENPI (€ 591 million), IPA (€ 330 million), Peace (€225 million)

TOTAL BUDGET: € 8.7 billion



Regions
eligible for
cross-border
co-operation
2007-2013

More than
50
programmes
on EU internal
borders

+ 12 IPA
programmes



Areas for Crossborder Cooperation 2007-2013



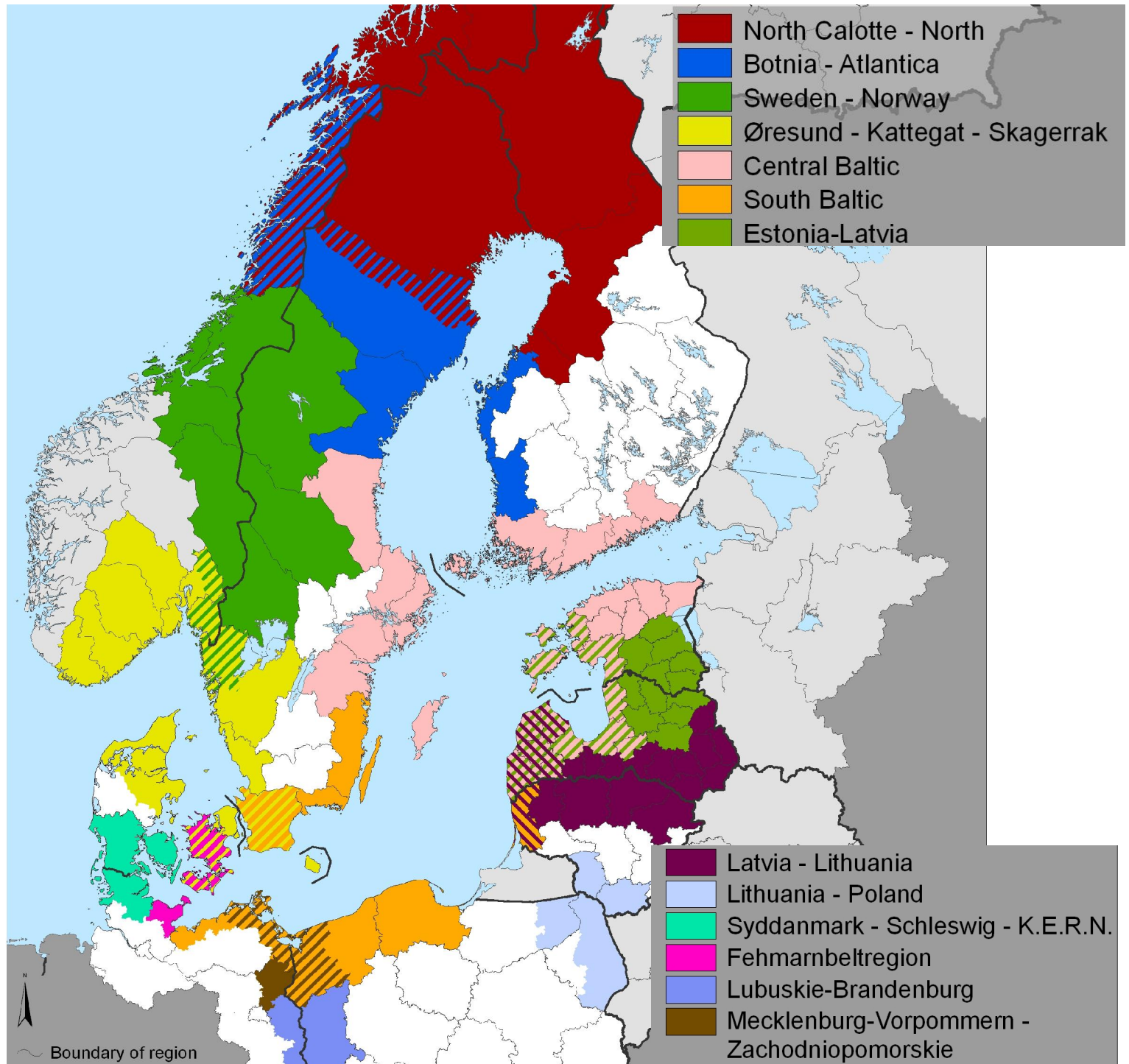
A wide menu for cross-border cooperation

- Entrepreneurship and SMEs, cross-border trade, tourism and culture
- Protection and joint management of the environment
- Better access to transport
- Information and communication networks
- Water, waste management and energy management systems
- Joint use of health, culture and education infrastructure
- Judicial and administrative co-operation



Cross-border programmes in BSR

2007-2013





Transnational cooperation – Focus on 4 priority themes

- Innovation, RTD, enterprises
- Environment, water management, risk prevention, incl. maritime safety
- Improved accessibility, transport, information and communication technology
- Sustainable urban development



Transnational cooperation

- Well planned strategic projects with some investments leading to tangible results having transnational impact
- More involvement of national level
- Networking, plans and studies only to prepare for concrete projects



Successful transnational projects

- Produce innovative concrete results and outputs of benefit and relevance to entire programme area
- Contribute significantly to meeting the objectives of programme
- Have broad and deep project partnerships, involving both regional and national authorities
- Have Lead partners with the right skills and experiences
- Where relevant, link up to other programmes, e.g. Convergence and Competitiveness



A more strategic approach

- Territorial cooperation programmes offer platforms for joint development of ideas, action plans and projects, part of which could be implemented via Convergence and Competitiveness programmes
- Opens up for development of more strategic approach to entire zone, for example in the Baltic Sea region, the Mediterranean area, the Alps or the Danube area.



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Baltic Sea transnational cooperation area



Transnational cooperation areas 2007-2013 Baltic Sea





Baltic Sea Region programme

1. External and internal accessibility of BSR
2. Management of the Baltic Sea as a common resource (environment)
3. Fostering innovations across the BSR (SMEs, economic development)
4. Promoting attractive and competitive cities and regions

Budget: € 208 million ERDF, € 23 million ENPI



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Regions for economic change

INTERREG IV C
Environm/I nnovation

URBACT II



Convergence- &
Competitiveness programmes



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**SELECTION OF KEY
THEMES FOR
ECONOMIC
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Regions will be asked to conceive and structure their networks and programmes around these 30 themes



Project type 1 – “Regional Initiatives”

Traditional INTERREG C projects supporting exchange of experience/good practice and development of new tools and methods

- Priority 1: Innovation and the knowledge economy
 - Research, technology and development
 - Information society
 - Entrepreneurship, SMEs and economic sectoral development
 - Employment, human resources and education
- Priority 2: Environment and risk prevention
 - Energy and sustainable public transport
 - Biodiversity and preservation of natural heritage
 - Natural and technological risks
 - Water & waste management
 - Cultural heritage



Project type 2 - "Capitalisation" & "Fast Track"

- Transfer of good practice identified by networks to Convergence and Competitiveness programmes = building bridges
- Regional action plans leading to concrete project ideas for implementation
- List of 30 themes (INTERREG IVC / URBACT II)
- Networks to be set up for each theme bringing together regions with specific experience and those having special interest



Greater emphasis on CAPITALISATION

- greater attention to true regional involvement
- partnerships include policy makers, decision makers and relevant experts
- regional action plans, reporting
- specific emphasis on dissemination
- some networks get "Fast Track" label (specific support from COM)



Interregional co-operation in Convergence and Competitiveness and Employment programmes

- Specific priority for interregional cooperation can be included in the Convergence and Competitiveness and Employment programmes
- Will allow cooperation between Objective 1 and/or Objective 2 regions
- Interregional cooperation covers topics of the regional programmes concerned
- Each project partner funds its own activities from its respective programme
- Aim= enriching the implementation of the regional programmes