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BALTIC SEA NETWORK - ESF

- **ESF MANAGING AUTHORITY SWEDEN**
- **BSN - ESF PROJECT 2011 – 2012 FUNDED BY SIDA BSR UNIT**
- **1. ESF: *EXISTING INFORMAL NETWORK SINCE 2006 SE, FI, EE, LV, LT, PL, DE (Hamburg)***
- ***EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCIES AND GOOD PRACTICES***
- ***INDICATE AND INTERVENE POLICY GAPS***
- ***FACILITATE PARTNERS SEARCH***
- ***IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ESF PROGRAMMES IN MSs CONCERNED***

BALTIC SEA NETWORK - ESF

- **2. NEW STRATEGY FOR TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION ESF SWEDEN**
- **3. ESF COMMITTEE – AD HOC GROUP ON TNC AND SOCIAL INNOVATION**
- **4. ESF POST 2013**
- **5. EUSBSR – EU STRATEGY ON THE BALTIC SEA REGION**
- **FOUR PILLARS**
- **15 PRIORITY AREAS**
- **FLAGSHIPS**

PRIOS

- **III. To Make The Baltic Sea Region An Accessible And Attractive Place**
- **12. EDUCATION - *HAMBURG*, TOURISM, HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELL BEING/SOCIAL DIMENSION – NDPHS**
- “...health and social well-being will need to be linked with targets concerning employment, innovation, poverty and social exclusion”

SOCIAL DIMENSION ESF

- **ESF SWEDEN**
- LONG TERM SICK LEAVE, POOR HEALTH, WORK RELATED HEALTH, WORKING CONDITIONS, LLL
- DISADVANTAGED GROUPS, DISABLED
- COMBATING POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION
- ACTIVE AGEING (EUROPEAN YEAR 2012) –
DEMOGRAPHY

BSN – ESF OBJECTIVES

- Common understanding of the role of ESF in relation to the EUSBSR among MAs concerned;
- Develop and consolidate the network between the MAs for identifying policy gaps, exchange of good practices and cooperation in a wider sense in the frame of the ESF;
- Facilitate and strengthen the transnational cooperation between projects in the ESF in the Baltic Sea region;
- Enhance the cooperation between the MSs in the Baltic Sea Region in relation to the ESF

BSN – ESF OBJECTIVES

- Considering the new programming period (post 2013), develop and prepare a knowledge base for ESF interventions linked to the EUSBSR with the aim of strengthening the social dimension in the EUSBSR

ACTIVITIES

- **MAPPING EXERCISES:**

- Projects with BSR-dimension
- Operational programmes ESF
- Flanking programmes
- Potential links/common priors ESF – EUSBSR Action plan (eg. NDPHS, SMEs, education)

- **FUTURE ACTIONS:**

- Common framework TNC for Baltic Sea MSs ESF
- Coordinated calls for proposals
- Partner search forums
- Monitoring, evaluations etc

ACTIVITIES

- Organizing four regular meetings within the network
- Organizing three partner search forums
- Organizing at least eight information seminars on transnational cooperation in the ESF, linked to the Baltic Sea region strategy for project promoters in Sweden and MSs (Interact)
- Participation from Sweden (projects and/or stakeholders) in at least one seminar in each MS in the region, focusing the link between ESF - EUSBSR
- Major conference Working Life in Stockholm in October 2011 – TNC and BSR

ACTIVITIES

- Establishment of as a minimum 30 partnerships between projects in Sweden and other MSs in the Baltic Sea Region
- Establishment of a network between the central government agencies concerned, eventually including other relevant organizations, NGO:s and social partners
- Development of a common information, communication and dissemination platform
- Organization of final conference in 2012

CONCLUSIONS

- STRENGTHEN THE SOCIAL DIMENSION IN EUSBSR...
-USING THE ESF...
- ...AND IMPROVE TNC IN BALTIC SEA REGION
- AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE EUSBSR PROJECT PROMOTORS AND STAKEHOLDERS
- SPECIAL PRIORITY BALTIC MSs
- OPEN TO NEW PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES
- REFER TO AND DEVELOP GEOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL LINKS IN BALTIC SEA REGION

