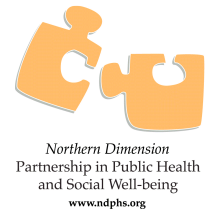


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| <b>Reference</b>        | CSR 19/4/Info 1  |
| <b>Title</b>            | Swedish ESF Council presentation   |
| <b>Submitted by</b>     | Swedish ESF Council  |
| <b>Summary / Note</b>   | ESF Councils in BSR countries are currently in the process of further developing and formalizing their framework for transnational cooperation in the BSR. This process is facilitated through a Baltic Sea Network ESF project, which is supported financially by Swedish SIDA and is coordinated by the Swedish ESF Council. Also, linking the ESF to the EUSBSR, including cooperation with the NDPHS, is currently being discussed by the participating parties. |
| <b>Requested action</b> | For information  |

# ESF – EUSBSR

- **ESF – TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION PRIO**
- ESF POST 2013, EU 2020
- EUROPEAN PLATFORM AGAINST POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION
- “Action will be taken to improve access to the labour market, social protection, essential services (e.g. healthcare, housing) and education.”
- **MACRO REGIONS – BSR FORERUNNER**

# EUSBSR PRIOS

- **III. To Make The Baltic Sea Region An Accessible And Attractive Place**
- **12. 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 SE

- **ESF SWEDEN 2007 – 2014 650 mio euro + co finance**
- 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, HEALTH

# ESF PROJECTS SWEDEN – NDPHS PRIOS

- CURRENT NUMBER OF PROJECTS: 1917
- TNC & PRIOS
- HITS RELEVANT THEMES INCLUDED IN PROJECT:
- HEALTH 442
- HEALTH + EE, LV, LT, PL - SE 36
- DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE 152
- (EX) CONVICTS/PRISON etc 119

## *BSN – ESF PROJECT 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**

# CONCLUSIONS

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



# BSN - ESF

- ***Transnational cooperation in the European Social Fund will develop a stronger social dimension in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region!***