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Open call: The 3rd call for applications of the Interreg Baltic Sea Region 2014-2020 Programme

The projects co-funded by Interreg Baltic Sea Region are built around three thematic priorities:

- Strengthening capacity for **innovation (this is the most feasible option for projects dealing with health)**;
- Managing natural resources, and
- Sustainable transport.

Detailed information about each thematic priority and its specific objectives can be found in the Cooperation Programme (for short reading see the extracts placed on the right-hand side menu on page <https://www.interreg-baltic.eu/thirdcallforapplications.html>).

All applicants are requested to submit a project idea form (PIF) to the Programme MA/JS by 15 January 2018 at the latest (this is a prerequisite to be invited for a consultation during which the MS/JS will provide feedback and recommendations for developing the application). Deadline for submission of complete applications (may be done only after consultations with the MA/JS) is 9 April 2018.

More information about the third call and the application procedures is available at: <https://www.interreg-baltic.eu/thirdcallforapplications.html>

Russian organisations may be included as project partners in applications in the third call for proposals. More information in this regard is available at: https://www.interreg-baltic.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/how-to-apply/3_call/Guidance_Russian_organisations_in_joint_projects_Call_3_Clean.pdf

Will open soon: Seed funding for cooperation projects in the Baltic Sea Region. Call for proposals within the Swedish institute.

The Swedish Institute provides funding for joint projects in which Swedish organisations meet transnational challenges together with organisations from the Baltic Sea Region countries and the countries of the Eastern Partnership.

The Swedish Institute seeks to strengthen Sweden's relations and develop cooperation with the countries around the Baltic Sea and in our immediate area. Swedish organisations can apply for funding from the Swedish Institute in order to cooperate with organisations in the Baltic Sea Region countries and organisations in the EU's Eastern Partnership countries. The project activities that the Swedish Institute supports via 'seed funding' must be clearly linked to one or more of the challenges identified in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. The projects should help create conditions for long-term, sustainable relations in the region.

Focus/scope:

- The aim of the project is to focus, together with your project partners, on joint problem-solving.
- The project is to help create conditions for long-term, sustainable relations in the Baltic Sea Region.
- The project must be clearly linked to one or more of the challenges identified in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.
- If the project includes countries from the Eastern Partnership, it must also relate to challenges identified within that partnership framework.
- The Swedish Institute can provide funding to projects that for instance involve:
 - Undertaking a feasibility study in order to develop a larger Baltic Sea Region project linked to the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.
 - Establishing new networks
 - Expanding and strengthening existing networks
 - Preparing an application for EU financing from one of the various EU programmes.
 - Initiating or furthering cooperation between the EU and non-EU countries in the Baltic Sea Region and Eastern Partnership.

A project can apply for a maximum of SEK 500,000 per project. Ten per cent of project costs must be self-financed.

The project may run for no longer than 18 months.

Next application round opens during December and closes on 13 February 2018. When the call begins, the application portal is opened and we publish instructions on how to apply.

More information about the up-coming call is available at: <https://si.se/en/apply/funding-grants/pi/>



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Will open in autumn/winter 2019: The Seed Money.

Call for the **Seed Money** is not open yet. Due to a rather small amount of funding sources still available in this programming period, and consequently a lower number of projects that seed money projects could provide support to, the Programme plans to open a new seed money call at a later stage with the aim to support the development of projects applying for funds in the future programming period. **The call would be opened in autumn/winter 2019** so that new seed money projects could be implemented from summer 2020 to summer 2021.

More information about the up-coming call is available at: <http://www.interreg-baltic.eu/news-detail/news/more-seed-money-funding-in-2020.html> and at: <https://www.interreg-baltic.eu/apply-for-funds/seed-money-calls.html>

The NDPHS - the Coordinator for the Policy Area Health in the EUSBSR.

The NDPHS, as the EUSBSR Policy Area Health Coordinator, is responsible for issuing Letters of Commitment for applications to the **Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020**. Requests for a Letter of Commitment to the NDPHS Secretariat need to be submitted no later than one month prior to when the lead applicant plans to submit their application for funding. More information about the NDPHS procedure for issuing Letters of Commitment to projects applying for Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020 is available at: http://www.ndphs.org/?eusbsr_become-involved



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