

EUSBSR Annual Forum 2022: Putting plans into practice – a prosperous, connected, and green Baltic Sea Region

Preliminary agenda (times in EET, timing of sessions is indicative)

Wed 28 Sept 2022

10.00-12:00 Opening plenary session

13.30-15:00 Parallel sessions x 3

1) New plans and visions for Seas, Oceans and Waters

The Commission's Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) will introduce the EU Mission "Restore our Oceans and waters by 2030". In the focus - Baltic and North Sea Lighthouse, an initiative focused on climate neutrality, biodiversity, and economic prosperity of our sea. HELCOM will introduce its new Action Plan and VASAB - its new vision.

2) New Challenges for Societal Security

A fresh look at the Baltic Sea Region's societal security challenges: from regional to individual perspective. Feeling secure vs being secure. Prevention and preparedness.

3) Innovations for the digital and green transition and sustainable growth

Our region is a home for many innovative approaches. How do they help bring us to a sustainable future?

16:00-17:30 Parallel sessions x 3

4) EU Missions on climate: EUSBSR contribution engaging cities and regions

The impact of climate change is obvious in the BSR: from increased water temperature to unpredictable weather events. How is our Strategy contributing to solving these challenges? Presentations of the EU Missions "100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030" and "Adaptation to Climate Change". Examples of adaptation measures and actions towards climate-neutrality in BSR cities and regions.

5) Energy and connectivity of the region

Expert views on energy independency, alternative fuels, new green technologies, sustainable and competitive transportation and more.

6) Recovery after shocks

How can the Strategy help BSR communities become more resilient, stronger and sustainable, better at bouncing back after economic, political, social and health crises?

Thursday 29 Sept 2022

09:00-09:10 First day summary

09:10-10:40 Funding EUSBSR: Shared experiences inspire to continue shaping the future of the region

In the first part of the session, Interreg Baltic Sea Region team will explain how Interreg projects help implement the EUSBSR Action Plan and the potential for future cooperation. In the second part - brief presentation of the other funding sources and instruments.

11.00-13.00 Closing plenary session