



Energy market integration in macro-regional strategies

**On the experiences of the implementation
of the EU Baltic Sea and Danube Strategies
– Sharing best practices**

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Issues:

Untapped opportunities in energy efficiency and RES

Closing Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant

Countries with very different energy supply setup

Baltic States: 'Energy Island'

Growing dependence on 1 supplier in the eastern countries

Countries on different levels of market development

Sharp electricity price increase (to EU levels) in the new MS

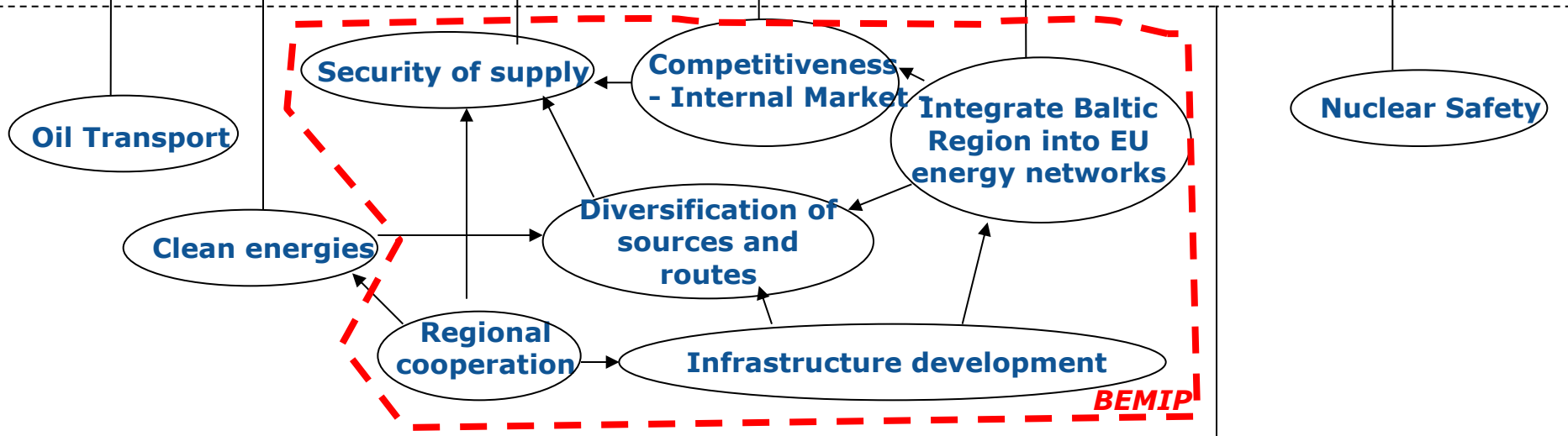
Objectives:

1. Environmentally sustainable

2. Prosperous (economy)

3. Accessible & Attractive

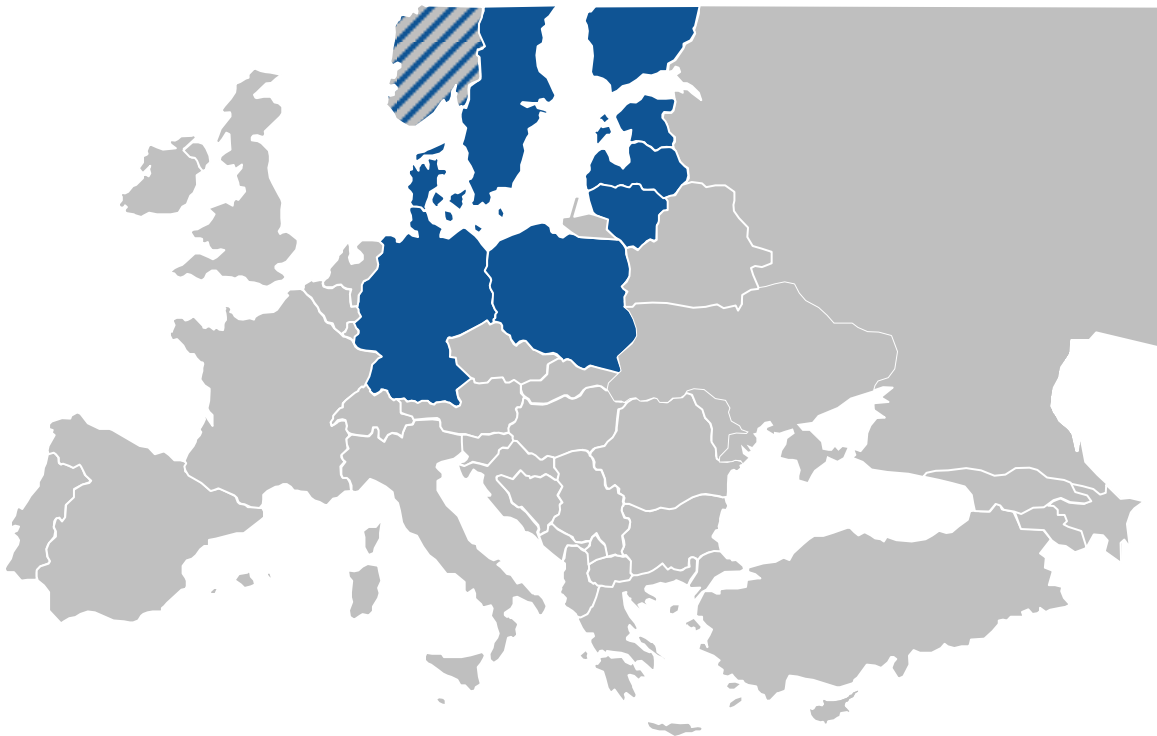
4. Safe and secure



Contributes to

Energy

How BSR dealt with it



Energy under 2 main objectives and priority areas

- *Renewables and energy efficiency*
- *Infrastructure*

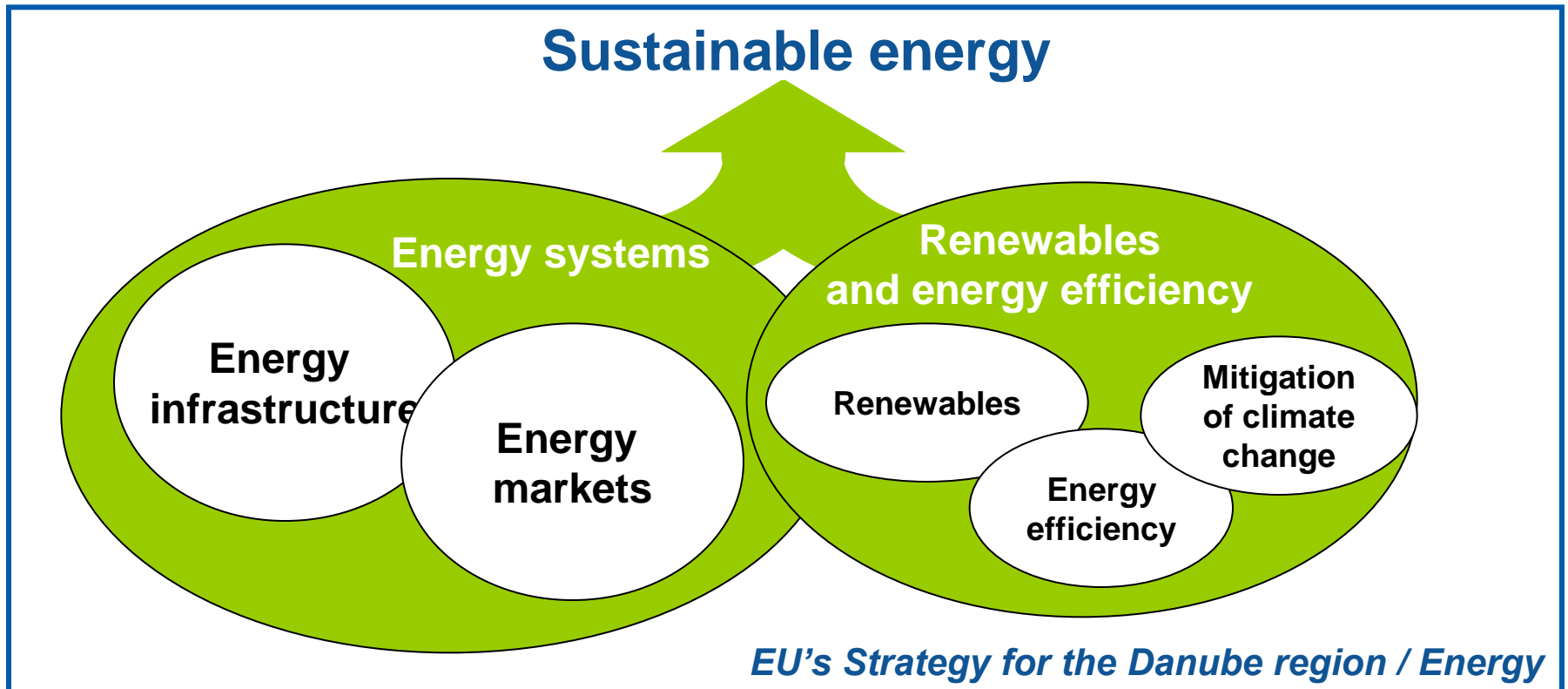
Wide scope for action

Synergies with BEMIP

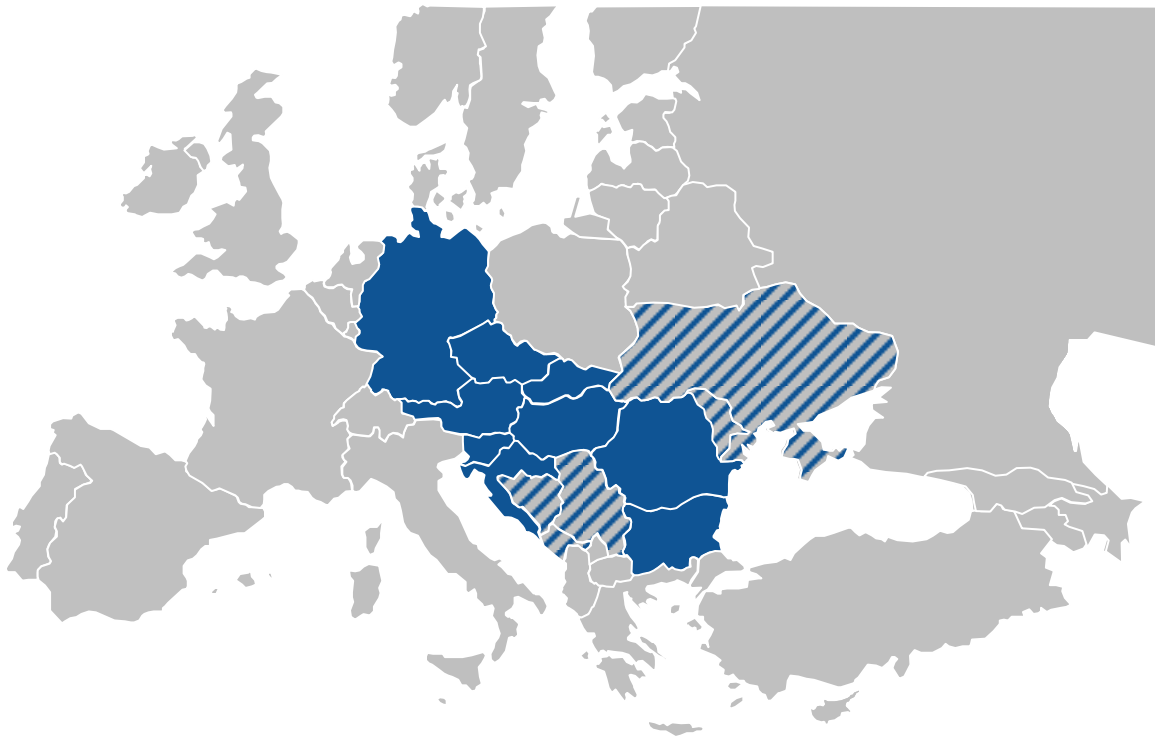
Involvement of non-EU countries: Norway, Russia

- *Not involved in all topics*
- *Sometimes better structures exist (e.g. EU-Russia Energy Dialogue)*

The Danube Strategy tackles energy issues from all aspects



How the Danube region strategy dealt with the issues



- **Energy related issues under one priority area**
- **Focused scope / actions**
- **Looking for untapped areas for cooperation**
- **Synergies with North-South and Energy community infrastructure work**
- **Several non-EU countries – Energy Community**

Lessons learned

- Energy related topics need to be under one priority area
- Focus is needed in terms of topics (based on real value added of the strategy)
- Strategies should target at the regional specificities
- Strategy has more value in the niches where cooperation is voluntary or are not covered by existing structures
 - *E.g. BEMIP in 2008 or North-South in 2011 vs. TEN-E Regional Groups in 2014*
- Flexibility in terms of geographical scope is very useful
 - *Coordination between strategies becomes necessary*
- non-EU country involvement needs to be tailored to the region and existing structures

Thank you for your attention