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EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region PA ENERGY

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EUSBSR PA Energy/ BEMIP Reform

As a result of a reform, the two regional cooperation formats were merged during the first half of 2015:

- BEMIP (Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan)
- EUSBSR Policy Area (PA) Energy



Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan (BEMIP)

- MoU on BEMIP <u>was signed</u> on 17 June 2009 (Reinforced: 08 June 2015)
- <u>Member States:</u> Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Finland, Sweden, Norway (as an observer).

• <u>Aim:</u>

- To create a fully functioning, integrated and efficient energy market in the BSR;
- Balanced energy market in the BSR;
- Energy security;
- Develop infrastructure projects in order to foster the market integration.
- -> One of the best regional cooperation examples



EUSBSR, PA Energy

- The EUSBSR is the first macro-regional strategy in Europe, operating since 2009.
- The same MS involved as in BEMIP plus non-EU countries

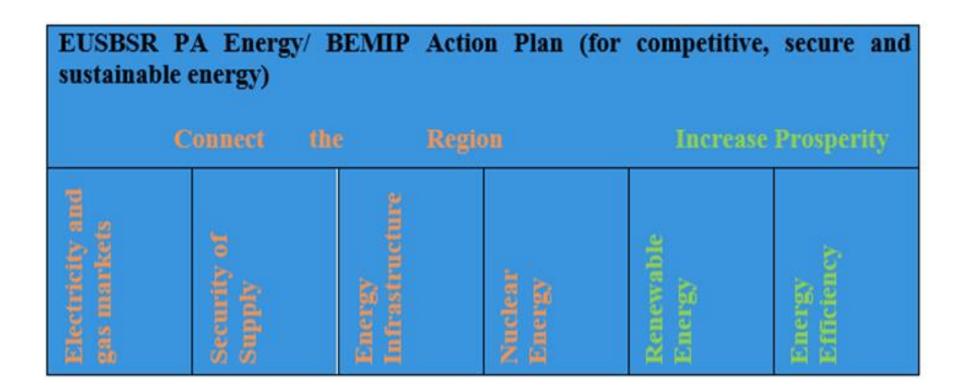
• <u>Aim</u>:

- to end the energy isolation of some Member States in the region
- to foster market integration
- to support energy efficiency and sustainable energy sources



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Based on willingness to cooperate expressed in Memorandum of Understandig





Projects/ flagships

-> To be added at a later stage

Key criteria:

- Macro-regional impact of the flagship
- How does it contribute towards the objectives/indicators/targets
 of the Action Plan
- How does it help implement one or more actions of the policy area/horizontal action concerned (dependency with project)

General criteria:

- Transnational dimension (≥3 Baltic Sea region states including ≥2 EU MS)
- Realistic timeframe for implementation
- Financial and activity plan
- Established partnership and flagship leader identified



Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020

Priorities and Objectives

Innovation

Research & innovation infrastructures

Smart specialisation

Nontechnological innovation Natural resources

Clear waters

Renewable energy

Energy efficiency

Blue growth

Transport

Interoperability

Accessibility

Maritime Safety

Shipping

Urban mobility

EU strategy support

Seed money

Support of PACs & HALs

Targeted support & EUSBSR forums





Seed Money Facility

From seed money to a project





Thank you for your attention!

