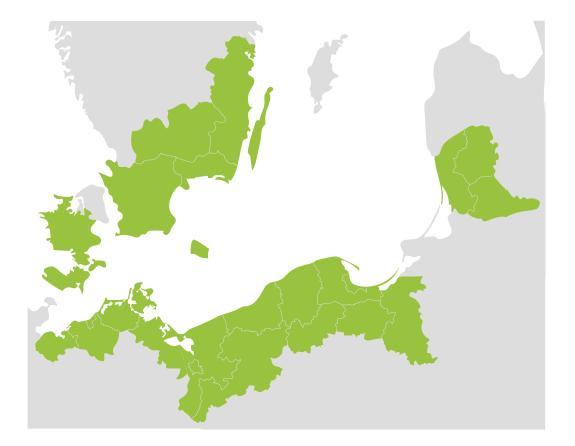


### Implementation and financing under the future Interreg South Baltic Programme 2021-2027





# Sustainable South Baltic - promoting sustainable development and blue and green economy



"United by the Sea into action for a blue and green future –

Innovative, Sustainable, Attractive and Active South Baltic"

#### The South Baltic Area

- Natural environment is a key asset in the SBA
- Threats related to climate change
- Fragile environmental status of the Baltic Sea
- Untapped renewable energy potential
- Different policies and practices

#### Need for further cooperation and joint effort

Key environmental challenges and opportunities

| Interreg South Baltic Programme 2021-2027   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| PA1 <b>Innovative</b> South<br>Baltic – enhancing the<br>level of innovation and<br>internationalization of<br>local actors | PA 2 <b>Sustainable</b> South<br>Baltic - promoting<br>sustainable development<br>and blue and green<br>economy | PA 3 <b>Attractive</b> South<br>Baltic – activate the<br>tourist potential of South<br>Baltic Area | PA 4 <b>Active</b> South Baltic<br>– improving cooperation<br>governance                       |
| Programme Measure 1.1:<br>Digitalising the region   | Programme Measure 2.1:<br>Supporting transition<br>towards green energy   | Programme Measure 3.1:<br>Developing sustainable,<br>resilient and innovative<br>tourism           | Programme Measure 4.1:<br>Strengthen the<br>cooperation capacity of<br>actors based within the |
| Programme Measure 1.2:<br>Building connectivity of<br>the region through<br>internationalization                            | Programme Measure 2.2:<br>Promoting sustainable<br>use of water   |  | South Baltic Area (incl.<br>civil society)   |
|   | Programme Measure 2.3:<br>Supporting a circular and<br>more resource efficient<br>development                   |  |  |

#### South Baltic Area – Key challenges

- Climate change and its consequences
- Still unexploited potential in renewable energy
- Renewable energy storage capacities
- Irregular power flows
- Room for further development and joint actions



#### Environment – Renewable energy

Renewable energy and energy efficiency in the South Baltic Programme

|  | 2014 - 2020   | 2021 - 2027   |
|--|---|---|
| Priority   | Exploiting the environmental and cultural potential of the South Baltic area for the blue and green growth  | Sustainable South Baltic - promoting sustainable development and blue and green economy |
| Programme Specific<br>Objective / Programme<br>Measure | Increased use of green technologies in order to decrease the pollution discharges in the South Baltic area  | Supporting transition towards green energy  |
| Funding  | 18 167 040,07 EUR ERDF (for all green tech projects)  | 14 384 980,00 EUR ERDF  |
| Related topics   | <ul> <li>inappropriate air quality</li> <li>use of fuels of inadequate quality</li> <li>use of old high-emission heat sources</li> <li>inefficient absorption of renewable<br/>resources</li> <li>(besides other topics, e.g. eutrophication,<br/>water pollution)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>increase the production and use of renewable energy</li> </ul>                 |
| Projects   | BSAM, UBIS, Liquid Energy, Coastal Biogas   | ~ 11 projects can be expected   |

## Supporting transition towards green energy

- Significant renewable energy potential in the South Baltic Area
- Increasing the level of cooperation in the sector
- Complementary actions: developing and adapting systems of energy storage and distribution to renewable energy specifics
- Exemplary actions (mainly soft activities)
  - Cooperation regarding energy policies
  - Joint solutions
  - Promoting the use of renewable energy and green fuels
  - Green policy strategies and patterns
  - Common cross-border standards
  - Capacity building actions, transfer of knowledge and exchange of best practices

Possibility to implement **cross-border pilot actions** that may include infrastructural and equipment components with **piloting and demonstrative nature**. Implementation of large-scale infrastructure is not possible.

#### Characteristics of regular projects

- Cross-border challenges, cross-border solutions.
- Recommended budget: 1-2 million EUR
  - Not in any case exceeding 5 million EUR
- ERDF co-financing: 80%.
- Minimum two partners from 2 countries.
  - The focus is on multilateral cooperation
  - Average project size: 6-8 partner
  - For the first time the Programme is open for SMEs
  - Triple/Quadruple helix
- Duration: up to 36 months.



- Follow our website: <u>https://southbaltic.eu/</u>
- Read the Cooperation Programme document: <u>https://southbaltic.eu/interreg-south-baltic-2021-2027</u>
- Get in touch with the regional Contact Points: <u>https://southbaltic.eu/contact-points</u>

How to get started?

## **Questions & Answers**



## Thank you for your attention!

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