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Topic 2 Future Interreg-programmes BSR and NSR – focus and content – programming work – connection to macro regional strategies

- Cooperation in the North Sea and Baltic Sea Region has been an important part of the cooperation between our regions. Both Schleswig-Holstein and Eastern Norway County Network are active in BSSSC and in North Sea Commission.
- Interreg has been a very important instrument to facilitate cooperation between regions around the Baltic Sea and North Sea and the regional organisations have worked closely with the Interreg-programme secretariats during the past programme period.
- Clean Baltic Sea Shipping and Clean North Sea Shipping are examples of important projects that we have worked together on in this period.
- Now we are entering a new period with Interreg cooperation. At the moment it is still open how much funding will be allocated to regional development within EU, but it seems that Interreg has a good standing both in the EU-Commission and in the European Parliament.
- Lobby to secure funding for regional development and Interreg in Europe. CPMR has taken this task very seriously. Letter sent – dialog at the GA in Poland – resolution.
- Macro regional strategies have been developed within EU as a framework for regional development and cooperation – the first one around the Baltic Sea and second along Donau River (Danube). Top-down strategies, but with strong interest and involvement of stakeholders in the development process.
- The North Sea Commission has over the past years developed a 2020 strategy for the North Sea Region. Good process and involvement from regions. EU-commission DG Mare interested and also DG Regio. Still it is a macro regional strategy – but not an EU-strategy. A bottom-up strategy – made by the regional actors. Problem to engage national authorities!

- These strategies identify the main challenges in North Sea and Baltic Sea for the next years – and should be basic documents for the programming of the new Interreg V. We need to work together to make sure that the North Sea 2020 Strategy will be one of the basic documents for the programming work in the North Sea!
- Interreg B and C programming is strongly influenced by national authorities responsible for structural funds.
- EU-commission has in the draft regulation launched 11 priority areas that the programmes should choose among – max 4 to be chosen (possibility of a fifth option under discussion).
- In the Baltic Sea a process has already been launched among member countries to send in their priorities for the new programme (by 2.11). The discussion will be held end of November in Riga. Both ENCN and Schleswig-Holstein will be represented in this meeting.

From Norway (supported by ENCN) the following topics are supported:

- Strengthening research, technological development and innovation (Increase Prosperity)
- Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency (Save the sea)
- Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructure (Connect the region)
- Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy

(Reference to the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Regions priorities in brackets)

- In the North Sea programme the discussion is at an earlier stage. From ENCN we will like to support thematic priorities in line with the North Sea 2020 Strategy. These are:

1. Managing Maritime Space
2. Increasing Accessibility and Clean Transport
3. Tackling Climate Change
4. Attractive and Sustainable Communities

Promoting Innovation, Excellence and Sustainability (a horizontal priority)

- In addition to focus on priorities important from a regional perspective – we have to work to make sure the programmes will be made relevant to fund

regional cooperation and that they will be programmed in a way not to make them too complicated and difficult to access.

- From Norwegian side we want to open up for private partners to take part in projects and get financing from the programmes.

- How can we work together and use our influence and contacts to make sure that we get relevant and interesting Interreg V B programmes in the BSR and in the North Sea Region 2014 – 2020?
- And – how can we prepare to create joint projects to access the funds from 2014 on – and which thematic areas seems to be most interesting for such cooperation projects?

Oversikt over de 11 prioriteringene lansert av EU – som er i tråd med EU 2020 strategien:

Menu of Thematic Objectives in line with the Europe 2020 strategy.

Investments in:

- research & innovation
- information and communication technologies (ICT)
- competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- shift towards a low-carbon economy
- climate change adaptation & risk prevention and management
- environmental protection & resource efficiency
- sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
- employment & supporting labour mobility
- social inclusion & combating poverty
- education, skills & lifelong learning
- institutional capacity building & efficient public administrations

Midler til Interreg-samarbeid 2014-2020.

EU-kommisjonen har i sitt forslag til langtidsbudsjett foreslått 3,5 % av regionalfondene til territorielt samarbeid – Interreg.

EU-parlamentet har i sitt forslag foreslått å øke andelen til Interreg til 7%.

Viser at det er et prioritert område!