

Overview of the EUSBSR and future perspectives

- *Reflections by current Swedish chair of EUSBSR NC-group, Erik Kiesow*

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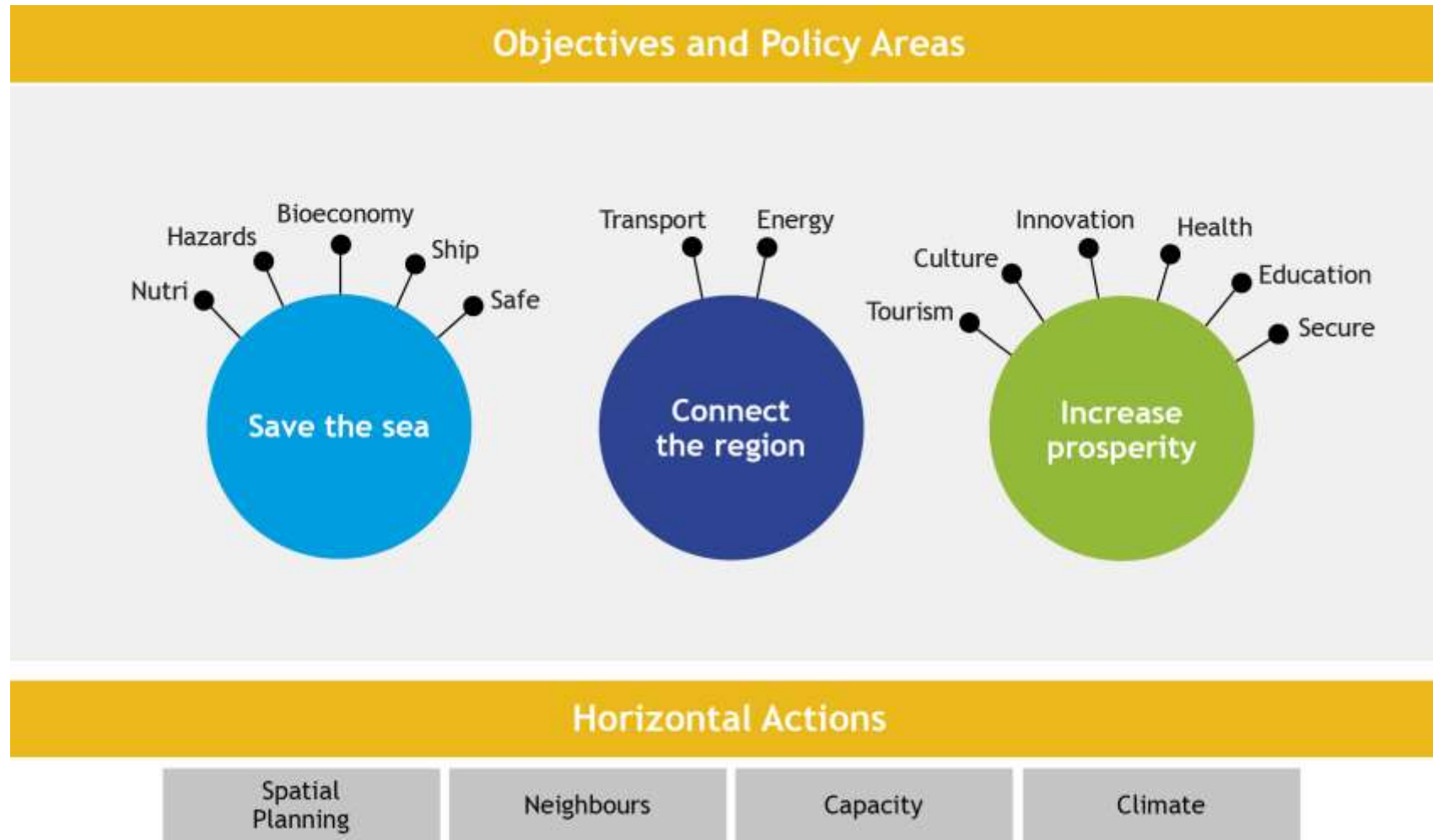


EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

- First macro-regional strategy;
- Based on long history of cooperation;
- Addresses joint shortcomings in the Region;
- Demands cooperation and coordination within the MS;
- Explicitly asks for cooperation and coordination among the Baltic Sea States (MSs and non-EU MSs);
- Needs continuous political support, commitment and ownership;
- EUSBSR is fully aligned with the Europe 2020 Strategy.



Structure of the EUSBSR



Saving the Sea

- *Some achievements*

- Phasing out of phosphates in detergents
- Improving wastewater treatment
- Improving farming practices
- Baltic Sea Fisheries Fourm



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Connecting the Region

- *Some achievements*

- Joint transport planning (Baltic Transport Outlook 2030)
- Improving Energy cooperation and links
- Improved maritime safety
- Improved maritime rescue service



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Increasing Prosperity

- *Some achievements*

- Blue Growth innovation (SUBMARINER)
- Innovation clusters for SME:s in the Baltic Sea Region
- Climate Change adaptation plan & preparedness



On going work of EUSBSR NC-group

1. Governance

- Establishing rules of procedure for NC-group
- Improve links of project result to policy impact or change
- Closer cooperation with implementing partners

2. Funding

- Improve transnational use of mainstream programmes (ERDF network)

3. Communication

- Let's Communicate project



Perspectives post 2020

1. Focus

- European added value
- Baltic Sea Regional added value

2. Governance

- European dimension
- National dimension
- Target based approach
- Monitoring and evaluation

3. Funding

- Facilitate transnational funding
- Improve link to future funding programmes and Policy instruments



Foresight report: Future need for cooperation

- As presented at Strategy Forum in Stockholm 8-9 November 2016

Must intensify cooperation

- Meet environmental challenges
- Civil protection
- Blue growth initiatives
- Safe shipping
- Culture for cooperation

Should intensify cooperation

- Demographic pressure
- Digitalisation
- Connectivity
- Communication road map





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