Vision for the Baltic Sea Region 2030

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What is the situation in our region?

CBSS EGSD Report „Baltic 2030: Bumps on the Road – How the Baltic Sea States are performing on the SDGs”, by Nordic Sustainability, June 2018. Based on SDGs Index & Dashboards 2017; Bertelsmann Stiftung & SDSN
Current situation in Belarus

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Council of the Baltic Sea States

- 11 Member States
- Steered by Ministries of Foreign Affairs
- Intergovernmental cooperation

Key areas:
- Integrity & Social Security
- Dialogue
- Responsibility
2030 Agenda and SDGs

Universal

Integrated

Transformative
Realizing the Vision:
The Baltic 2030 Action Plan

We call on all actors in the Baltic Sea Region – countries and stakeholders, including civil society, young people, business, education, regional and local authorities – to take the “bold and transformative steps” towards sustainable development, which are urgently needed, so that we may achieve this vision by 2030.
“The Baltic Sea Region is transformed and empowered because we have worked together in partnership.

The economies of the BSR follow a sustainable model that conserves resources, protects ecosystems, and provides meaningful employment for all.

The BSR has increased resilience to climate change.

Our cities, towns and communities are vital places that provide a high quality of life for people of every age and background.

All have access to excellent educational opportunities, at every phase of life.

Gender equality is respected, all types of inequalities are being addressed, and the rights of all, with special attention to the rights of children, are protected.”
6 Priority Focus Areas

- Sustainable & Resilient Cities and Communities
- Climate Action
- Equality and Social Wellbeing for All
- Transition to a Sustainable Economy
- Quality of Education & Lifelong Learning
- Partnerships
Transition to a Sustainable Economy

- Creating a **sustainable agricultural system** (SDG 2)
- **Water**: efficient use, reduce pollution, protect water-related ecosystems (SDG6)
- Affordable and clean **energy** for all, strengthen use of renewable sources (SDG 7)
- Productive **employment** and decent work for all, increasing entrepreneurship and enhance youth employment (SDG 8)
- Foster **research and innovation** and sustainable **industrial** processes (resource efficient and clean technologies), upgrade **infrastructure** (SDG9)
- Responsible consumption and production patterns: promote “green” and “**circular bio-based economy**” on land and a sustainable “blue economy” in the Sea (SDG12)
- Ensuring sustainable use of the Baltic Sea and its **marine resources**, and strengthened implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (SDG14)
Climate Action

Increase climate change adaptation and resilience through:

• **Mainstream** climate change adaptation as part of all planning and sectoral development processes (SDG13)

• Emergency preparedness and **disaster risk reduction** management related to climate and weather (SDG 16)

• Address **health** risks (SDG 3)

• **Food security** risks (SDG 2)

• Responding to stresses in regional **ecosystems** (SDG 15) A key objective of work in this focus area is to mainstream climate change
Equality and Social Wellbeing for All

Demographic challenges:
- Aging population,
- Population shifts and migration patterns
- Inequities between countries, and within countries (strengthen synergies urban-rural areas)
- Health, obesity and consumption from the agricultural sector
6 Activation Processes

01. Establishing 2030 Agenda as a Regional Framework
02. Stimulating Private-Science Networking and Engagement in Key Sectors
03. Promoting the engagement of Educational Sector
04. Empowering Civil Society to Amplify Innovation and Action
05. Addressing Demographic Shifts with Creative Initiatives
06. Facilitating and monitoring Regional Partnership for Sustainable Development
DO NOT WAIT FOR LEADERS
BECOME THEM.