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COVER NOTE

from: Friends of the Presidency Group (European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region)

to: Coreper/Council

Subject: Council Conclusions on the completion of the review of the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Delegations will find attached Addendum 2 to the draft Council Conclusions on the completion of the review of the European Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

Roles and responsibilities of the main stakeholders of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

The tasks of the **National Contact Point** include:

- 1. Seek political support for and contribute to political commitment to the implementation of the EUSBSR¹ in the home country.**
- 2. Cooperate with other National Contact Points of the EUSBSR to secure coherence and exchange the best practices.**
- 3. Ensure overall coordination of and support to the EUSBSR implementation in the home country:**
 - Ensure information to, consultation with national institutions regarding the EUSBSR and seek their involvement;
 - Act in order to facilitate involvement of other relevant stakeholders;
 - Maintain an on-going policy dialogue and work with national coordination body to initiate operational action;
 - Encourage dialogue between relevant programmes/financial instruments and national stakeholders for the alignment of resources;
 - Identify the Priority Area Focal Points².
- 4. Formulate and communicate national positions on the EUSBSR and Action Plan.**
- 5. In close cooperation with the European Commission, Priority Area Coordinators and Horizontal Action Leaders participate in the review and updating of the EUSBSR and Action Plan.**
- 6. Support Priority Area Coordinator(s) and Horizontal Action Leader(s) in the implementation of the EUSBSR.**
- 7. Monitor and on the request of the European Commission report on the coordination activities taken in the implementation of the EUSBSR.**
- 8. Encourage participation of relevant stakeholders from the entire macro-region in the implementation of the EUSBSR.**
- 9. Promote the visibility of the EUSBSR.**

¹ European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

² The Member States are appointing Priority Area Focal Points (line ministries, agencies, other national/regional institutions) for each Priority Area of the EUSBSR.

The tasks of the **Priority Area Coordinator** include:

Facilitate involvement of and cooperation with relevant stakeholders from the entire macro-region and in close cooperation with those:

- 1. Implement and follow-up the Priority Area towards targets and indicators defined. Whenever relevant, review of the indicators and targets set.**
- 2. Review regularly the relevance of the Priority Area as described in the Action Plan. Propose necessary updates including the addition, modification or deletion of actions and Flagship Projects to the European Commission.**
- 3. Facilitate policy discussions in the Baltic Sea Region regarding the Priority Area concerned.**
- 4. Facilitate development and implementation of actions and Flagship Projects defined under the Priority Area.**
- 5. Convey relevant results and recommendations of on-going and completed Flagship Projects to the policy level.**
- 6. Ensure communication and visibility of the Priority Area.**
- 7. Maintain a dialogue with bodies in charge of implementation of programmes/financial instruments on alignment of funding for implementation of the Priority Area and Flagship Projects.**
- 8. Liaise and cooperate with other Priority Area Coordinators and Horizontal Action Leaders in order to ensure coherence and avoid duplication of actions in the EUSBSR implementation.**
- 9. Monitor progress within the Priority Area and report on it.**

The tasks of the Horizontal Action Leader include:

Facilitate involvement of and cooperation with relevant stakeholders from the entire macro-region and in close cooperation with those:

- 1. Implement and follow-up the Horizontal Action towards targets and indicators defined. Whenever relevant, review of the indicators and targets set.**
- 2. Review regularly the relevance of the Horizontal Action as described in the Action Plan. Propose necessary updates of the Horizontal Action to the European Commission.**
- 3. Facilitate policy discussions in the Baltic Sea Region regarding the Horizontal Action concerned.**
- 4. Facilitate development and implementation of the Horizontal Action concerned.**
- 5. When relevant, convey relevant results and recommendations of the Horizontal Action to the policy level.**
- 6. Ensure communication and visibility of the Horizontal Action.**
- 7. Maintain a dialogue with bodies in charge of implementation of programmes/financial instruments on alignment of funding for implementation of the Horizontal Action.**
- 8. Liaise and cooperate with Priority Area Coordinators and other Horizontal Action Leaders in order to ensure coherence and avoid duplication of actions in the EUSBSR implementation.**
- 9. Monitor progress within the Horizontal Action and report on it.**

The tasks of the **Flagship Project Leader** include:

- 1. Ensure implementation of the Flagship Project.**
 - 2. Liaise regularly with the respective Priority Area Coordinator(s):**
 - Take actively part in the activities of the respective Priority Area, e.g. relevant meetings and conferences;
 - Regularly monitor and report on the progress of the Flagship Project to the Priority Area Coordinator(s).
 - 3. Ensure sustainability and promotion of the Flagship Project results. Support the Priority Area Coordinator(s) in conveying relevant Flagship Project results and recommendations to the policy discussions and policy development in the Baltic Sea Region.**
 - 4. Establish and maintain cooperation with other relevant Flagship Projects of the EUSBSR, in order to ensure coherence, exchange information and avoid duplication of efforts.**
 - 5. Ensure communication and visibility of the Flagship Project and its results.**
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