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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 1 to the draft Council Conclusions on the completion of the review of the European Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

Objectives, indicators and targets for the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Objective/sub-objectives	Indicator	Baseline	Target/deadline	Data sources
1 - Save the Sea				
1.1 Clear water in the sea	Environmental status, incl. level of inputs of nutrients – in line with indicators being developed in HELCOM by 2013 and under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive	current situation in 2010	indicators agreed in 2013 good environmental status (GES) by 2021	HELCOM, Marine Strategy Framework Directive;
1.2 Rich and healthy wildlife	Biodiversity status and ecosystem health (incl. fish stocks) and amounts of hazardous substances - in line with indicators being developed in HELCOM by 2013 and under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive	GES integrated indicators	indicators agreed in 2013 good environmental status (GES) by 2021	Marine Strategy Framework Directive, HELCOM
1.3 Clean and safe shipping	Number of shipping accidents	annual average of shipping accidents * 2008-2010: 3,017 per 10.000 vessels	Decreasing trend	HELCOM * shipping accidents are defined according to the HELCOM definition "all accidents (including but not limited to grounding, collision with other vessel or contact with fixed structures (offshore installations, wrecks, etc.), disabled vessel (e.g. machinery and/or structure failure), fire, explosions, etc.), which took place in territorial seas or EEZ of the Contracting Party and involved tankers over 150 GT and/or other ships over 400 GT irrespectively if there was pollution or not are reported."
	Illegal discharges	current situation in 2011	elimination of illegal discharges by 2021	HELCOM
1.4 Better co-operation	HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP)	2007 (BSAP adoption)	full implementation of BSAP by 2021	HELCOM
	Drawing up and application of trans boundary, ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Plans	none in 2011	pilot plans in 2013 Drawing up and application throughout the region in 2020	European Commission, DG Mare, national ministries, HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG, European territorial co-operation programmes' reports where relevant

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2 - Connect the Region				
2.1 Good transport conditions	Internal and external connectivity of the region, including travel time.	The amount of the TEN-T core and comprehensive network elements' meeting the criteria as set out in the TEN-T Regulation	Completion of the TEN-T core and comprehensive network in the Baltic Sea Region according to CEF and TEN-T timetables and their links to Russia and Belarus as defined under the framework of NDPTL and involving EaP regional transport network	TEN-T implementation reports TENtec portal
	2.2 Reliable Energy markets	State of Market Conditions and Interconnection of 'Baltic States' energy markets with the rest of the EU	Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan and its schedule	BEMIP National ministries
	2.3 Connecting People in the Region	Number of organisations and people participating in programmes of cultural, educational, scientific exchange and co-operation	Number of organisations participating in <i>Framework Programme, Cultural Programme, Youth in Action and Marie Curie Action Programmes</i> in 2009 = 43 452 Number of people participating in <i>Lifelong Learning</i> programme in 2009 = 148 117 Total in 2009 = 191,569	COM data European territorial co-operation programmes' reports where relevant

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3 - Increase prosperity 3.1 EUSBSR as frontrunner for deepening and fulfilling the Single Market	Volume of intra-regional trade in goods	3 year average for the BSS region in 2008 = 416,9 billion Euros	Influencing an increase in the intra-regional trade in goods in the BSS region of 15% by 2020	Eurostat annual data available with 2 year time lag (NUTS2) <i>(Trade in goods figures are based on imports + exports of goods between BSS countries only; the baseline is the average of the 2007-08-09 totals)</i>
	Volume of cross-border Services	3 year average for the BSS region in 2008 = 43,473.1 billion Euros	Influencing an increase in the intra-regional trade in services in the BSS region of 15% by 2020	Eurostat annual data available with 2 year time lag (NUTS2) <i>(Trade in services figures are based on imports + exports of services between BSS countries only)</i>
3.2 EUSBSR contributing to the implementation of EU 2020 strategy	Employment Rate (people aged 20-64) as a % of the total BSS region population	Average for the BSS region in 2008 = 70% of the people aged 20-64	Influencing a higher average for the BSS region by 2020 = 75% of the people aged 20-64	Eurostat annual data available with 2 year time lag (NUTS2)
	Employment Rate (people aged 20-64) as a % of the total BSS region population	Average for the best performing 10% of the total population of the BSS region in 2010 = 79.53% Average for the worst performing 10% of the total population of the BSS region in 2010 = 61.21%	Positive influence on diminishing the difference in an average Employment Rate between the best and worst performing 10% of the total population of the BSS region by 2020	Eurostat annual data available with 2 year time lag (NUTS2) <i>(The Index is based on 'million EUR / person employed'. The average Index for the BSS region can be compared with the EU27 average Index = 100)</i>
	General Expenditure on R&D	Average for the BSS region in 2008 = 2.16% of GDP	Influencing a higher average for the BSS region by 2020 = 3% of GDP	Eurostat annual data available with 2 year time lag (NUTS2)
	General Expenditure on R&D	Average for the best performing 10% of the total population of the BSS region in 2008 = 4.55% Average for the worst performing 10% of the total population of the BSS region in 2008 = 0.2%	Positive influence on diminishing the difference in the General Expenditure on R&D between the best and worst performing 10% of the total population of the BSS region by 2020	Eurostat annual data available with 2 year time lag (NUTS2)

3.3 Improved global competitiveness of the Baltic Sea Region	GDP growth	Average GDP growth for the BSS region in 2007-2008 = 1.4% Average GDP growth for the EU in 2007-2008 = 1.75%	Influencing a higher average GDP growth across the BSS region by 2020	Eurostat annual data available with 2 year time lag
	GDP (in PPS)	4 Member States with highest GDP average GDP 120.1% of EU average (2007-2010), remaining constant 4 Member States with lowest GDP average GDP 59.2% of EU average (2007-2010), in decline	Positive influence on diminishing the difference in an average GDP between the Member States of the BSS region with the highest and lowest GDP by 2020	Eurostat annual data available with 2 year time lag
	Human Development Index	Average for the BSS region in 2008 = 44.8	Influencing an increase of the Human Development Index of 25% for the BSS region by 2020	UN Human Development index (The Index is based on 'life expectancy in good health', 'net adjusted household income per head' and 'high and low educational attainment for the population aged 25-64'. The average Index for the BSS region can be compared with the EU27 average index – 62)
	Human Development Index	Average for the best performing 10% of the total population of the BSS region in 2008 = 86.41% Average for the worst performing 10% of the total population of the BSS region in 2008 = 21.05%	Positive influence on diminishing the difference in the Human Development Index between the best and worst performing 10% of the total population of the BSS region by 2020	UN Human Development index
	Labour Productivity Index	Average for the BSS region in 2008 = 77.8	Influencing an increase of the Labour Productivity Index by 20% across the BSS region by 2020	Eurostat annual data available with 2 year time lag (NUTS2) (The Index is based on 'million EUR / person employed'. The EU27 average Index = 100).
	Labour Productivity Index	Average for the best performing 10% of the total population of the BSS region in 2008 = 150.1% Average for the worst performing 10% of the total population of the BSS region in 2008 = 28.6%	Positive influence on diminishing the difference in the Labour Productivity Index between the best and worst performing 10% of the total population of the BSS region by 2020	Eurostat annual data available with 2 year time lag (NUTS2) (The Index is based on 'million EUR / person employed'. The EU27 average Index = 100).

3.3 Climate change adaptation	Integrated coastal protection plan and programme, including providing for effects of increased runoff and changes in marine environment	none in 2011	Regional strategy in 2013 Adoption of an integrated coastal protection plan and programme by 2020	European Commission, DG Climate, national ministries, OPs' annual reports
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NB: The indicators cover all NUTS II regions in eight Member-States in the BSS: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden, except Germany, where only three NUTS II regions are included: Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg.
