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Public funding sources
€ 278.6 MILLION
263.8 ERDF | 8.8 ENI | 6.0 NOR plus national co-financing
→ about € 344.7 million total Programme volume

ERDF – European Regional Development Fund
ENI – European Neighbourhood Instrument
NOR – Norwegian national funding

One of 15 transnational Interreg Programmes

interreg-baltic.eu
Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat:
Investitionsbank Schleswig-Holstein (IB.SH)
Co-financing for
local | regional | national level
public authorities
research & training institutions
sectoral agencies & associations
NGOs | enterprises

Co-financing rates
up to 50%  
up to 75%  
up to 85% (t.b.d.)

Funding priorities

INNOVATION
Research & innovation infrastructures
Smart specialisation
Non-technological innovation

NATURAL RESOURCES
Interoperability
Accessibility
Maritime Safety
Shipping
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Clear waters
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Minimum partnership
3 organisations from different countries

TTL INVESTMENT
Programme funding  
+ expected project co-financing

111.0  
86.0  
16.4  

MILLION €
Interreg Baltic Sea Region - funding cooperation

The overall objective of the Programme is to strengthen integrated territorial development and cooperation for a more innovative, better accessible and sustainable Baltic Sea Region. The Programme promotes transnational cooperation and integration by projects addressing common challenges and opportunities of the region.

The Programme exploits opportunities and addresses issues which cannot sufficiently be dealt with by single countries. Challenges and opportunities that require a joint response by partners from several countries from the Baltic Sea Region include improving the environmental status of Baltic waters or using the export potential of green maritime technologies.

The Programme invests in strengthening the institutional capacities of participating authorities, institutions and companies. The aim is to improve their ability to benefit from joint work and cooperation beyond borders.

The Programme will contribute to Europe 2020, the European Union’s ten-year growth strategy to transfer the EU into a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy. Furthermore, the Programme helps to implement the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR). It finances seed money and flagship projects and provides support to strategy governance and annual fora, i.e. to Priority Area Coordinators (PAC) and Horizontal Action Leaders (HAL).

Thematic priorities

1. Capacity for innovation
   1.1 R & I infrastructures
   1.2 Smart specialisation
   1.3 Non-technological innovation

2. Management of natural resources
   2.1 Clear waters
   2.2 Renewable energy
   2.3 Energy efficiency
   2.4 Blue growth

3. Sustainable transport
   3.1 Interoperability
   3.2 Accessibility
   3.3 Maritime safety
   3.4 Shipping
   3.5 Urban mobility

4. EU Strategy support
   4.1 Seed money
   4.2 Support of PACs & HALs and EUSBSR forums
Exemplary results expected

- joint training programmes and funding schemes for more efficient use of research and innovation infrastructure, e.g. by attracting SMEs
- innovative green solutions for energy production from renewables or waste
- better coordination of regional energy planning among countries in the Baltic Sea Region
- examples of how to enhance cooperation across sectors in marine resource use
- management schemes for more efficient use of transport infrastructure
- improved technology in Baltic Sea shipping, e.g. e-navigation, automatic vessel identification
- better quality flagship projects for the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Potential beneficiaries

- local, regional and national level public authorities, research & training institutions, sectoral agencies & associations, NGOs and enterprises

Programme area and co-financing

- **Denmark**: whole country (up to 75 %)
- **Estonia**: whole country (up to 85 %)
- **Finland**: whole country (up to 75 %)
- **Germany**: States of Berlin, Brandenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg–Vorpommern, Schleswig–Holstein and Niedersachsen (only NUTS II area Lüneburg) (up to 75 %)
- **Latvia**: whole country (up to 85 %)
- **Lithuania**: whole country (up to 85 %)
- **Norway**: whole country (up to 50 %)
- **Poland**: whole country (up to 85 %)
- **Sweden**: whole country (up to 75 %)

The Programme area includes **Belarus** (whole country) and the north-western regions (oblasts) of **Russia**. EU funding for these partner countries will be released upon signature of bilateral Financing Agreements between these countries and the EU (proposed co-financing rate: up to 85 %)
## Financial details

### Funding [in €]  

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| thereof | 22,290,452 |
| Technical assistance |        |       |        |

*ENI funding is subject to the signature of Financing Agreements between the European Commission, Russia/Belarus and Germany

**Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat**  
The Programme is managed by Investitionsbank Schleswig-Holstein (IB.SH) in Kiel, Germany. Offices are located in Rostock/Germany and Riga/Latvia.

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