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The non-profit organization wants to:

- realize programs and objectives of the European Union
- strengthen the Baltic Sea economic region
- create an independent platform for its members in order to exchange ideas, experiences and opinions
- initiate and encourage cultural exchange programs between the states
- draft trend-setting recommendations to committees and institutions

These objectives are reached by:

- organization of conferences, meetings and fora
- an up-to-date network with constant information exchange
- access to key positions and partners in the Baltic Sea States
- participation in international projects
- drafting and editing of publications

Full-time staff organizes the work in the head office in Hamburg. The development of the Baltic Sea Forum is created in close co-operation with the members and the board. The forum is supported by an international and high ranking advisory board.

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Companies, institutions and public figures from the whole Baltic Sea region are involved in the network. They all share a common interest in the development of the "Mare Balticum" and its neighbor regions.

Our members and partners are:

- Academia Baltica - Agon oy - AHK German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
- Abellio GmbH - baltic consult - Baltic Development Forum - BEIDS Baltic Environmental Information Dissemination System - bremenports GmbH & Co. KG
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The economy of the Baltic Sea region is the most flourishing in Europe.

About 90 million people live and work in this region and 9 per cent of the world’s gross national product are generated here. Even at the time of the Hanseatic league, the merchants used the Baltic Sea to establish trade routes between its member cities. Today, the trade across this so called inland sea is one of the main reasons for the growth of the economy in the Baltic Sea States. Leading economic institutes forecast an enormous rise of international trade with the Baltic Sea region within the next years.

The Baltic Sea Forum has already realized this trend, mentioned above, in the 90s of the 20th century and established a network around the "Mare Balticum". The non-profit organization informs, advises and supports its members, partners and institutions in all questions concerning the co-operation with the Baltic Sea region.