

## The EU Baltic Sea Region Programme: 24 projects approved in the first call

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After more than three years of joint programme preparation, the Monitoring Committee of the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013 approved 24 transnational cooperation projects at its meeting in Copenhagen on 23 – 24 October 2008. Around 66.1 Million Euro or 29.8 % of the total available EU/Norwegian programme co-financing was allocated. The approved projects involve around 443 project partners from 11 countries in the Baltic Sea area. In total 110 project applications were received in the 1st call closed on 30 May 2008.

The representatives of the participating countries decided to open the second call for project applications on 19 January 2009. Deadline for sending applications to the Joint Technical Secretariat will be 31 March 2009.

The information seminars for those who will apply for the Programme funds in the next calls will be held in:

- Tallinn/Estonia, 27-28 November 2008
- Gdansk/Poland, 10-11 December 2008
- Rostock/Germany, 4-5 February 2009

A list of approved projects with further details and the application package for the second call of project applications will be available at the Programme website at <http://eu.baltic.net>.

### Approved projects

| Priority | Project acronym     | Lead Partner country |
|----------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1        | JOSEFIN             | DE                   |
| 1        | SPIN                | DE                   |
| 1        | Longlife            | DE                   |
| 1        | BONITA              | DE                   |
| 1        | BaSIC               | DE                   |
| 1        | BaltFood            | DE                   |
| 1        | BSR Inno CBP        | DK                   |
| 2        | BALTRAD             | SE                   |
| 3        | WATERPRAXIS         | FI                   |
| 3        | EfficienSea         | DK                   |
| 3        | BRISK               | DK                   |
| 3        | COHIBA              | FI                   |
| 3        | Baltic Master II    | SE                   |
| 3        | Baltic Green Belt   | DE                   |
| 3        | BaltSeaPlan         | DE                   |
| 3        | BaltCICA            | FI                   |
| 4        | Parks & Benefits    | DE                   |
| 4        | Eco-Region          | DE                   |
| 4        | NEW BRIDGES         | FI                   |
| 4        | BSLN                | DE                   |
| 4        | BalticClimate       | DE                   |
| 4        | Bioenergy Promotion | SE                   |
| 4        | Urb.Energy          | DE                   |
| 4        | BSRInnoReg          | FI                   |

*The European Union's Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013 promotes regional development through transnational cooperation by funding projects fostering innovations, improving accessibility, managing environmental resources and strengthening cities and regions in the Baltic Sea region. Project partners from eleven countries Belarus, Estonia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden work together in transnational projects. The partners mainly originate from the public sector (regional and local administrations, universities, NGO's etc.). The total Programme funding is 236 million Euros from the European Regional Development Fund, (ERDF), and from Norwegian national funding. It is foreseen that the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument will finance Russian and Belarusian partners.*