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Baltic Sea

Average of 55m depth

Deepest Point 459 m

Coastline 8.000 km

Largest body of brackish water in the world

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Baltic Sea shipping traffic:
Around 2000 ships simultaneously
Expected growth in period 2003–2020 amounts to 64%
Cargo: 9% of total world cargo
Tankers: in 2009 251 Mio tons oil

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Baltic Sea Forum as anon-profit organization wants to

- realise programs and objectives of the European Union
- is partner of EU-BSR-Projects
- strengthen the Baltic economic region
- create an independant platform in order to exchange ideas, experiences and opinions
- try to initiate cultural exchange programs between civil society and states around the Baltic Sea.

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Innovation

- **EU Energy strategy**

- 20:20:20-strategy for energy efficiency, renewable energy and the reduction of CO₂ emission

- **EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy**

- macro regional

- *HELCOM Action Plan*

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Education and research

- **Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN)**
- Research association **BONUS**
- „*Baltic Sustain*” in cooperation with *Baltic University Programme (BUP)*
- *Professional education programmes, i.e. Baltic Sea Academy*
- **Baltic Sea Labour Network (BSLN)**

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Actors

- European Maritime Day
- Council of Baltic Sea States
- Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC)
- Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC)
- Helsinki Commission (HELCOM)
- and the other partners BSF, BONUS, CPMR, ND, VASAP

Expert Group on Maritime Policy Proposal

- interests of regional stakeholders contribute to future CBSS activities in maritime policy
- virtual communication platform on maritime policy in the Baltic Sea region
- regional maritime policy dialogue between business and political decision-makers
- maritime economy clusters in the Baltic Sea
- network for marine science, research and development in the Baltic Sea region
- cross-sector pilot projects in maritime policy within the framework of transnational cooperation in the Baltic Sea region
(Baltic Sea Region Programme, INTERREG IV B, which allows for participation of Russian, Belarus and Norwegian partners)
- regional maritime public relations campaigns for the promotion of collective maritime consciousness

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Thank you for your attention