The small-scale project call
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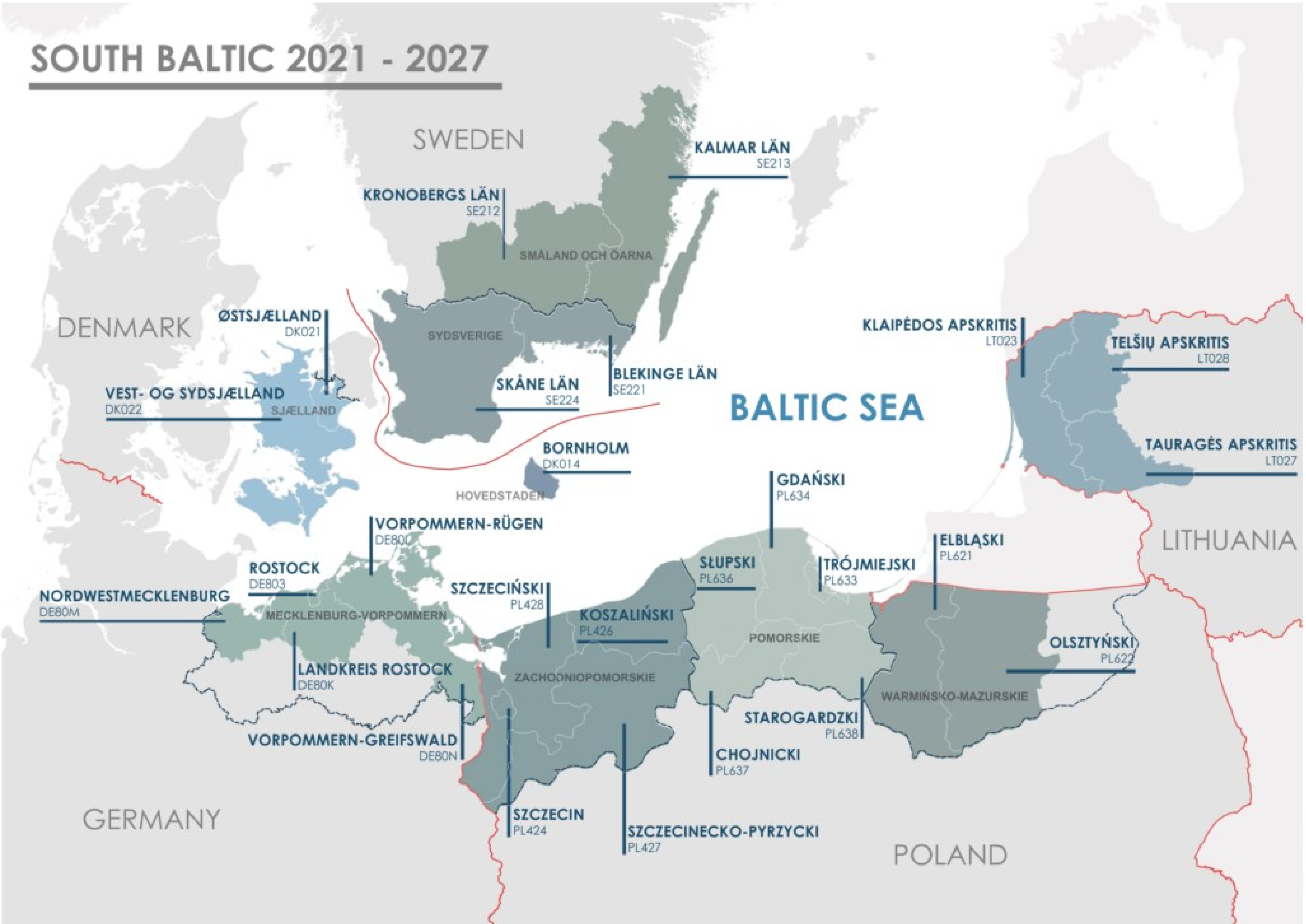
"United by the Sea into action for a blue and green future Innovative, Sustainable, Attractive and Active South Baltic"



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The Interreg South Baltic Programme

- PRIORITY 1 – Innovative South Baltic
  - Programme Measure 1.1 Digitalising the region (SO1.2)
  - Programme Measure 1.2 Building connectivity of the region through internationalization (SO1.3)

- PRIORITY 2 – Sustainable South Baltic
  - Programme Measure 2.1 Supporting transition towards green energy (SO2.2)
  - Programme Measure 2.2 Promoting sustainable use of water(SO2.5)
  - Programme Measure 2.3 Supporting a circular and more resource efficient development (SO2.6)

- PRIORITY 3 – Attractive South Baltic
  - Programme Measure 3.1 Developing sustainable, resilient, and innovative tourism (SO4.6)

- PRIORITY 4 – Active South Baltic
  - Programme Measure 4.1 Strengthen the cooperation capacity of actors based within the South Baltic Area (including civil society) (ISO6.1)

Small-scale projects concept in the ISBP

- Basic information:
  - Maximum budget: 160k EUR of ERDF (200k EUR eligible)
  - Reimbursement: Staff costs + 40% flat rate for other costs
  - Duration: up to 18 months
  - Recommended size of the partnership: 4-6 PPs
  - 1 Work Package (including management and coordination)
  - 1 indicator to be meet

- General objective (Programme Manual): To address the challenges and needs of the Programme Area, for example by facilitating the involvement of the following actors to cross-border cooperation:
  - NGOs;
  - small and not experienced organisations;
  - newcomers to the Interreg cooperation;
  - public institutions from the hinterlands.

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- Small-scale projects to be implemented under the simplified cost options scheme only.

- Staff costs

For staff costs, project partners can apply only real costs in small-scale projects.

- Any other costs

For the remaining costs of the project implementation, the Programme uses a flat rate of 40% of eligible staff costs.

Therefore, the amount of the remaining costs calculated as a flat rate depends on the amount of eligible staff costs approved in each progress report and any deductions made within the project (e.g., due to financial corrections).

Lessons learnt from small-scale projects calls

- After two small-scale projects call:
  - 1st call: 5 small-scale projects accepted (all Measures)
  - 2nd call: 3 small-scale projects accepted (Measure 4.1)
  - 3rd call - ongoing

- In the small-scale projects call we received projects that are:
  - “regular projects on a smaller scale”,
  - based on partnerships with long history of cooperation.

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- The JS point of view = positive
- The focus on the accuracy and understanding of outcomes

- The FLC point of view = positive
- The assessment comes down to verifying the staff costs.

- The Beneficiary point of view = positive
- The application process is detailed and time-consuming, but the reporting is much easier, and time of **the quick reimbursement s appreciated**.

Thank you!

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