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FOURTH CALL FOR PROJECT APPLICATIONS - 6 PROJECTS APPROVED

The fourth call for project applications to the BSR INTERREG III B programme was closed on 14 March 2003 with 19 applications submitted. At its meeting on 2-3 June 2003 in Marienhamn, Åland, the BSR INTERREG III B Steering Committee approved (under conditions) the following six projects:

Title	Lead Partner
INTRASEA - INland TRAnsports on SEA routes	Swedish Maritime Administration, SE
Barents 2010	The County Administration of Vasterbotten, SE
South Baltic Four Corners	Southeast Skåne Committee of Cooperation, Carrefour South Sweden, SE
Baltic Balance - Integrated settlement structures.	Kalmar County administrative Board, SE
NECL - North East Cargo Link	County Administrative Board of Vasternorrland, SE
New Hansa of sustainable ports and cities	Stadtwerke Lübeck, DE

Summaries of the approved projects will be published on www.bsrinterreg.net in near future.

Altogether the portfolio of the BSR programme comprises 49 projects now. EUR 43.7 million of the ERDF funds have been committed. For more information on the projects please go to "All projects" section at www.bsrinterreg.net/programme.html.

PARTNER SEARCH FORUM 3 IN GDAŃSK

More than 100 participants registered for the Partner Search Forum (PSF) 3 in Gdańsk, 15-17 June 2003. The objective of the forum is to facilitate preparation of joint projects in spatial planning and regional development in the region through enhancing integration of experience from the southern part of the BSR and promoting new initiatives with north-south and east-west dimension. About 35 new ideas and networks will be discussed. The PSF is hosted by the Government Centre for Strategic Studies, the Pomerania Region in Poland and the Joint Secretariat. For more information about the PSF please go to "Partner Search Forum" section at www.bsrinterreg.net/projects.html.

FOURTH LEAD PARTNER SEMINAR IN ROSTOCK, 17 JUNE 2003

The lead partners of the approved projects (4th call) will take part in the lead partner information seminar in Rostock on 17 June 2003. The aim of the seminar is to give practical information concerning implementation and reporting of the BSR INTERREG III B projects.

FIFTH CALL FOR PROJECT APPLICATIONS

The fifth call for project proposals will be open on 12 January 2004 and will be closed on 27 February 2004. From the fifth call on, the four BSR Accession Countries (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania & Poland) will be eligible for full participation in ERDF funded projects, both as Lead Partners and project

partners. The decision on fifth round project approvals will be made during the SC meeting that is scheduled for June 2004.

SEED MONEY NEWS

The third call for seed money applications was closed on 3 March 2003 with 32 applications submitted. 16 seed money projects were approved. 10 of them have Lead Partners from non-EU countries. For more information on approved seed money project please go to Seed Money section at www.bsrinterreg.net/toapply.html.

Thematic **fourth call for seed money applications** will be launched on 24 June 2003 and closed on 8 September 2003. The call will focus on applications to measures 2.1 (Polycentric settlement structure), 2.2 (Transport and communication) and Priority 3 (Institution building). The maximum size of grants from the ERDF and Norwegian national funds is increased to EUR 10,000 per project (50% co-financing rate). Please note that seed money funds won't be available for non-EU partners any more!

PROJECT IDEAS DATABASE

There are more than 30 new project ideas in the online database, which has been launched at www.bsrinterreg.net/projects.html in March 2003. The aim of the database is to bring owners of project ideas and potential partners together, thus facilitating the generation of projects.

PREPARATIONS FOR EU ENLARGEMENT UNDER WAY

Altogether three working groups are preparing the joining of four new Member States to the BSR programme. Two new tripartite cross-border (IIIA) Priorities will be added to the BSR programme. First priority will involve Estonia, Latvia and Russia, and second - Latvia, Lithuania and Belarus. The IIIA priorities will be funded with approx. EUR 8-9 million ERDF contribution each. First drafts of these new programmes will be discussed by the respective working groups in Vilnius at the end of June. The first call for cross-border project applications will be launched in 2004. In addition, the new Member States will join the transnational III B programme part. No major changes in the present structures of priorities and measures are expected. The III B working group will present a comprehensive draft in early September. The new Member States will allocate around EUR 22 Million from their INTERREG funds to support transnational cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region.

CEEC/NIS

Out of six projects approved in the fourth call, two projects have Russian partners and four projects have partners from accession countries.

Projects with CEEC/NIS partners are waiting for decision on complementary projects submitted to Phare CBC and Tacis CBC programmes in spring 2003. Results are expected at the end of June 2003.

Currently there are nine BSR INTERREG III B projects with financial support from Phare CBC/Tacis CBC (approved last year). New grants for projects are on the way!

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS AS PROJECT MANAGER IN THE JOINT SECRETARIAT IS 20 JUNE!

The Baltic Sea Region INTERREG III B Joint Secretariat is looking for a project manager to be located at the Rostock office. To keep national balance in the secretariat, candidates from Sweden and Germany are excluded from the application! He/she should be able to start work as soon as possible. The employment period will be 2003 to 2008. Applications should be sent by e-mail to info@bsrinterreg.net by 20 June 2003.

For more information please see/download [Call for application and job description for a project manager at the Joint Secretariat \(www.bsrinterreg.net/news.html\)](http://www.bsrinterreg.net/news.html).

If you have further questions to this position, please contact Ms Susanne Scherrer (Tel +49 381 45484 52 83) or Ms Mia Karlsson (Tel +46 455 335 197).

More NEWS FROM THE JOINT SECRETARIAT

Mr Václav Kaplan joined the JS team as future Financial Project Manager for new Member State's project partners in cross-border projects (to be launched in 2004). Mr Matthias Heinicke will start as Financial Programme Manager at the JS Rostock office in July 2003. Mr Olli Löytynoja (Project Manager) will leave the Joint Secretariat mid of August 2003. Ms Mia Karlsson (Programme Manager) will be off from August 2003 until spring 2004. Her post will be taken over by Ms Anne Krag Svendsen, starting in August 2003 at the JS Karlskrona office.

COMING BSR INTERREG III B EVENTS

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>
Monitoring Committee meeting	13 June 2003	Uppsala, Sweden
Partner Search Forum 3	15-17 June 2003	Gdańsk, Poland
Lead Partner Information seminar (projects approved in the 4 th round)	16-17 June 2003	Rostock, Germany
Fourth call for Seed Money project applications	24 June - 8 September 2003	Karlskrona, Sweden
Project progress reports to be sent to JS	1 September 2003	Rostock, Germany
3 rd meeting of the three Joint Programming Task Forces for amending the BSR INTERREG III B/ adding new cross-border priorities	4-5 September 2003	Riga, Latvia
National Subcommittees' meeting	26 September 2003	Berlin, Germany
Fifth call for project applications	12 January - 27 February 2004	Rostock, Germany

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