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What's new in Climate Adaptation Policy

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EUSBSR RENEWED ACTION PLAN

On 15.2.2021 European Commission adopted Revised Action Plan for the EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) SWD(2021) 24 final
https://balticsea-region-strategy.eu/action-plan/17-action-plan/download

The revised action plan is more focused, with 14 policy areas covering 44 actions.

Climate change aspects are mainstreamed as essential elements into all 14 policy areas. Integrating these elements into the policy areas ensures that they are properly taken into account. It also allows the policy areas to tailor-make the implementation of climate change adaptation and mitigation, as well as cooperation with neighbouring non-EU countries, in ways that are the most efficient for each policy rea.

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The Baltic Sea Strategy Point (BSP) providing administrative and technical support for EUSBSR management, development and communication.

BSP main tasks are:

- Coordinating targeted capacity building for EUSBSR stakeholders, including those in neighbouring non-EU countries
- Coordinating the sharing of knowledge and best practices between PAs as regards integration of essential elements, such as addressing climate change and cooperation with neighbouring non-EU countries
- Coordinating the overall communication activities of the EUSBSR
- Coordinating the monitoring and evaluation of the EUSBSR
- Serving as the institutional memory of the EUSBSR
- Ensuring technical support to the NCG and, where possible, also to PACs
- Supporting the planning and organisation of the EUSBSR Annual Fora

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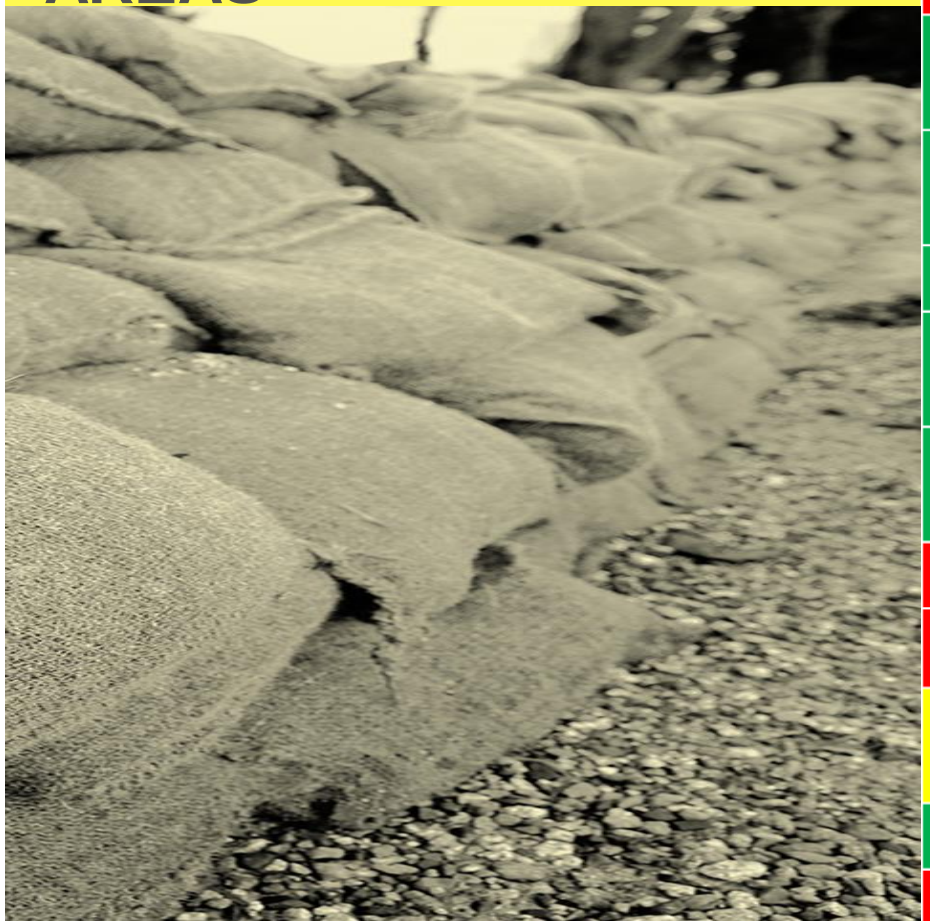
CLIMATE ACTIONS OF EUSBSR POLICY AREAS



Policy Area	Direct climate actions	Indirect climate actions
Nutri	None	Action 1,2, Nutrient leackage reduction reduces GHG emission
Hazards	None	Action 1, 2, HS reduction reduces GHG emission
Bioeconomy	Action 1, 2 , 3	
Safe	None	None
Ship	Action 1, 2, 3	
Transport	Action 2	Action 3, strenghtening multimodal system reduces GHG emission
Energy	Action 1,2,4	
Spatial Planning	Action 1	Action 2, ecosystem approach may increase resilience to CC
Secure	Action 1,	Action 3, engagement of public in risk preparedness increases also resilience to CC
Tourism	None	None
Culture	None	None
Innovation	None	Action 1, 2 innovation aiming energy efficiency and digitalisation reduce GHG emission
Health	Action 2	
Education	None	None

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- The Commission will continue to actively **mainstream climate resilience considerations in all relevant policy fields** applicable to both the public and the private sectors.
- It will support the further development and, most importantly, implementation of adaptation strategies and plans at all levels of governance. In this systemic approach, there are three cross cutting priorities**: integrating adaptation into macro-fiscal policy, nature-based solutions for adaptation, and local adaptation action.**

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- Whenever relevant, EU and Member State policymaking should apply the following policy coherence principles: **ensure that regulation and funding take into account disaster risk to avoid creating new exposure; reduce existing risk by building up resilience, prevention and preparedness**; manage residual risk.
- Climate adaptation action must better leverage synergies with broader work on disaster risk prevention and reduction. Both provide a range of complementary approaches to managing climate risks in order to build resilient societies. **Better coherence in terms of practices, standards, guidance, targets, resources and knowledge could be achieved by closer coordination at national level.**

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- Based on the Commission proposal, the political agreement of the Special European Council of 17-21 July 2020 sets an **overall climate target of 30% applicable to the total amount of expenditure from the EU budget 2021-27 and Next Generation EU**, with total of €1.8 trillion.

MFF 2021-2027 total allocations per heading

	MFF	NEXT GENERATION EU	TOTAL
1. Single Market, Innovation and Digital	132.8	10.6	143.4
2. Cohesion, Resilience and Values	377.8	721.9	1 099.7
3. Natural Resources and Environment	356.4	17.5	373.9
4. Migration and Border Management	22.7	-	22.7
5. Security and Defence	13.2	-	13.2
6. Neighbourhood and the World	98.4	-	98.4
7. European Public Administration	73.1	-	73.1
TOTAL MFF	**1 074.3**	**750.0**	**1 824.3**

All amounts in EUR billion.
Source: European Commission.

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- Financial support is increasingly available through the European Structural and Investment Funds, the Common Agricultural Policy, the LIFE Programme, and the Recovery and Resilience Facility. The Commission will support the local uptake of data, digital and smart solutions related to climate adaptation tailored to local and regional specificities. This will build on existing initiatives and instruments such as the **LIFE Climate**, **EIP-SCC Marketplace**, the **Digital Europe Programme**, **Horizon Europe**, and the **Intelligent Cities Challenge**
- To engage and empower individual Europeans to take direct adaptation action, the Commission will use the **European Climate Pact initiative** and **Education for Climate Coalition** to inform, inspire and connect.

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- The European Commission's DG Energy, DG Climate Action and the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) are jointly organising the 2021 edition of **the Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum - Energy Efficiency Finance Market Place**, which will take place online on **15 June** (10:30 to 18:00) and **16 June** (08:30 to 17:00).
- Event iformation here

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INTERREG BALTIC SEA REGION 2021 – 2027

Overall Objective: To put into practice innovative, water-smart and climate-neutral solutions through transnational cooperation for the benefit of the citizens across the Baltic Sea region

Interreg Baltic Sea Region 2021 – 2027: draft framework

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4
Innovative societies	Water-smart societies	Climate-neutral societies	Cooperation governance
1.1 Resilient economies and communities	2.1 Sustainable waters	3.1 Circular economy	4.1 Project platforms
1.2 Responsive public services	2.2 Blue economy	3.2 Energy transition	4.2 Macro-regional governance
		3.3 Smart green mobility	

Thank you!

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