



EUSBSR EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

POLICY AREA 'HAZARDS'

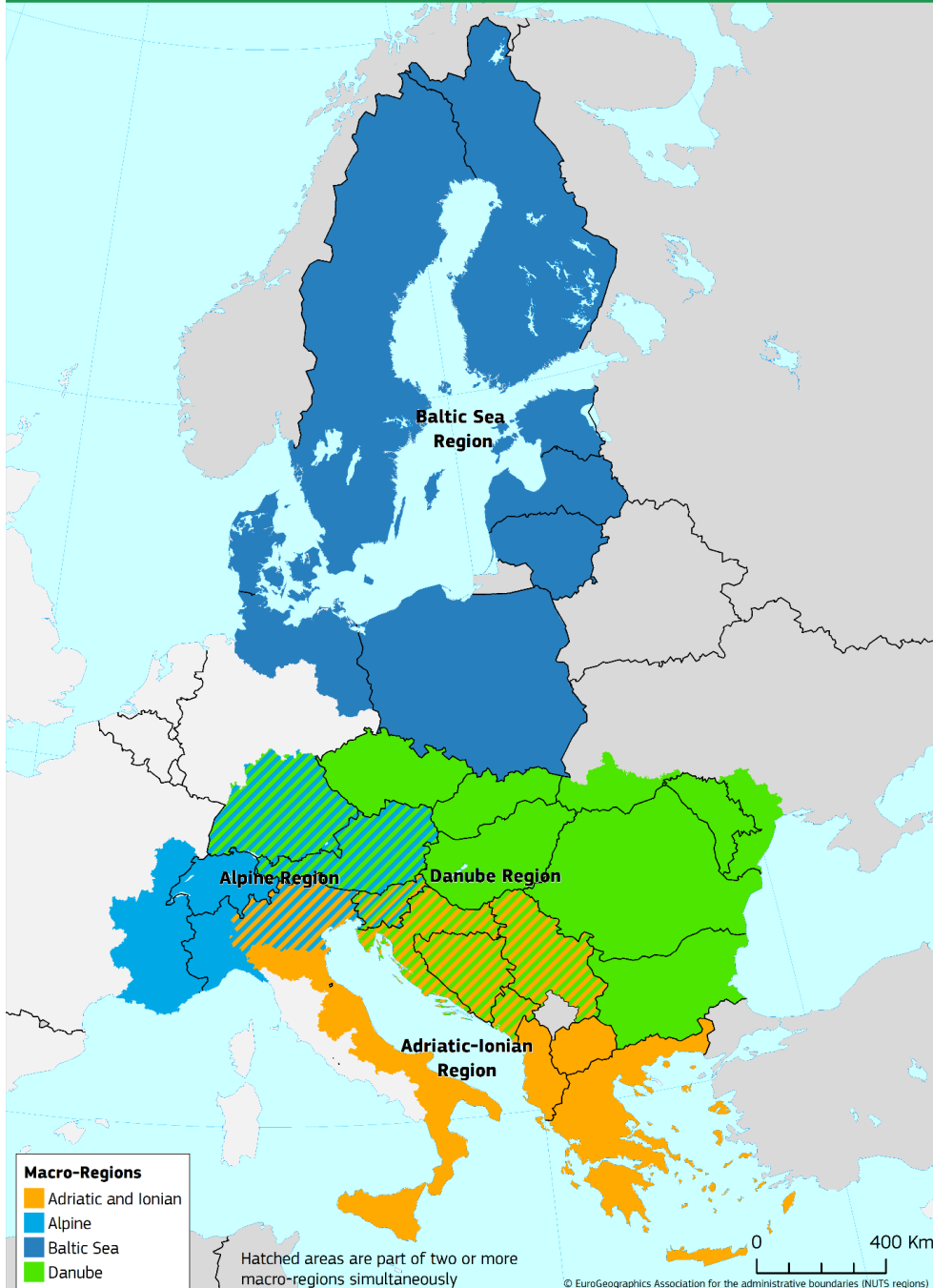
PFAS in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

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Interreg
Baltic Sea Region



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Today – 4 macro-regional strategies:

- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) (2009)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) (2010)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region (EUSAIR) (2014)
- EU Strategy for the Alpine region (EUSALP) (2016)

Implementation of the EUSBSR

✓ 3 main objectives

✓ 14 interconnected Policy Areas

Climate change aspects and cooperation with neighbouring non-EU countries are mainstreamed into all 14 Policy Areas (PAs)



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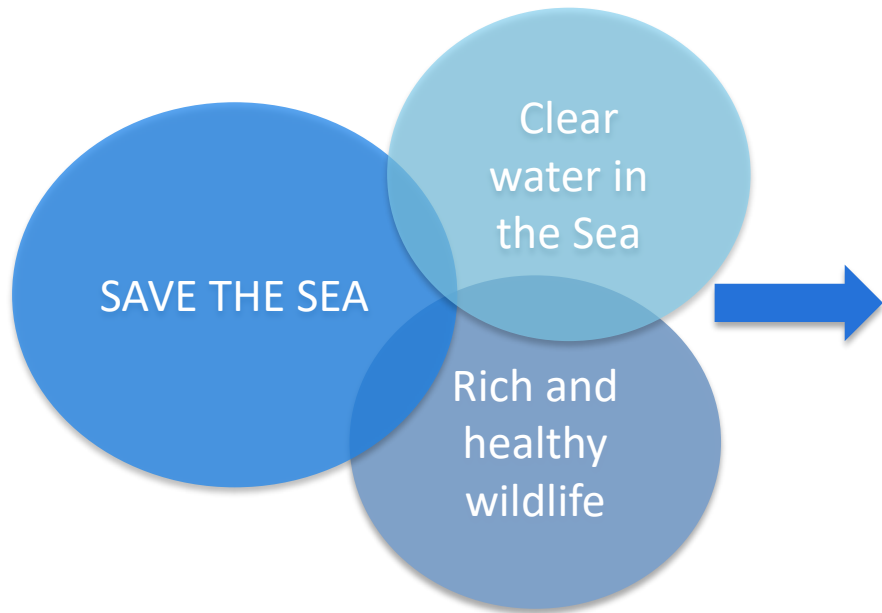
- Contributes to the objective “Save the Sea”
- Two actions in the EUSBSR Action Plan (2021):
 - 1. Prevent pollution and reduce the use of hazardous substances**
 - Focus on pharmaceuticals in the environment,
 - **Per- and poly flouralkyl substances (PFAS)**
 - 2. Mitigate new and remediate historic contamination**
 - Circular economy approach to get rid of chemicals and harmful pollution, recycling nutrients
 - Historic contamination

EUSBSR PA Hazards - activities and platforms

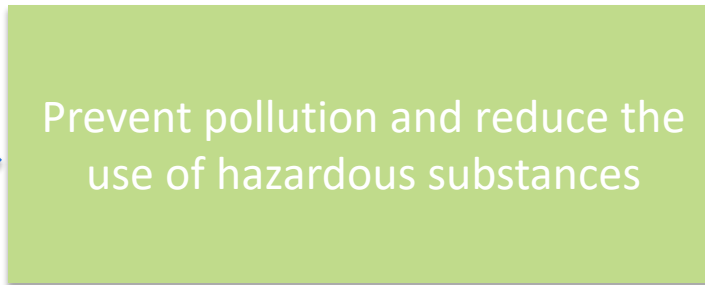
Action 1. Prevent pollution and reduce the use of hazardous substances

- [Baltic Sea PFAS Network](#)
 - Run by the Swedish Environmental Research Institute (IVL)
 - 180 members from academia, regional and national government, industry
 - Monthly coffee talks organised since 2021
 - Share experiences and practices
 - Gather projects to disseminate and amplify results from projects

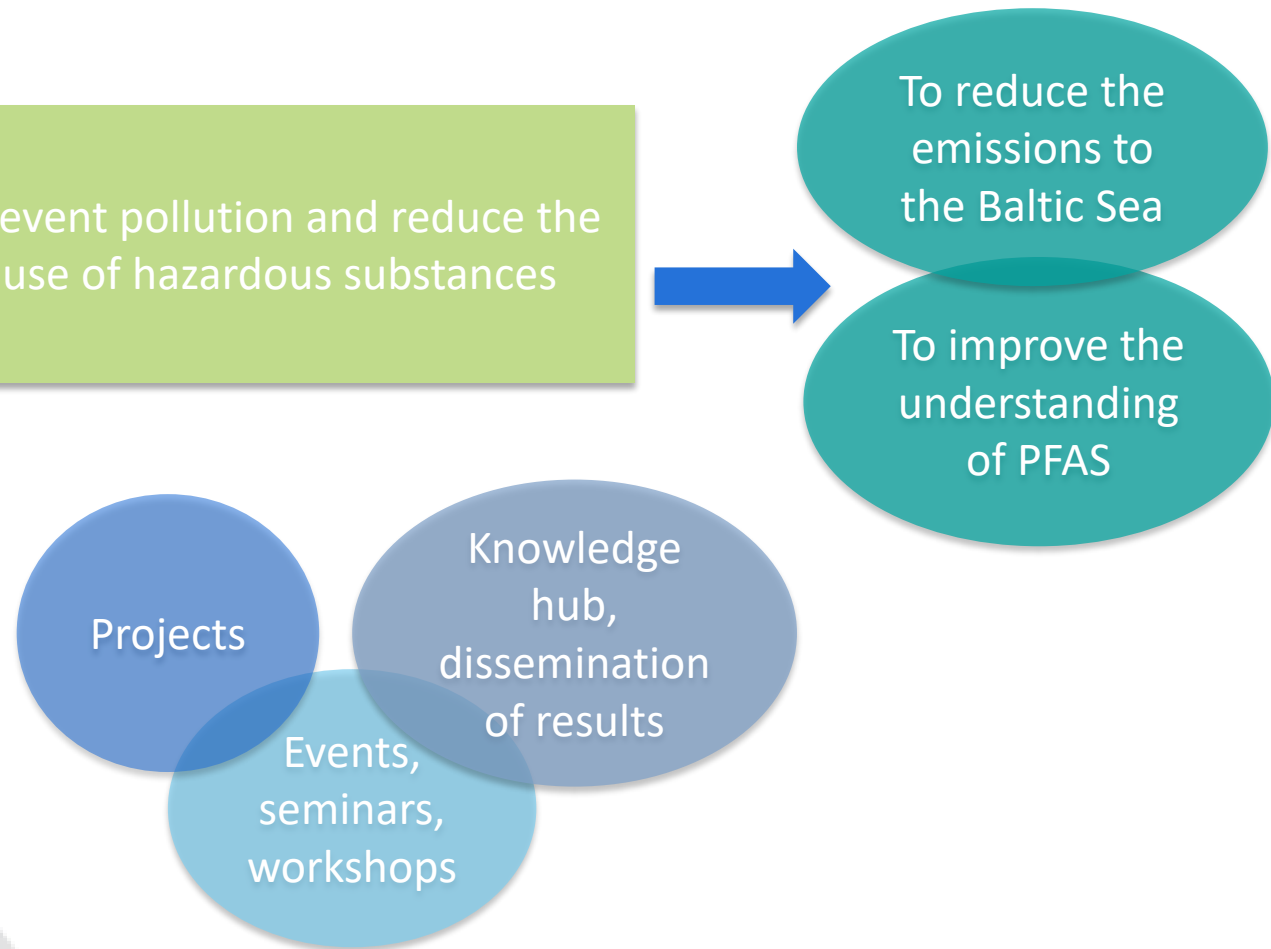
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PA Hazards - how we support projects

- Support in project partner search, strengthening the project's contribution to the EUSBSR
- During project period
 - Visibility – through the EUSBSR communication channels, events
 - Knowledge exchange, workshops/seminars/project events
- Dissemination of results and capitalization
 - Platforms as a knowledge base.
 - To bring the issue up to another level – through the Steering Committee. National representatives, ministries, agencies, HELCOM, NGO (Baltic Environmental Forum)
 - A project is not done in isolation. You often see several Interreg projects, but it can also go between different levels – national/regional/cross-border/other organisation such as HELCOM

PA Hazards - how cities can benefit

- You can engage by [joining](#) a **coffee talk with Baltic Sea PFAS network**
- Join [EUSBSR](#) and other EU level events and activities
- Contact the Policy Area Coordinator for PA Hazards

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