



An Agenda 21 for the Baltic Sea region: CBSS-Baltic 21 Strategy on Sustainable Development 2010-2015

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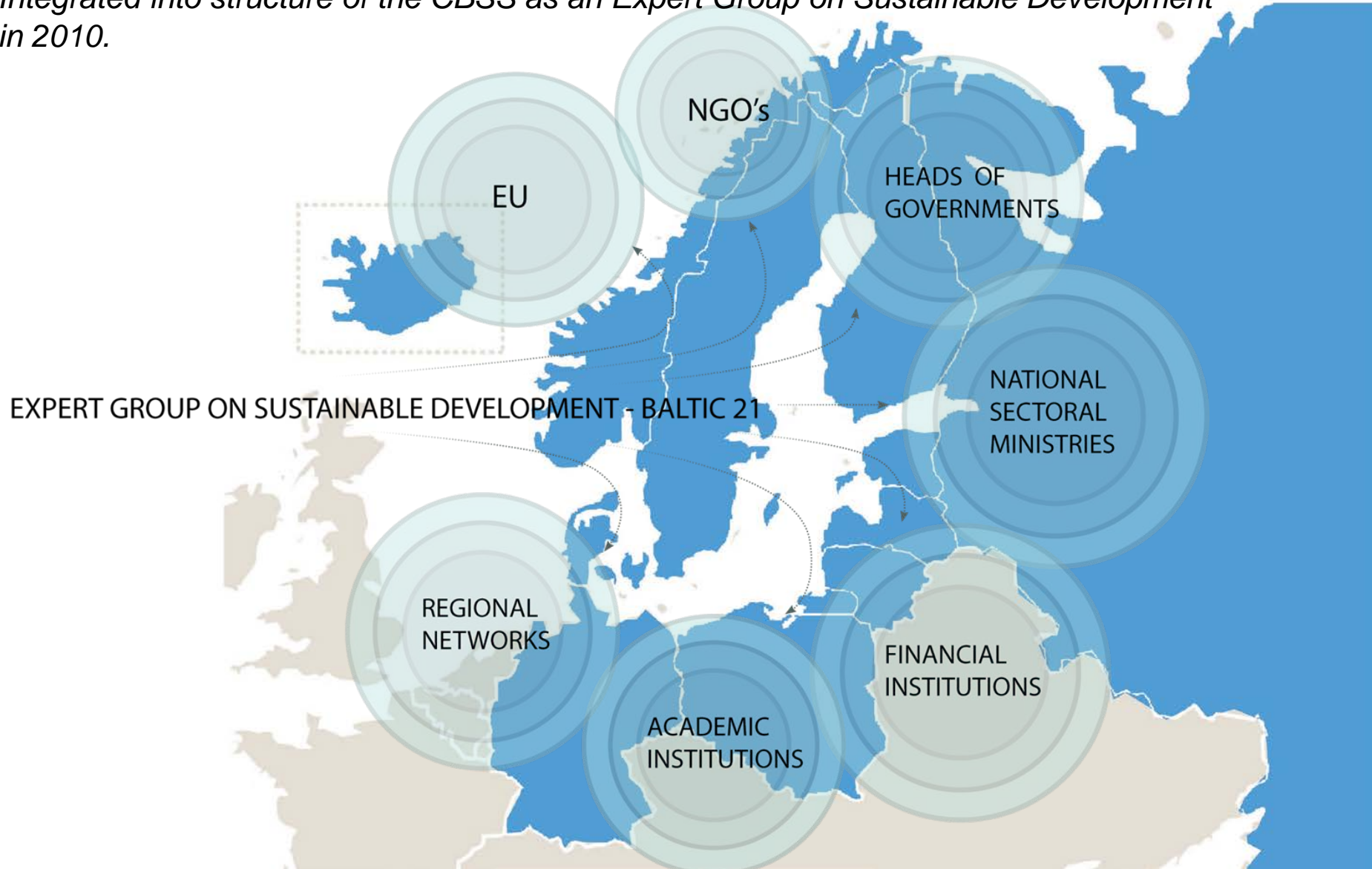


Multi-stakeholder involvement...

Initiated by the Prime Ministers of BSR countries in 1996

Regional expression of the global Agenda 21

Integrated into structure of the CBSS as an Expert Group on Sustainable Development in 2010.



MAIN REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

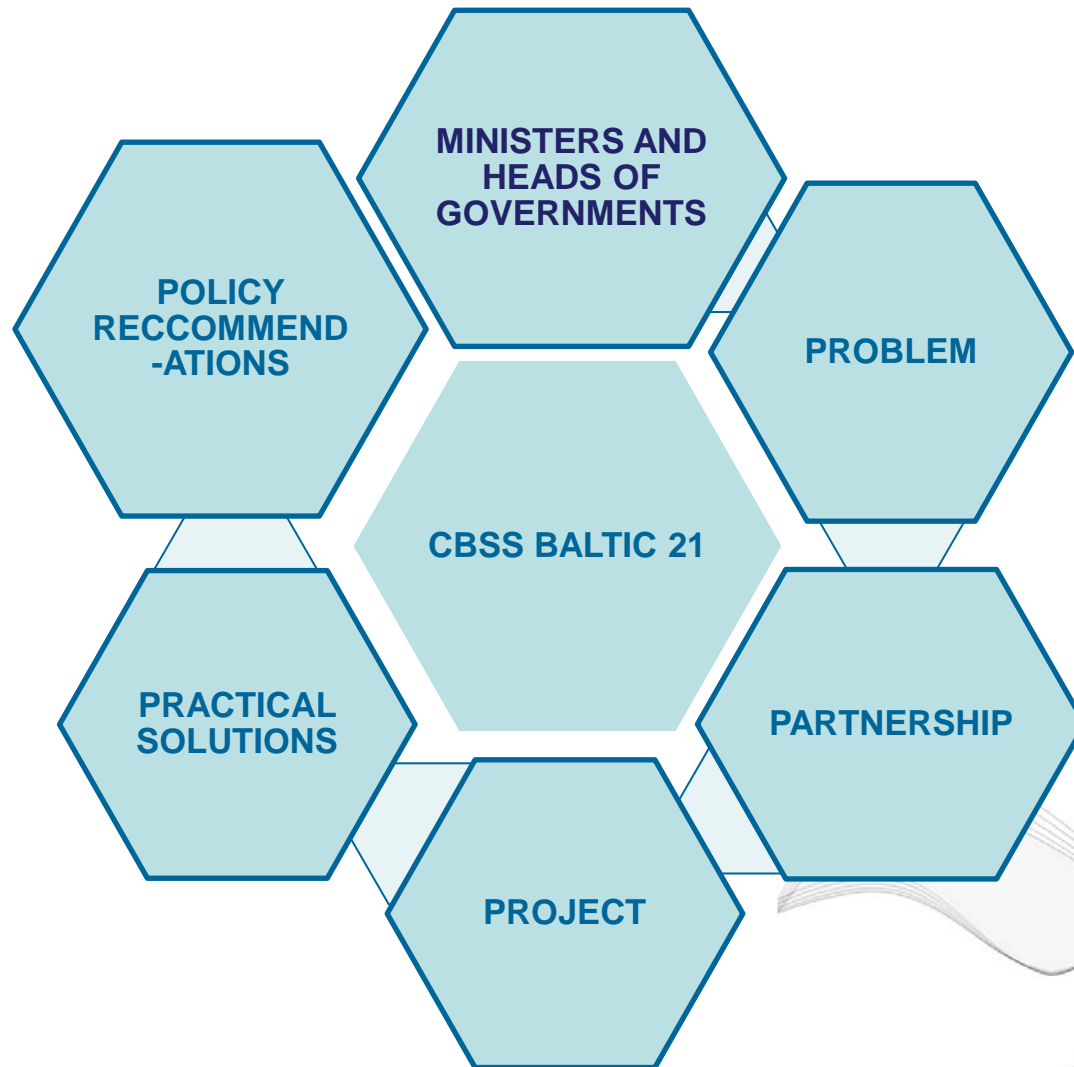


1. Climate Change
2. Sustainable Urban and Rural Development
3. Sustainable Consumption and Production
4. Innovation and Education for Sustainable Development

1. Green Economy
2. Climate Change
Adaptation Climate
Change Mitigation
3. Bioeconomy (Nordic
Council of Ministers)

MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

How to design processes and projects that generate new ideas for sustainable development?





PROJECTS



Policy reviews, analyses and strategies

- ✓ BSR Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
- ✓ Recommendations for sustainable bioenergy production for the BSR
- ✓ Policy and training tools for GPP
- ✓ Waste Management Strategy and Investment Concept
- ✓ Educational packages for higher education in the field on sustainable agriculture land use



RESULTS

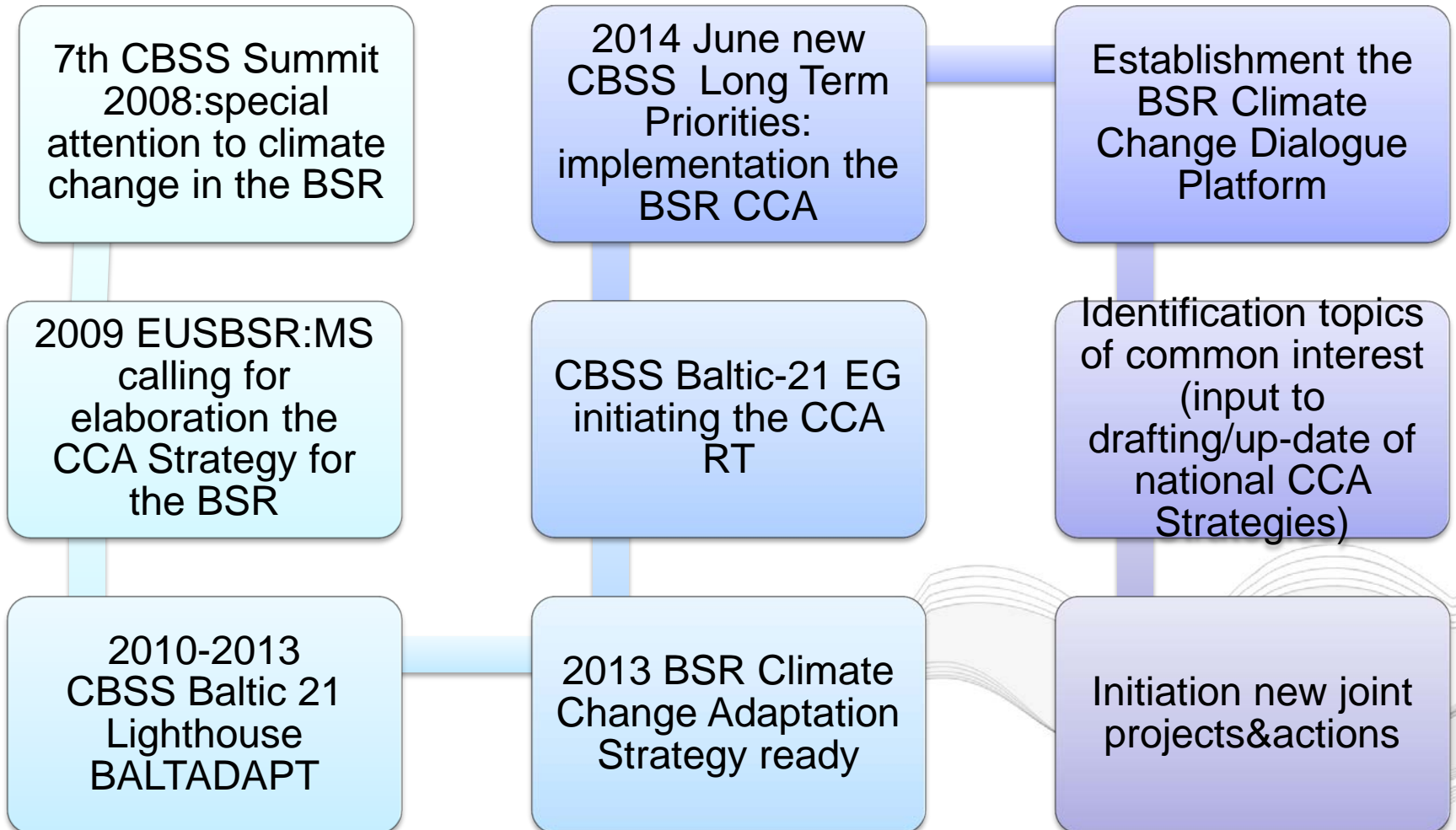
New cooperation platforms and networks

- ✓ BSR Climate Change Dialogue Platform
- ✓ BSR Leadership Carbon Economy Leadership Programme
- ✓ BSR Green Public Procurement Network
- ✓ Baltic Waste Management Council
- ✓ BSR Platform of Smart Cities
- ✓ BSR Network on Sustainable Cities and Villages



MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE IN POLICY PROCESS: example from Baltic 21 work on climate change

Objective: improve the coordination and information-sharing between MS and ensure that adaptation considerations are addressed in all relevant national policies.



CHALLENGES AND TRENDS

CHALLENGES

- Climate change
- Demographic change
- Consumption patterns

POSITIVE TRENDS

- Renewable Energy
- Energy efficiency and access to clean technologies and fuels
- Environmental management systems
- Political commitment to sustainable development

WHERE ARE WE STANDING TODAY?

Key strengths of Baltic 21:

- ✓ Multi-stakeholder network
- ✓ Better coordination and coherence among actors in the BSR
- ✓ Projects as a tool for implementation
- ✓ High-level commitment

Challenges:

- ✓ Lack of commitment from some countries
- ✓ Risk of "sectorialization"- how to keep the holistic approach
- ✓ Conflict of interest in some sectors/countries between growth agenda and SD agenda



TASKS: FUTURE SD STRATEGY WORK

New CBSS Long Term Priorities from June 2014

Tasks for the CBSS Baltic 21

- Development of actions towards **green and low carbon economy** in accordance with the new SDG goals
- Mainstreaming **climate change adaptation** across sector policies
- Development on a **new sustainable development agenda for the BSR** with specific goals post 2015



HOW - FUTURE SD STRATEGY WORK....

- Revision of CBSS SD Strategy 2010-2015

- Study "Assessing the status of sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region – a macro regional perspective"
 - *Conceptualisation SD at BSR context level cognizant the global SDG*
 - *Identification general constraints and challenges that may hinder the implementation of SD; mapping the existing opportunities*
 - *Development a new sustainable development agenda for the BSR post 2015*
 - *Development a set of SD indicators for the BSR*

- Strengthening the cooperation with national SD coordinators

Thank you!



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