

BONUS VISION

Economically and ecologically prosperous
Baltic Sea region where resources and goods
are used sustainably and where the long-term
management of the region is based on sound
knowledge derived from multidisciplinary research.

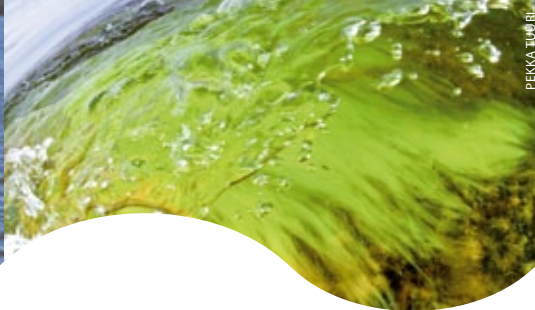


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SCIENCE FOR A BETTER FUTURE OF THE BALTIC SEA REGION



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in support of sustainable development and ecosystem based management of the Baltic Sea region, the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan and the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive and other European, regional and national coastal and marine environmental policies and plans:

Issues calls on Baltic Sea research and innovation for scientific community and SMEs

Funds projects of high excellence and relevance

- to produce knowledge, scientific evidence and innovation solutions needed by policymakers
- to engage end-users and the society in the knowledge based governance of the fragile Baltic Sea.

TOWARDS HORIZON 2020 AND INTEGRATED APPROACHES IN THE EU

► The EU's next framework programme for research and innovation, the Horizon 2020 (2014–2020), is set to generate excellence in science, create industrial leadership and tackle societal challenges. It aims at increasing the societal impact of combined research and innovation

for the benefit of the European citizens. In the Baltic Sea regional scale, BONUS is a forerunner in implementing many principles of the Horizon 2020, for instance through the innovation calls open for SMEs and researchers.



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BONUS strategic research agenda

BONUS aims to respond to the challenge of sustainable development through a strong cooperation across the Baltic Sea region and to consolidate a joint research and development programme on a macroregional level. BONUS also draws from and complements the national marine research programmes of the participating countries.

The key element of the BONUS programme is the *strategic research agenda* 2011–2017. This has been developed together with over 800 stakeholders across the region. It is transparent, dynamic and flexible, and can thus take into account future demands during its regular updates.

The BONUS strategic objectives:

1. Understanding the Baltic Sea ecosystem structure and functioning
2. Meeting the multifaceted challenges in linking the Baltic Sea with its coast and catchment area
3. Enhancing sustainable use of coastal and marine goods and services of the Baltic Sea
4. Improving the capabilities of the society to respond to the current and future challenges directed to the Baltic Sea region
5. Developing improved and innovative observation and data management systems, tools and methodologies for marine information needs in the Baltic Sea region

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BONUS TRACK RECORD

► **BONUS ERA-NET** (2003–2008) was a joint project by 12 research funding and coordinating agencies around the Baltic Sea set up to develop preconditions for a Joint Baltic Sea Research Programme (i.e. BONUS).

► **BONUS+** (2009–2011) tested the mechanisms of collaboration among the national funding institutions. A total of 16 projects involving over 100 research institutes and universities were funded (totaling EUR 22 million). BONUS+ projects contributed to 37 EC consultations, served as members or observers in 570 stakeholder and scientific committees, modified 50 policy documents and action plans and contributed to development, implementation and evaluation of over 150 public policies and governance.

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BONUS, its members and related funding institutions

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