

Round of introduction

Introduction to Policy Area Education with focus on Action 4 “Recognising potential – easing the way for migrants”, EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea region

Ms Merle Andraschko, Senate Chancellery of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

Introduction to the work of Pabėgėlių priėmimo centras (Refugee Reception Center in Lithuania)

Mr Gediminas Pocius (online), Pabėgėlių priėmimo centras

Pitches: projects implemented by UBC members and other stakeholders

Ms Lina Blažytė, Diversity Development Group, “Towards a professional path” (online)

*Ms Anna Sośnicka, **PITCH***

*Ms Melanie Henke, Hanse Parlament, **Prosper BSR***

Workshop phase: exploring synergies

Conclusion: where do we go from here?



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**Introduction to the EU Strategy for the Baltic
Sea Region and Policy Area Education**

The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

- First of the four macro-regional strategies in Europe, launched in 2009
- Three main objectives:
 - Saving the sea
 - Connecting the region
 - Increasing prosperity
- Meet common challenges and to benefit from common opportunities in the region
- A **platform for cooperation and coordination** among the Baltic Sea States on all levels of society from civil society, businesses and academia to administrations and ministries
- Covers 14 Policy Areas
- **Baltic Sea Strategy Point** hosted by Turku and Hamburg since October 2022



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Implementation formats

- Transnational cooperation platforms („flagships“ or policy action processes) and cooperation with further trans-Baltic organisations (e.g., CBSS, UBC)
- Best practice exchanges, study visits
- Joint initiatives and project applications – supported by Policy Area Coordinators
- Coordination with ESF and EFRE Managing Authorities in the Baltic Sea Region
 - Working towards „synchronized calls“
 - Mission Statements

Action 4: Recognising potential - Easing the way for migrants

- Erasmus+ application: "**Welcome House Coordinators** - a new profession with a transnational training programme"
 - Partners: City of Hamburg (Senate Chancellery, Ministry of Social Affairs); City of Stockholm (SWE) / Stockholm Welcome House; City of Turku (FI) / Turku International House; Gdansk Immigrants Support Center (PL)
 - Two universities: JAMK, Turku University of Applied Sciences
- Currently: Further expanding the network

Action 4: Recognising potential - Easing the way for migrants

- Series of online workshops among Welcome Houses, next one planned on the implementation of the EU Directive on Temporary Protection Workshop
 - **03 November 2023, 11h30 to 13h30 CET:** Implementing the EU Directive on Temporary Protection, with input from the Marshall's Office in the West Pomeranian Voivodeship (TBC)
 - **01 December 2023, 11h30 to 13h30 CET TBC:** Peer learning: how to structure a Welcome House – which services to include and which to leave out?
 - **05 January 2024, 11h30 to 13h30 CET TBC:** How to integrate children and teenagers outside the regular education system / after the completion of integration or language learning classes?
- Focus also within parliamentary cooperation (BSPC, South Baltic Parliamentary Forum)

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