



CPMR **BALTIC SEA
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CITIES

ROUND TABLE ON STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT IN THE UPDATE OF THE EUSBSR ACTION PLAN

Date: 29 October

Time: 09:30 – 11:30

Place: Conference venue Wisby Strand – meeting room Lye/Lounge

Agenda

1. Welcome and opening

- on behalf of BSSSC, CPMR-BSC and UBC, Mr **Filip Reinhag**, Commissioner at Region Gotland, President of CPMR and Member of the Committee of the Regions
- on behalf of EUSBSR, Chair of the NCG from Poland, Ms. **Katarzyna Barcikowska**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

2. Moderated round table in two parts.

Moderator: Mr. **Juhani Ailio**, Baltic Sea Strategy Point

Part 1

How are local and regional authorities involved in the EUSBSR today? What is working – and what not? Expectation towards the future and the update of the AP 2024-2025.

- Perspectives and reflections from BSSSC, CPMR-BSC and UBC – short introductions
 - Ms **Inese Suija-Markova** from Vidzeme Planning Region in Latvia (BSSSC)
 - Ms **Paulina Szewczyk**, Chair of the UBC Planning Cities Commission, Gdynia, Poland
 - Ms **Päivi Ekdahl**, Acting Regional Mayor of Lapland Regional Council, Finland (CPMR-BSC)
- Discussion and dialog - how can EUSBSR open up, involve and commit local and regional actors in the best way for the future – in the updating process and in the implementation of the strategy?

Part 2

How do the Policy Areas include local and regional actors in the EUSBSR work today?

What expectations do PA/NC have towards cities and regions for the future Action Plan?

- Perspectives and best practices from the point of view of some Policy Area Coordinators – short introductions
 - PA Innovation, Mr **Esa Kokkonen**, Baltic Institute of Finland
 - PA Secure, Mr **Andrey Martynenko**, CBSS Secretariat
 - PA Spatial Planning, Ms **Egija Stapkevica**, VASAB Secretariat
 - Discussion and dialog on the involvement of local and regional level and how, from the PAs and NC point of view, the cities and regions can support the work of the PACs and contribute to the updating process as well as the implementation of the EUSBSR AP.
3. Reflection from the European Commission on how we should move forward by Mr **Petri Koistinen**, DG REGIO
 4. End of round table

11:30 EUSBSR Engagement Day

18:00 Get together arranged by Region Gotland



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