

Priority Axis 5

Increasing cooperation capacity of local actors in the South Baltic area for blue and green growth

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Programme level		Project level			
Specific objective 5: Improve the cooperation capacity of local South Baltic area actors through participation in cross-border networks		<p>The following sections present examples of project actions, activities and outputs that projects could develop to achieve their objectives and results. In addition to the contribution to the programme output indicators, the projects are free to define their own activities and outputs, as long as the project follows the strategic orientation of the South Baltic Programme and addresses the relevant specific objective according to the Programme requirements.</p> <p>Please note that provided examples are of general nature (and not necessarily related to the exact problems in the South Baltic area) to illustrate the link between the programme and project objectives. You should identify your project challenges according to your thematic field and they should not directly derive from these examples provided!</p>			
Main challenges in the programme area	<p>Extensive network of partners, organisations and institutions in the South Baltic area, but with a limited number of organisations taking part in joint activities and reaping the benefits of cross-border cooperation for local development policies</p> <p>Distinct maritime context of development in the South Baltic area determined by the sea basin location and long tradition of trade exchange across the sea – but with low recognition of the common South Baltic identity in the local and regional communities</p> <p>A need to increase the capacity and know-how of local organisations in the South Baltic area to make them more active in cross-border cooperation networks</p>		Example no 1	Example no 2	Example no 3
		Project's main challenge	Small municipalities in South Baltic area would like to address certain challenges via cross-border cooperation; however they have insufficient knowledge to be involved in the cross border cooperation.	Local NGOs dealing with an issue know that there is a valuable experience in the other South Baltic regions; however they lack the relevant experience in establishing international contacts and working in international consortiums.	Several cities of the South Baltic area have international cooperation departments; however they have very different practices in terms of efficient work organisation.
Specific objective 5: Improve the cooperation capacity of local South Baltic area actors through participation in cross-border networks		Project's specific objective	To improve capacity of small municipalities to cooperate in addressing challenges in the field of X	To improve cooperation capacity of local NGOs for finding solutions of X challenge	To improve efficiency of cooperation practices in South Baltic cities
Expected programme result	Improved involvement of local community organisations in cross-border cooperation networks	Exemplary project results (to be decided by the partnership)	Municipalities with capacities ready to prepare cross-border cooperation projects	NGOs involved in cooperation networks	Cities with more efficient international cooperation departments

<p>Programme output indicators</p>	<p>Number of local actors involved in cross-border activities</p> <p>Number of joint capacity-building activities/events involving local actors</p>	<p>Exemplary project outputs (to be decided by the partnership)</p>	<p>Cross-border capacity training programme</p> <p>Municipalities trained</p>	<p>Cooperation networking activities</p> <p>NGOs involved in networking</p>	<p>Staff exchange programme on international cooperation</p>
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<p>Exemplary project actions</p>	<p>Actions aimed at cross-border transfer of knowledge and exchange of experience regarding cooperation between citizens and institutions and local development challenges</p> <p>Joint activities of local self-government administration/agencies and other institutions (e.g. NGOs) contributing to influencing regional, national and EU level policies and decisions affecting the local development</p> <p>Joint awareness-raising actions among local groups to promote the cooperation culture, heritage and common identity of the South Baltic area</p> <p>Preparation and implementation of joint initiatives (cross-border programmes, trainings, workshops etc.), aimed at strengthening the networking and cooperation capacity of local organisations</p> <p>Preparation and deployment of measures increasing the involvement of local organisations (e.g. small municipalities, NGOs, schools, cultural institutions etc.) in project development and intercultural dialogue</p>
<p>Exemplary types of project activities</p>	<p>Transfer of knowledge and exchange of good practice</p> <p>Information, promotion and marketing activities</p> <p>Educational, training and awareness raising activities</p> <p>Arrangement of joint events</p>
<p>Other exemplary project output indicators (to be decided by the partnership)</p>	<p>Number of conceptual documents prepared by the project (e.g. thematic expertise reports, local/regional concepts and action plans, business plans, branding and marketing concepts/strategies, good practice brochures/handbooks/examples, educational/training curricula, planning/decision support tools, databases, etc.)</p> <p>Number of project workshops/seminars/conferences/exhibitions</p> <p>Number of participants in events organised and attended by the project, including politicians and decision-makers</p>
<p>Exemplary project result indicators (to be decided by the partnership)</p>	<p>Number of durable cross-border integration programmes/courses/initiatives created in the project lifetime</p> <p>Number of local institutions (e.g. local authorities, NGOs) involved in intensified intercultural dialogue</p> <p>Number of people involved in intensified cross-border (intercultural) dialogue</p>

	<p>Number of people from the general public involved in cross-border activities</p> <p>Number of political declarations and long-term co-operation agreements signed within the project lifetime in effect of project activities</p> <p>Number of co-operation networks based on formal agreements created or extended in the project lifetime</p>
<p>Exemplary types of partners</p>	<p>Local and regional authorities and their associations</p> <p>NGOs involved in networking activities across national borders</p> <p>Chambers of commerce, business development agencies and other business support organisations</p> <p>Institutions of natural, culture and national heritage protection</p>
<p>Main target groups</p>	<p>Small local and regional organisations – for example:</p> <p>Local municipalities</p> <p>NGOs</p> <p>public service providers (e.g. schools, cultural institutions, hospitals, police forces, fire and rescue service etc.)</p>