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State of play of the Programme

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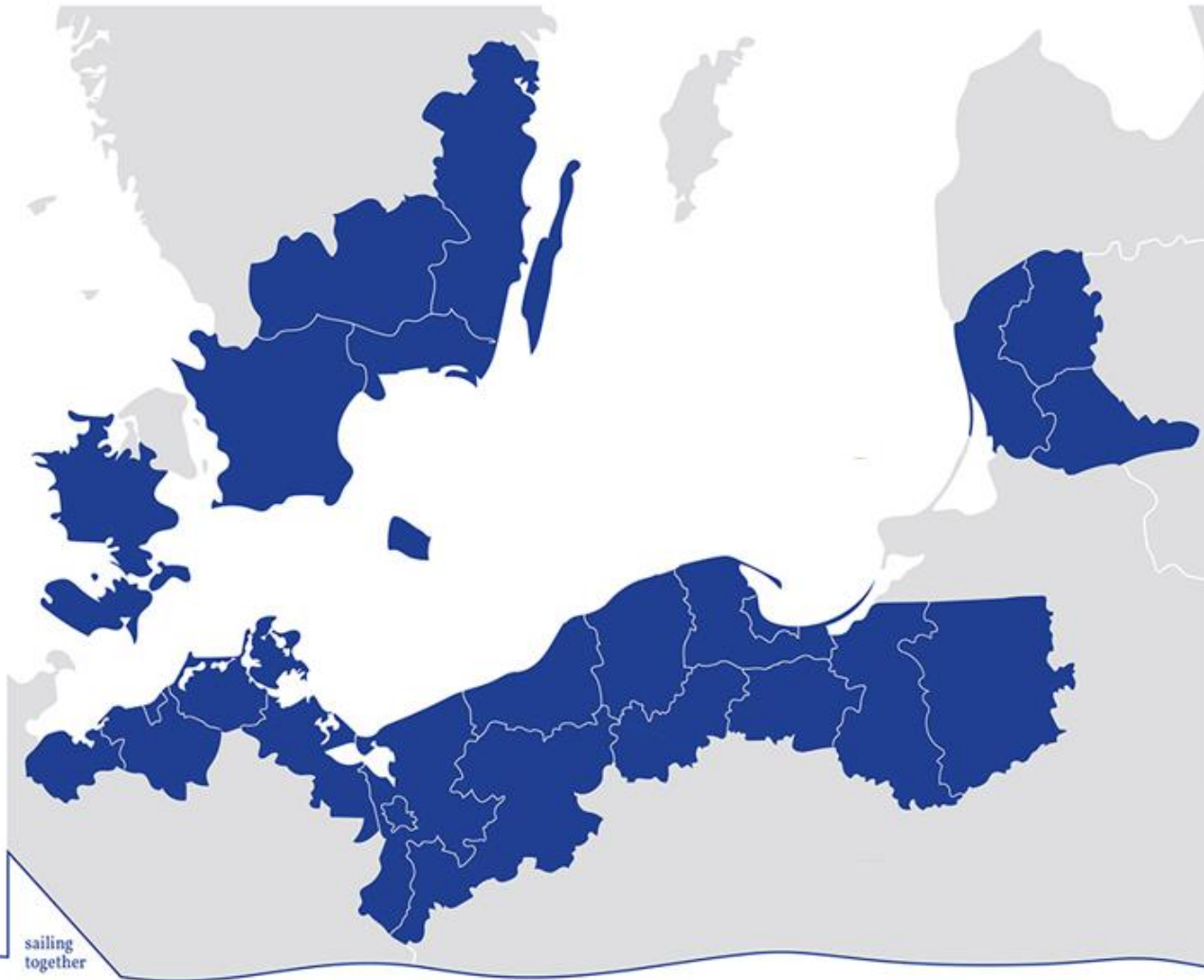
 INNOVATIVE

 SUSTAINABLE

 ATTRACTIVE

 ACTIVE

Programme in a nutshell



- ▲ Coastal regions of 5 countries*
- ▲ Cross-border cooperation
- ▲ 2021-2027 is the 3rd edition of the Programme

* as of October 25, 2023, we are waiting for the EC approval of the updated Programme document where the Olsztyn subregion marked on the map will be listed as a part of the Programme eligible area

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Characteristics of the Programme Area

- ▲ Discrepancies in socio-economic characteristics between regions
- ▲ Rural character with few urban centres
- ▲ Undisturbed natural areas
- ▲ Blue and green economy

United by the Sea into action for a
blue and green future

Innovative, Sustainable, Attractive
and Active South Baltic

Interreg South Baltic Programme 2021-2027

PA1 **Innovative** South Baltic – enhancing the level of innovation and internationalization of local actors

PA 2 **Sustainable** South Baltic - promoting sustainable development and blue and green economy

PA 3 **Attractive** South Baltic – activate the tourist potential of South Baltic Area

PA 4 **Active** South Baltic – improving cooperation governance

Programme Measure 1.1:
Digitalising the region

Programme Measure 2.1:
Supporting transition towards green energy

Programme Measure 3.1:
Developing sustainable, resilient and innovative tourism

Programme Measure 4.1:
Strengthen the cooperation capacity of actors based within the South Baltic Area (incl. civil society)

Programme Measure 1.2:
Building connectivity of the region through internationalization

Programme Measure 2.2:
Promoting sustainable use of water

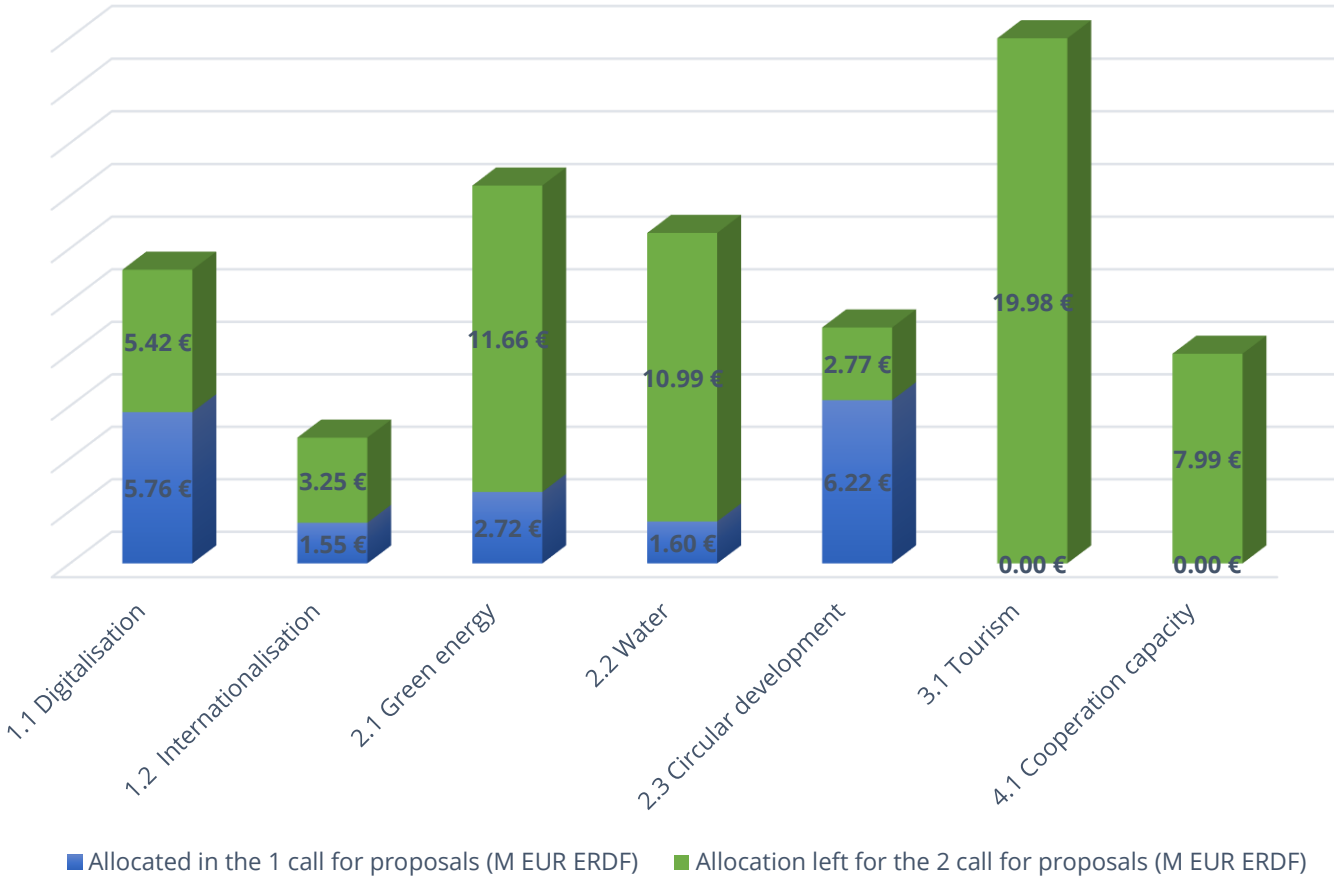
Programme Measure 2.3:
Supporting a circular and more resource efficient development

Programme budget

Priority	Measure	ERDF allocation in the Programme in M EUR	ERDF allocation available after the 1st Call, in M EUR*
P1 Innovative South Baltic	Programme Measure 1.1 – Digitalising the region	11,19	5,42
	Programme Measure 1.2 – Building connectivity of the region through internationalization	4,79	3,25
P2 Sustainable South Baltic	Programme Measure 2.1 – Supporting transition towards green energy	14,38	11,66
	Programme Measure 2.2 – Promoting sustainable use of water	12,59	10,99
	Programme Measure 2.3 – Supporting a circular and more resource efficient development	8,99	2,77
P3 Attractive South Baltic	Programme Measure 3.1 – Developing sustainable, resilient and innovative tourism	19,98	19,98
P4 Active South Baltic	Programme Measure 4.1 – Strengthen the cooperation capacity of actors based within the South Baltic Area (including civil society)	7,99	7,99

* Additional 8,3 M EUR ERDF to be allocated to the Programme budget and distributed between the Programme Measures according to the proportions used so far in the Programme

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Main projects characteristics

- ▶ Shared challenges, problems, needs to be solved by cross-border cooperation
- ▶ Focus on multilateral cooperation
- ▶ Triple/quadruple helix within the partnership (SMEs as eligible partners)
- ▶ 80% of ERDF co-financing

Obligatory project outputs:*

- JOINTLY DEVELOPED SOLUTIONS

Obligatory project results:*

- SOLUTIONS TAKEN UP OR UP-SCALED BY ORGANISATIONS

* Except for Measure 4.1

Project types

▲ Regular projects

- To address identified challenges and needs of the Programme Area in a complex way in the chosen sector
- Duration: up to 36 months
- Recommended budget: EUR 1-2 M

▲ Small-scale projects

- To address challenges and needs of the Programme Area while focusing on newcomers, not very experienced partners, small organizations, NGOs
- Duration: up to 18 months
- Budget: up to EUR 0,2 M
- More details to be specified in dedicated Terms of Reference

▲ Seed-money projects

- To facilitate preparation of regular project applications
- More details to be specified in dedicated Terms of Reference

Calls for proposals

▲ Regular projects

- 2nd Call for proposals: 5 October – 30 November 2023
- 3rd Call for proposals: 25 April – 26 June 2024

▲ Small-scale projects

- 1st Call for proposals for small-scale projects: 22 February – 21 March 2024

▲ Seed-money projects

- No calls planned for 2024

2nd Call for proposals (**regular projects**)

- ▶ 5th October 2023 – 30th November 2023
- ▶ open for all Programme Measures
- ▶ projects should put special attention to **identified challenges** and **expected solutions** within each Measure
- ▶ in the **Measure 2.3** it is obligatory to plan activities dedicated to support enterprises and thus to contribute to output indicator RCO04 **Enterprises with non-financial support**
- ▶ Decision on projects' selection: 18 April 2024

2nd Call for proposals – JS support

- ▶ Webinar for applicants on the online application system (WOD2021) **31 October 2023***
- ▶ Individual consultations of projects ideas*
 - ▶ In the Programme regions: **3-16 November 2023**
 - ▶ In JS premises and online: **20-22 of November 2023**

**Registration details available at Programme website*

2nd Call for proposals – JS support

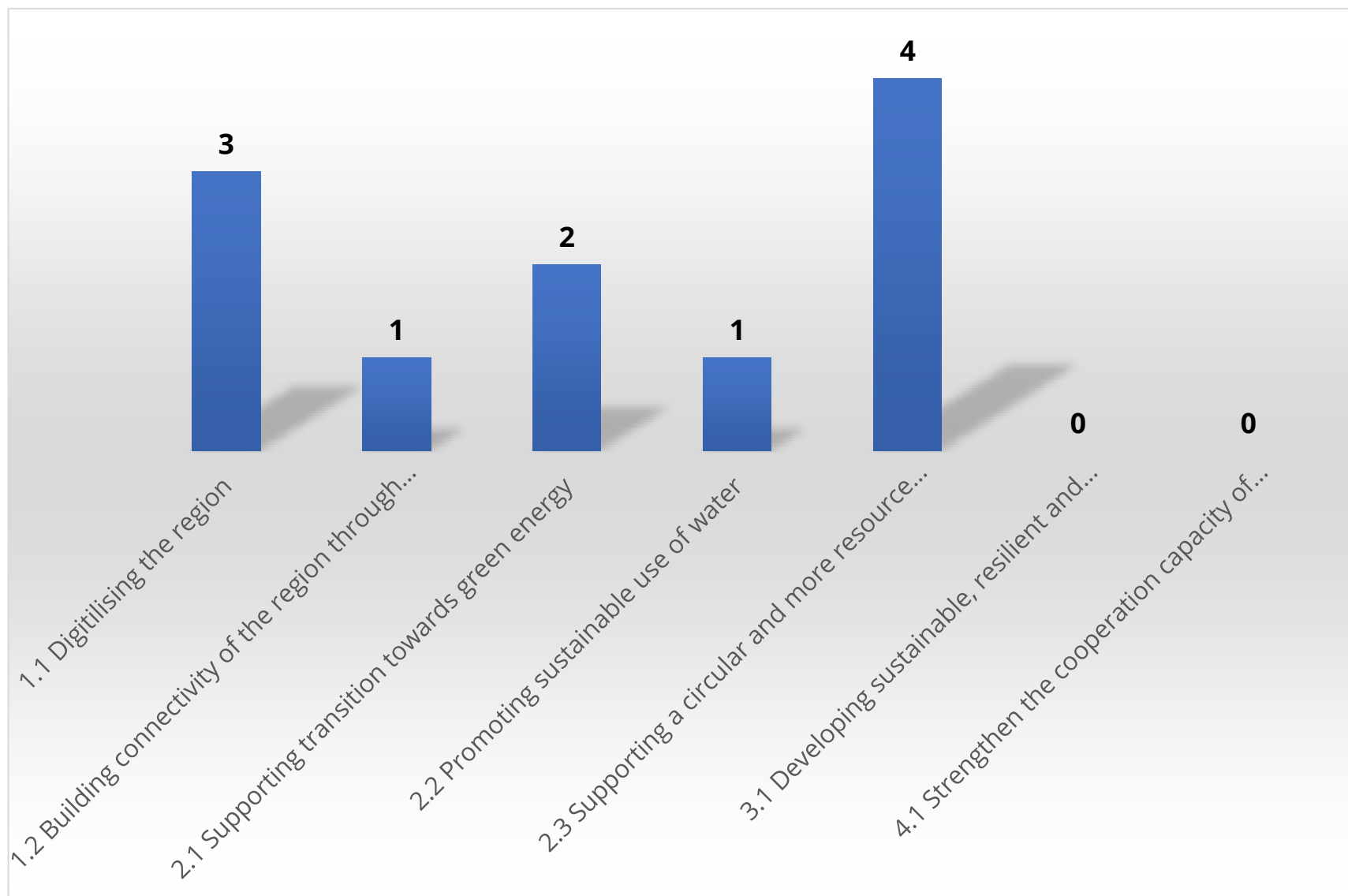
- ▶ Project ideas webinar- Connecting Partners: 12 October 2023
- ▶ JS individual consultations of project ideas (17 consultation meetings held already)
- ▶ Webinar for applicants on the online application system (WOD2021)
- ▶ Individual consultations of projects ideas*
 - ▶ In the Programme regions: 3-16 November 2023
 - ▶ In JS premises and online: 20-22 of November 202

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1st Call for proposals for **Small-scale projects**

- ▶ 22 February – 21 March 2024
- ▶ Simplified projects nature: 1 work package, real staff costs and 40% flat rate (project budget up to 200 000,00 EUR)
- ▶ SMEs cannot be involved as regular partners
- ▶ Dedicated Terms of Reference
- ▶ Expected decision on projects' selection: 27 June 2024

Projects selected in the 1st Call for proposals



1st Call projects – expected solutions

DIGITALISATION (PM 1.1)

- ▶ **AMBeR:** A patient-centered model for the implementation of eCare and eRehabilitation (eMoC) for providing eHealth application in the South Baltic Region's cancer care



INTERNATIONALISATION (PM 1.2)

- ▶ **BBU:** Manual for SMEs on how to create new EuroVelo10 bicycle-friendly services



1st Call projects – expected solutions

GREEN ENERGY (PM 2.1)

- ▶ **BIOSOLFarm:** Toolbox and guidance supporting decision making for new business models implementation in energy management at farms
- ▶ **DigiTechPort2030:** Green Energy Harmonisation Toolbox for Small and Medium-Sized Ports



WATER (PM 2.2)

- ▶ **LIMIT:** Development and recommendations on technologies for removal and destruction of PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances)

1st Call projects – expected solutions

CIRCULAR DEVELOPMENT (PM 2.3)

- ▲ **COP:** Jointly developed methodology and best-practice for collecting, reusing and recycling ocean-bound plastic
- ▲ **ECONUT:** Creation the technology of comprehensive soil amendment preparation from marine biomass and its application for sustainable nutrient cycling in vegetation
- ▲ **RELOOPED:** Circular Packaging Innovation Platform and Toolkit for consumer good retail stores



How to get started?

- Follow our website: <https://southbaltic.eu/>



- Check the Cooperation Programme document: <https://southbaltic.eu/programme-documents1>
- Get in touch with the regional Contact Points: <https://southbaltic.eu/contact-points>
- Sign up of individual consultations of project ideas <https://southbaltic.eu/-/the-2nd-call-for-proposals-under-isbp-2021-2027-is-open->



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Thank you!

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