

# A few words from the sponsor ...

What is the Baltic Sea Region programme  
and why does it fund the ABOWE project ?

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# What is the BSR programme?

- The BSR programme is part of **EU's Cohesion Policy**
- The programme is funded by the **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**, one of EU's Structural Funds
- The programme is one of several transnational programmes under the Structural Funds' **European Territorial Cooperation (ETC / INTERREG) goal**
- The **transnational cooperation programmes** support "the establishment and development of transnational cooperation through the financing of networks and of actions conducive to integrated territorial development".



# BSR programme 2007-2013: programme area, priorities and ERDF funding

Baltic Sea Region - Programme area 2007 - 2013



■ EU regions/member states  
■ non-EU member states

## Priorities:

- 1) Fostering innovations
- 2) External and internal accessibility
- 3) Baltic Sea as a common resource
- 4) Attractive and competitive cities and regions

**ERDF funding** was 208 M€ and the **EU co-financing rate** in "old" member states max 75 % and in "new" member states max 85 % of eligible expenditure (only public)



# BSR programme 2007-2013: partnership requirements, project selection method, implementation

- Partnership requirement: **at least three partners from three different programme countries**, of which at least two must be a member state or Norway
- Project selection: **open calls**, applications **assessed by joint secretariat**, funding **decisions by joint Monitoring Committee**
- **Quality assessment criteria** (relevance, coherence, durability and transferability, partnership, budget and management) and **additional quality features** (i.a. investments, private sector involvement, clear link to EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region)
- Implementation: 5 regular calls and 3 extension stage calls resulting in altogether **90 funded projects**



# From REMOWE to ABOWE

- In the 2nd call the BSR programme funded under **priority 1** (Fostering innovations) the **REMOWE project** (Regional Mobilizing of Sustainable Waste-to-Energy Production)
- The project was led by Mälardalen University (SE) and involved 9 partners from SE, FI, PL, DE, LT and EE
- The project's total budget was 1,6 M€, of which 1,2 M€ ERDF funding
  
- Based on the results of REMOWE, the partnership applied successfully for the **ABOWE extension project** (Implementing Advanced Concepts for Biological Utilization of Waste)
- The extension project was led by the Savonia University of Applied Sciences (FI) and involved 7 of the 9 partners in the previous project
- The project's total budget was 2,0 M€, of which 1,6 M€ ERDF funding



## ABOWE is a high priority project

- In the assessment the **ABOWE project scored high in all quality assessment criteria** (e.g. high transnational relevance, clear description of the work plan, well defined roles of the partners) and had several **strong quality features** (investments of transnational value, financial actors from the private sector).
- In granting **Finnish State co-financing**, the ministry appreciated the strong and relevant partnership and the anticipated concrete results in a highly prioritised field.
- The **project not only promised, but has also delivered**. From the Finnish side we are very pleased with the outcomes so far and are willing to support further development work based on the project.



# ”Interreg Baltic Sea Region” programme 2014-2020 about to start ...

- More funding (264 M€ ERDF funding)
- More concentrated (three priorities: Capacity for innovation, Efficient management of natural resources, Sustainable transport)
- More result oriented
- Private actors eligible
- Two-step application procedure
  
- **First call will be opened in early December 2014**
- Programme Conference in Warsaw 25.-27.11.2014 (full), Lead Applicant seminar in Riga 3.-4.12.2014 (registration on-going)
  
- **More information [www.interreg-baltic.eu](http://www.interreg-baltic.eu).**



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