

## Baltic Sea Region – diversity but common goals



- EU-members, non-members: Norway, Russia
- "Old" and "new" EU member
- Cultural diversity
- Rapidly changing and developing
- Economic growth
- Environmental challenges
- Democracy building
- Regional authorities competences



## Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC)



- A political network for decentralised authorities (subregions) in the Baltic Sea Region
- Important voice of regions in European politics
- Main areas of the last years: maritime policy, energy and climate, EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, education, youth policy, culture & Baltic identity
- Key actor of co-operation on different levels political but also projects, community cooperation and exchange.

## Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

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