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*Seagull is a project for the Euroregion Baltic (ERB) with the main purpose of developing and anchoring a long-term strategy and a joint transnational development programme (JTDP) for the region. It will form the basis for future investments in the environment and infrastructure, etc. and will thereby contribute to social, economic and environmentally sustainable development throughout the region.*

**The Seagull Steering Committee met in Kaliningrad September 23-24.** The structure and contents of the coming Joint Development Programme (JTDP) was discussed as well as the needs of broad information, discussion and anchoring activities in all member regions of the draft JTDP.

The ERB partners have made a *seed money application* – "Seagull II" to the BSR Interreg IIIB secretariat. The project is aiming at enhancing the institutional capacities within the ERB for efficient implementation of the proposals from the Seagull project and other ERB cooperation activities.

**An important meeting** was held on October 4 in Växjö, Sweden with the leading politicians and the CEOs of the three Swedish ERB member regions. The draft long term strategy and the work and anchoring plans of the JTDP were presented and discussed, and – with interesting comments – in principle approved.

**Time table for the further JTDP work:**

October – December: Working out drafts for internal discussions and comments.

Spring 2005: Anchoring activities and comments from the member regions. Amendments of the programme.

July – August 2005: Final draft to be discussed and decided by the ERB Board and Council.

**Other activities carried out since previous Seagull News:**

- Meeting on Bornholm with all Danish partners on September 30 about input to the JTDP.
- Meeting in Karlskrona October 1 with the Baltic Sea and European Committee of Region Blekinge: Information and discussion about the ERB Long Term Strategy and JTDP.
- **WP 1:** Two new GIS workshops have been carried out during September-October, aiming at introducing GIS as a tool in Spatial Planning, and educating experts in using this tool.
- **WP 2:** Bilateral expert meetings Russia-Sweden and Poland-Sweden, and Swedish expert meeting about WP2 input to the JTDP.
- **WP 4:** Swedish expert meeting October 6; seminar in Ozersk, Kaliningrad Oblast, October 7; workshop in Ozersk October 8 on Women's assessments and choice of housing.
- **Draft project reports** presented to the project management: (1) The role of regional industrial platforms and clusters in the development of ERB, (2) Cruising tourism in the Baltic, and (3) Indicators for sustainable development within the ERB.
- Participation at the BSSSC annual meeting in Malmö Sweden, October 21-23.

**Planned activities during the coming month:**

- **WP 1:** Workshop about Indicators for sustainable development, Elblag Poland, October 21.
- **WP 2:** Bilateral expert meetings Latvia-Sweden and Lithuania-Sweden about the draft ERB strategy and WP 2 input to the JTDP.
- **WP 3:** Final WP summing up and conclusions seminar in Ronneby Sweden, November 19.
- **WP 4:** Swedish expert meeting in Emmaboda Sweden, November 8. International expert meeting in Kalmar Sweden, November 25-26.

**Other information:**

- A programme for the ERB-Seagull conference in Gdansk December 2-3 2004 is now drafted and sent to the ERB National Secretariats for deliberations of who to invite to the conference. The number of participants is limited to about 160 totally. For further information, please contact Mr Slawomir Demkowicz-Dobrzanski or Mr Rolf A Karlson.
- The Swedish pilot area of Water Management (WP 2) – The Lyckeby Small River Catchment Area – has now an English version of its web site, please visit [www.lyckebyan.se](http://www.lyckebyan.se).
- **WP3:** The web pages for WP3 have been changed, now also containing net work contacts and the first content for a "tool-box", see [www.eurobalt.org/seagull-wp3](http://www.eurobalt.org/seagull-wp3).