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The Seagull project is now about to be finished – deadline for funding from the Interreg III B programme is November 19.

The main remaining project work is to

- finalise the texts in the joint development programme documents and get them approved by the member regions' decision bodies and the ERB Board and Council,
- finalise a number of expert reports and print them,
- carry through dissemination activities about the development programme.

As informed about in Seagull News no. 20, the Joint Development Programme will consist of three documents, namely

- the Strategy,
- an Action Programme for implementing the strategy, and
- a background paper containing facts, figures and analyses about ERB and its development as well as tools for implementing the strategy and the action programme.

Activities carried out since previous Seagull News:

- Redrafting of the Strategy and the Action Programme.
- Project information to the ERB Board at its meeting in Klaipeda July 22.
- The Seagull Steering Committee met on September 20 in Karlskrona and approved in principle the new drafts of the Strategy and the Action programme. After redrafting, the documents will be sent to the member regions for approval.
- Within the Polish Seagull project that now is finished, four reports have been published:
 - The Situation in Polish Euroregion Baltic Regions in Joint Transnational Development programme Priority Areas;
 - Long-Term Objectives and Priorities of Euroregion Baltic in the context of Joint Transnational Development Programme

- Analysis of Water Management in the Polish Euroregion Baltic Regions in the Context of the EU Water Directive
- Concept of Common Statistical Database for ERB Member Regions.

The reports are printed in English and can be ordered from the Marshall's Office of the Pomeranian Region. Contact k.stanczyk@woj-pomorskie.pl

- Seminars about tourism cooperation in line with the proposal in the Action Programme have been held on Bornholm and in Elblag.
- The Swedish WP II Water working group met on September 6. Visit to the Emå River Water Association for exchange of experiences.
- A WP 4 Exchange seminar about rural development projects was held in *Bartoszyce* Poland, August 19.

Activities during October and November:

- Redrafting and finalising the three documents of the joint development programme of ERB.
- Finalising and printing of expert reports.
- Dissemination activities about the joint development programme.
- A conference in order to discuss the formation of an international Water Forum for the ERB Area in Klaipeda, October 6.
- Development of a web based tool box for water projects and key actors.
- Establishment of a network between regions in the Swedish South Baltic Sea Water District, with the aim to exchange experiences concerning implementation of the Water Framework Directive and its effects on local authorities (municipalities), October 14.
- Further development of the web based tool box for Innovative Centres, see www.eurobalt.org.
- Participation in the BSSSC annual meeting in Szczecin, Poland, October 20-22.
- Final Steering Committee meeting, November 4.
- Participation in a workshop on the future of Macro Regions development in the Baltic Sea Region, Riga, November 8.
- Seminars about implementation of the ERB Action Programme in Elblag, November 9-10.
- Swedish ERB member regions meeting in Växjö, Sweden November 11.

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. The programme will form the basis for future investments in the environment and infrastructure, etc. It will thereby contribute to social, economic and environmentally sustainable development throughout the region.