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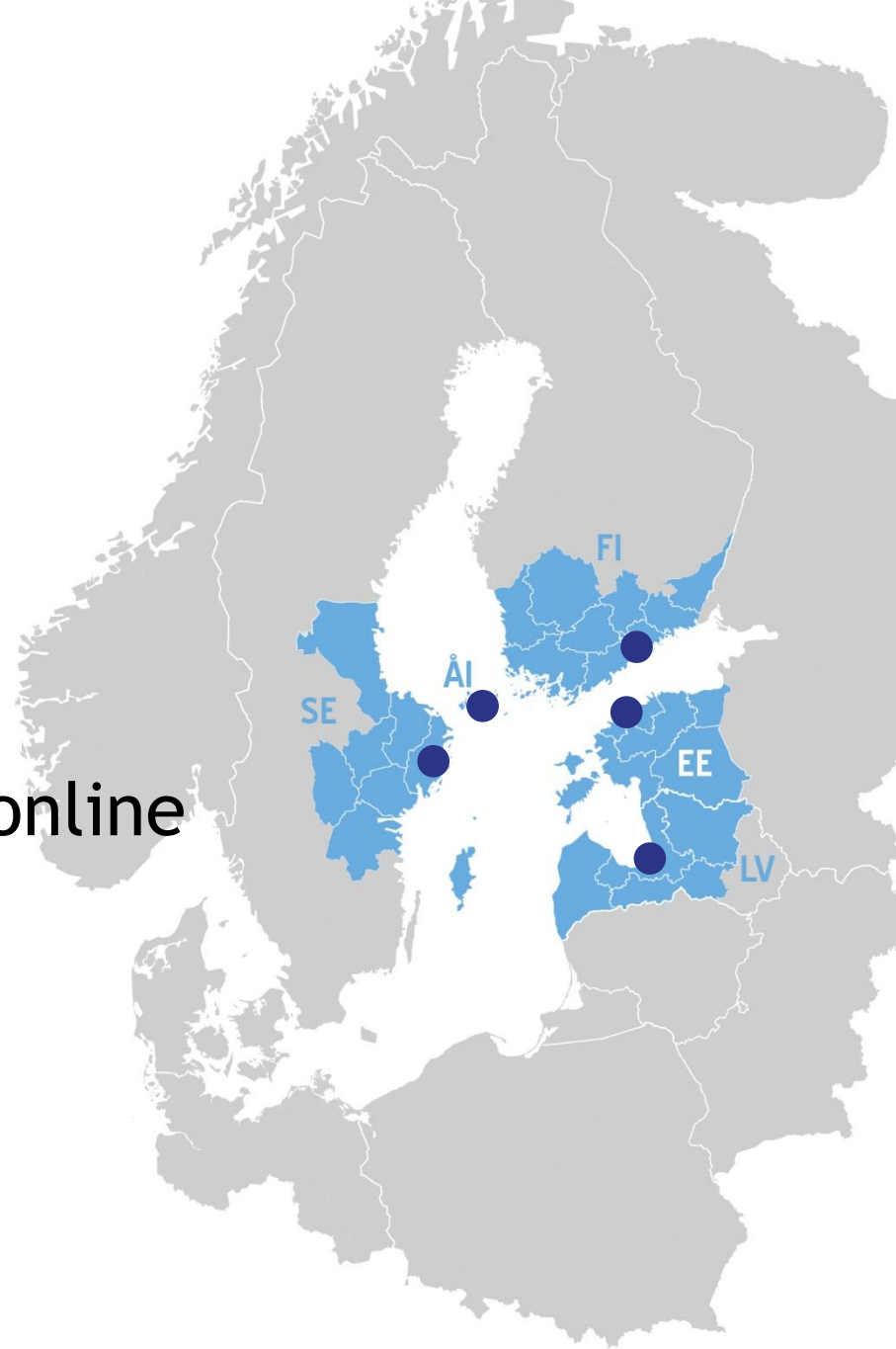
Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020

– ready for launching!



Welcome!

- 5 events
- 570 participants
- Tallinn event on 12 November streamed online



How did we get here?

- 6 JPC meetings with 46 people
- 15 WG meetings with 30 people
- 5 thematic seminars with 250 people
- 4 public hearing events with 180 people
- Comments from 30 people/organisations in public hearings

Where are we now?

- The programme was submitted to the Commission in July
- Approval expected in late 2014
- Programme draft on our website

Building on experience

- Co-operations
- Participating regions
- Work done in projects
- Lessons learned in the management of the programme

We are there for you - who are we?

- Programme secretariat and management in Turku
- Network of national Contact Points

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2014-2020?



Focused programme

We want to make a change for the region
but we have limited funds and limited time

➡ focusing on the most relevant themes

Result orientation

- We know what we want to achieve
- Result and output indicators show if we're on the right path
- A key in allocating project funds
- A key in showing the benefit of the programme
- 2-step application procedure for regular projects

Chosen themes

- Mix of old and new
- ICT and low-carbon economy as horizontal objectives

Competitive economy
of the region

Sustainable use of
common resources

Well-connected region

Skilled and socially
inclusive region

Programme basics

- 115 million euros ERDF available
- Co-financing rates:
 - 75% (Finland & Sweden)
 - 85% (Estonia & Latvia)
- Partners from at least two participating countries
- Clear cross-border added-value
- 2-step approach for regular projects
- Small projects

Simplifications 1/3

- Online application and reporting
- Reduced annexes
- Widened eligibility of partners and their funding
- Harmonized Implementation Tools
- Small projects
- 2-step call
- Preparation costs

Simplifications 2/3

- Use of flat rate for office and rent costs
- Possibility to use lump sums
- Flexibility rule
- 90-day deadline for payments
- Advance payments
- Merging MA and CA
- 3 -> 2 reporting periods per year

Simplifications 3/3

- Setting deadlines for JS/MA work
- Increased role for JS Contact Person
- Raising limit for tenders
- Closure period

WHAT TO THINK WHEN PLANNING A PROJECT?



Contribution to programme objectives

- The focus has been chosen for a reason
 - now we all will implement it
- Looking at the result and output indicators

Practical solutions

- We want to achieve real results
- The time for pure networking is over
- Showing result in the region

Networking

Learning from
each other

Working on
joint problems
/opportunities



The right partners

- The technical eligibility has been widened
- More focus on the relevance of the projects
- The right partners needed to achieve results

Sustainable results

- Value-for-money through real results
- End-users should be involved
- Plans for the use of results should be considered early on

COMING UP...



First call

- Open on 18 December - 9 February
- **Small projects:** decisions in April and projects can start in May
- **Regular projects:** decisions on the first step in April and final decisions in August. Projects can start in September

Plan for calls

- At least 2 calls for each Priority/Specific Objective
- 1-2 calls/year as long as funding is available
- Steering Committee selects projects for funding

Second call

- Call open on 24 August-23 October 2015
- **Small projects** can start from February 2016
- **Regular projects** can start from July 2016

Third call

- Third call: open in spring 2016
- **Small projects** can start from July 2016
- **Regular projects** can start from December 2016

Preparing and application

- Programme Manual is available
- Application form questions are available
- Project development seminars
 - 18 December: Stockholm, Tallinn
 - 13 January: Helsinki, Riga
- Consultations ongoing



Application form questions

1. Regular projects

Step I

During step I the project should complement the AF with (headings from AF):

Project identification

Programme priority, Specific objective, Project acronym, Project title, Project number, Name of the Lead Partner, Project duration

Basic information about partnership

Contact details of each partner

Which are the organisation's thematic competences and experiences relevant for the project (M)

Project description

What are the common territorial challenges that will be tackled by the project; please describe the relevance of your project for the programme area in terms of common challenges and/or joint assets addressed (L)

What is the project's approach in addressing these common challenges and/or joint assets and what is new about the approach the project takes; please describe the new solutions that will be developed during the project and/or existing solutions that will be adopted and implemented during the project lifetime and in what way the approach goes beyond existing practices in the sector/programme area /participating countries (L)

Submitting an application

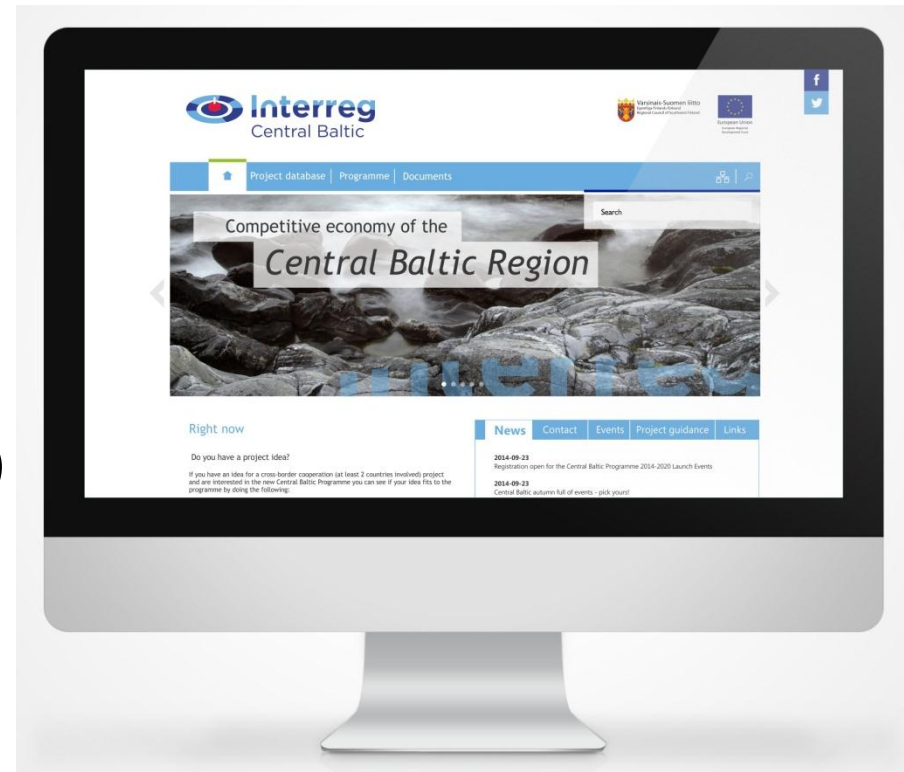
- Templates launched in December
- Guide for filling in the application launched in December
- Lead Applicant fills in application
- Deadline in eMonitoring System
- Letters of intent
- Confirmation Letter for Lead Applicant

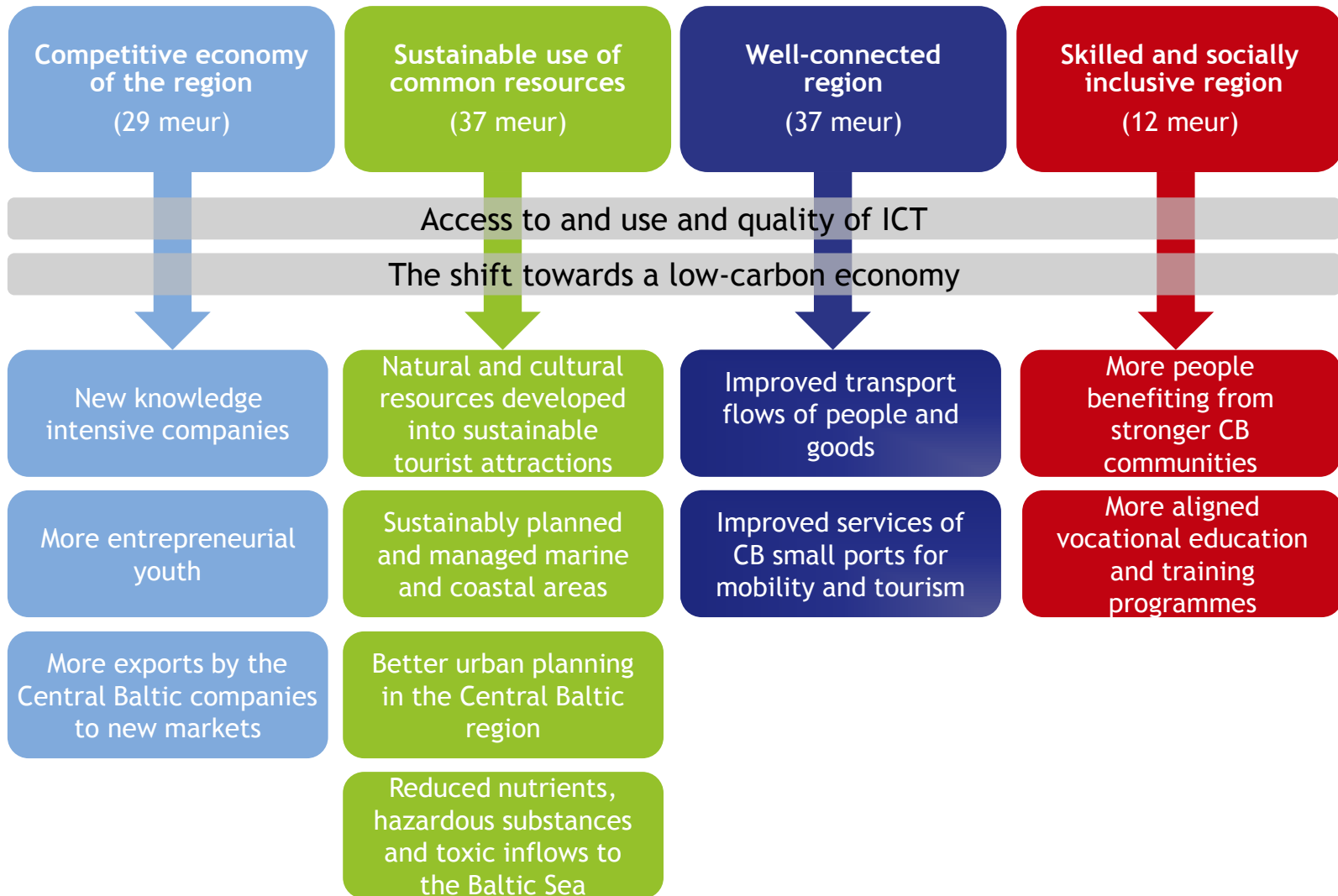
eMonitoring System

- Opened when the call is opened
- Applications
- Later project reporting
- Uploading documents
- Communication portal

Use us!

- Project development seminars
- Individual consultations
- Contact Points in each country
- Website (new in November)
- Facebook and Twitter
- Mailing list







Thank You!