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Council of the Baltic Sea States project support facility http://www.cbss.org/project-support-facility/

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CBSS Project Support Facility

- Created at the 9th Baltic Sea States Summit in Stralsund, Germany, in 2012.
- Main purpose: to co-finance the development and implementation of Baltic Sea macro-regional cooperation projects, which would:
 - bring added value for the Baltic Sea region
 - show impact in regional cooperation
 - foster long-term partnerships.

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PSF in brief

- The maximum amount of co-financing granted:
 50 000,- EUR (10% own financing funding in kind included).
- The planned timeframe of the facility 5 March 2013 until 2015, with a continuous open call for applications.
- The next call for CBSS PSF Applications is foreseen for Spring 2015.
- The project proposals may be initiated by a variety of legal entities of CBSS Member States, as well as CBSS Expert Groups and CBSS Networks.

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Long term priorities of the CBSS

- Regional Identity, aiming to develop and foster the concept of Baltic Sea Region identity and a sense of belonging to the Baltic Sea Region through engagement, dialogue, people-to-people contacts, macroregional networks and multilevel governance.
- Sustainable and Prosperous Region, working towards developing the Baltic Sea Region as a model region of sustainable societies able to manage and use resources efficiently, and to tap the economic, technological, ecological & social innovation potential of the region, in order to ensure its prosperity, environmental protection and social cohesion.
- **Safe & Secure Region**, with the goal to enhance societal security and safety in the Baltic Sea Region and to ensure that people of the Region are protected from and resilient to violence, accidents and emergencies through preparedness, and safeguarded against harm caused by criminal exploitation and human trafficking.

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Project support criteria:

- Support the implementation of the above mentioned three longterm priority areas of the CBSS.
- Bring added value and visibility for macro-regional cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region.
- Have a clear transnational impact.
- Bring together different sectors and actors to increase coherence in cooperation among the CBSS Member States.
- Have outcomes of a sustainable character.
- The results of the project should be disseminated to all relevant stakeholders in the Baltic Sea Region.
- Have the potential to become a basis for a network, partnership or cooperation model that would become viable beyond the duration of the project itself.

The project must cover at least three CBSS Member States.

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Budget structure

Eligible cost categories	EUR	Financing Plan	EUR	% of eligible costs
Personnel costs		CBSS PSF funding		
Travel and subsistence costs		Contribution of the Coordinating beneficiary		
Sub-contracting		Contribution of the CO- beneficiary		
Other direct costs		Other sources of funding		
Administration/ Overhead				7%
TOTAL ELIGIBLE COSTS		TOTAL FUNDING		

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Reporting

- Projects that are up to 12 months are requested to submit only one report after the implementation of the project is finalised *(=no pre-financing).* The projects have up to three months to fulfil this obligation.
- For projects that are longer than 12 month, progress reports shall be submitted as agreed in the grant agreement.

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