



The Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

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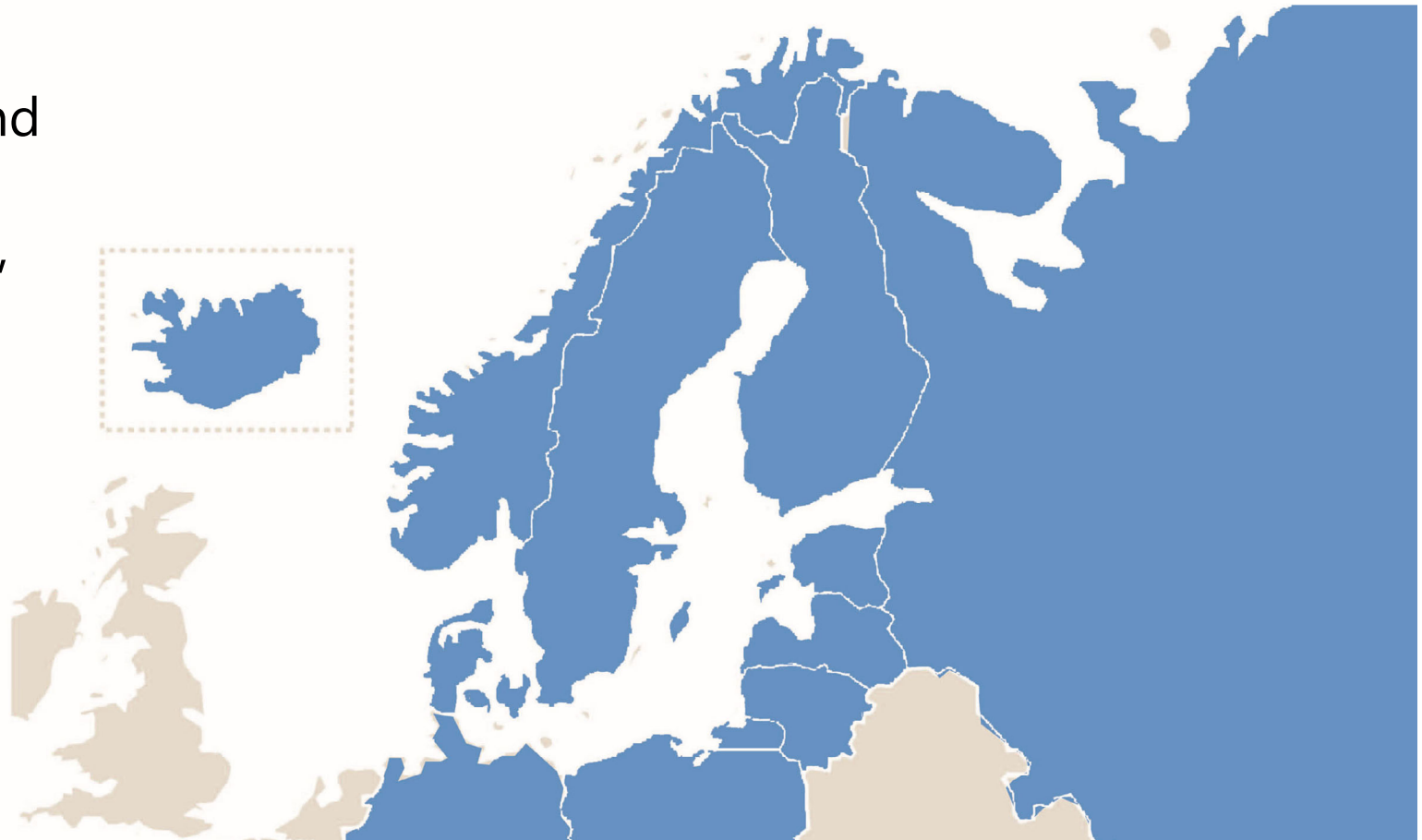
The Council of the Baltic Sea States

- Established in 1992
- Today focused on regional cooperation, developing freedom of movement, competitiveness, sustainability by interacting and learning from each other, and by cooperating with other organisations/formats such as the EU Baltic Sea Strategy, ND partnerships, national strategies, NW Russian 2020
- CBSS International Secretariat established 1998.
- **”Building cooperation and trust.”**

Members of the CBSS

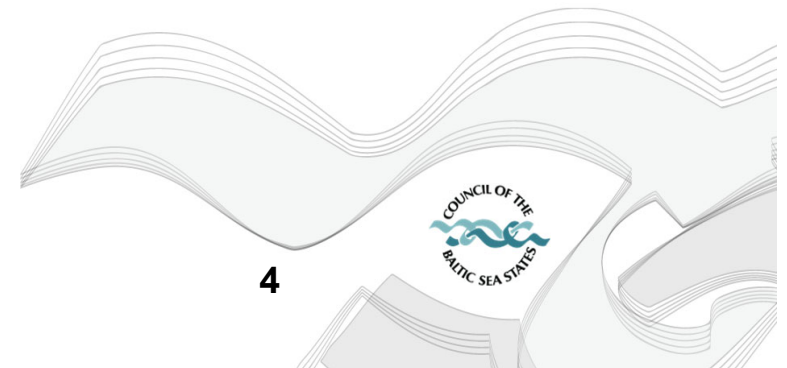
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Estonia
Finland
Germany
(1995) Iceland
Latvia
Lithuania,
Norway
Poland
Russia
Sweden

+ EU

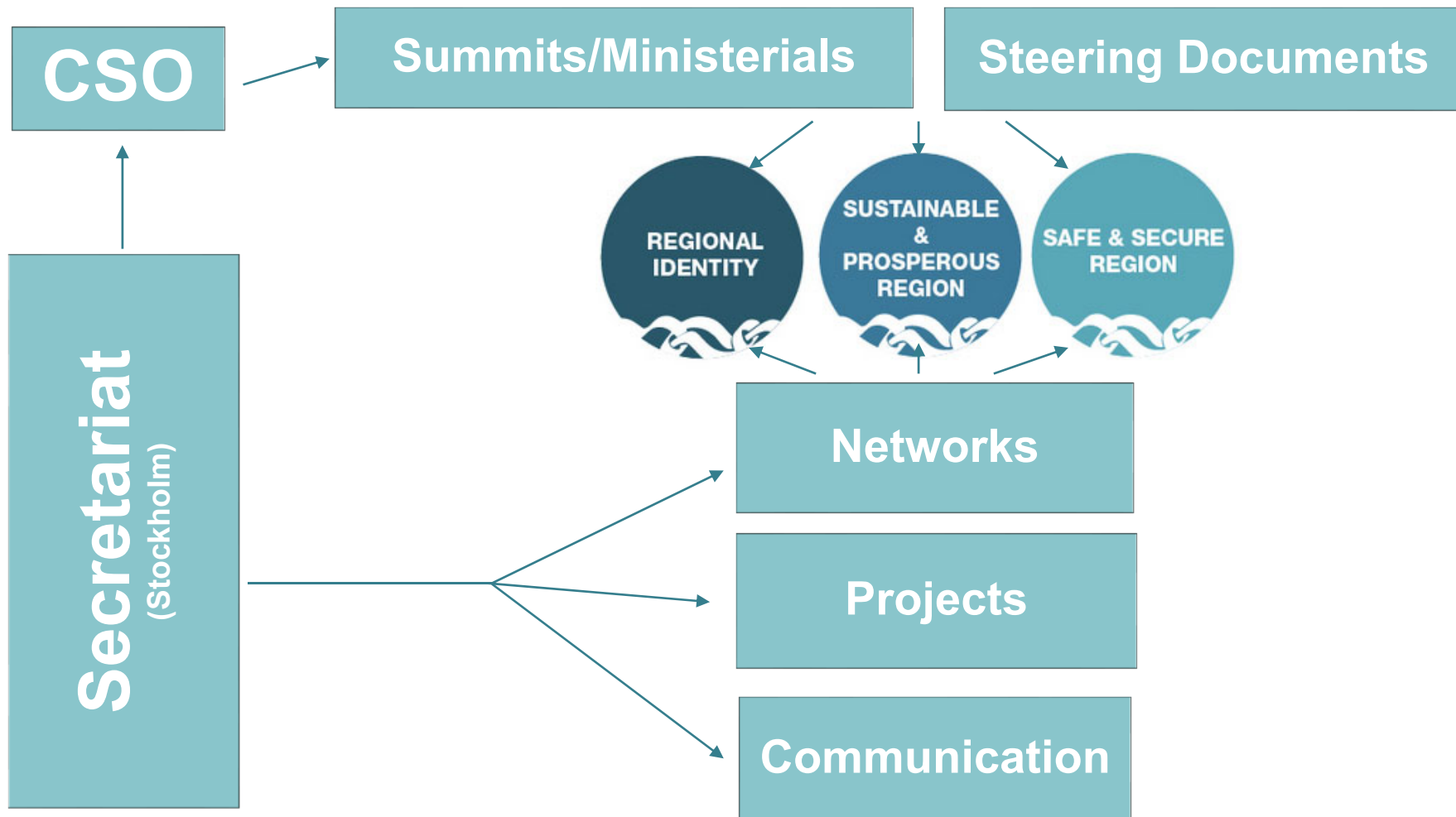


OBSERVER STATES (as of 2016)

- Belarus
- France
- Hungary (2016)
- Italy
- The Netherlands
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United States of America



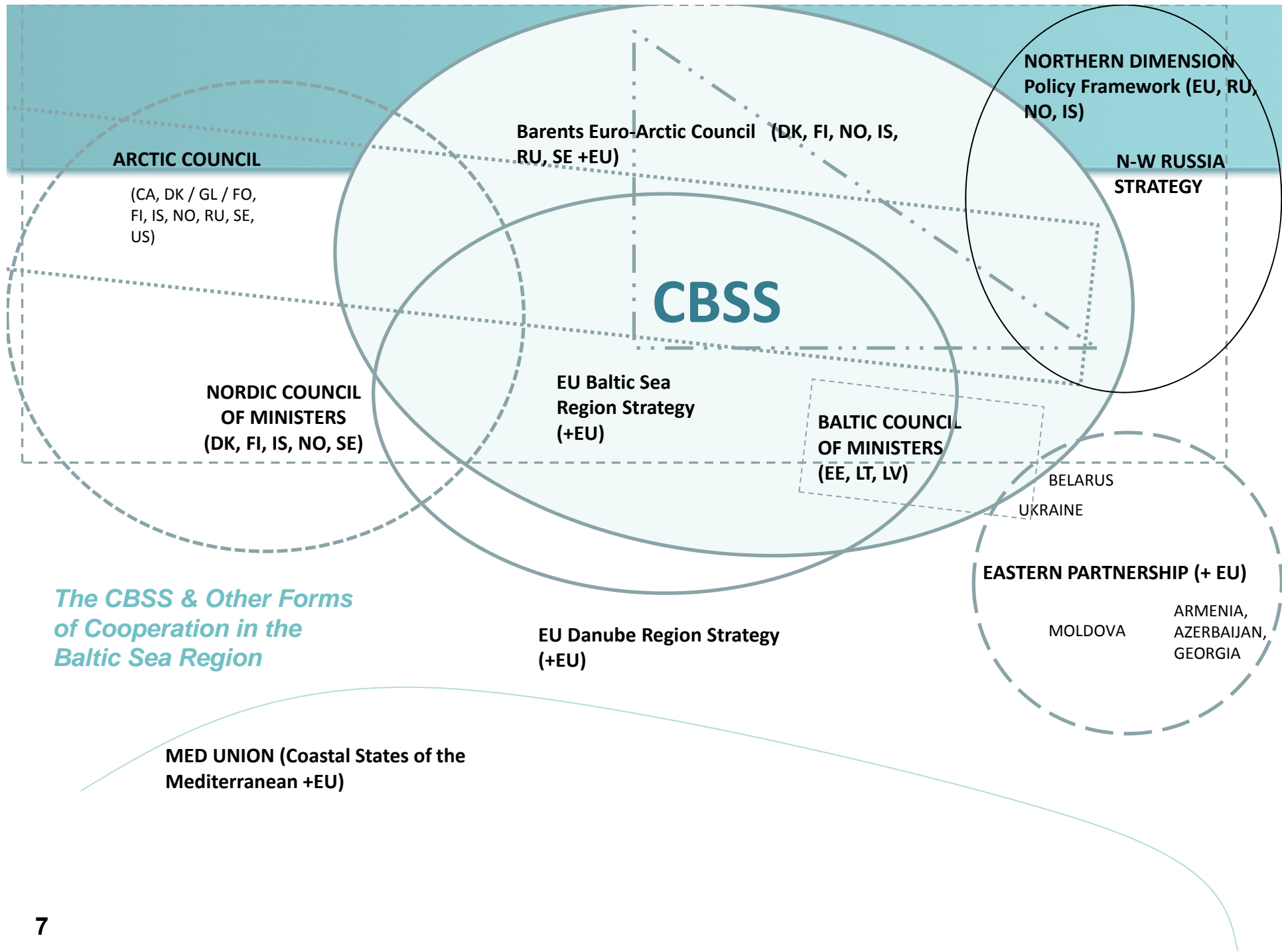
Organisation



The Three Long-Term Priorities

2014: three renewed long-term priorities for the Council of the Baltic Sea States.





The CBSS & Other Forms of Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region

External CBSS Cooperation

- External cooperation includes regular consultation and participation in joint activities and projects:
 - 4 regional Councils in the North (CBSS, NCM, BEAC, AC)
 - initiatives embracing the Region as the Northern Dimension, EU Strategy for the BSR and others
 - international organisations in Europe (Council of Europe, Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe)
 - international organizations, macroregional organisations in other parts of Europe



Summits, Ministerial Sessions and Line Ministries

—● Most recent high-level meetings include:

- 1st Science Ministerial (Kraków, Poland – June 2016)
- Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Warsaw, Poland – June 2016)
- Director Generals of Civil Protection (Gdąnsk, Poland – June 2016)
- 9th Conference of Ministers of Culture (Gdąnsk, Poland – September 2015)
- 18th CBSS Ministerial Session (Kaliningrad, Russia – June 2013)



CBSS Expert Groups and Units



- Expert Group on Maritime Policy
- Expert Group on Sustainable Development – Baltic 2030
- Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings – TF-THB
- Expert Group on Children at Risk – EGCC
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Programmes



**BALTIC SEA
LABOUR FORUM**

Working together
through Social
Dialogue



**CLIMATE
DIALOGUE**



ONE of the EUS BSR FLAGSHIPS



Newly initiated
**Baltic Leadership
Programme (BLP)**
Labour Mobility:
Swedish Institute,
CBSS and EUSBSR
PAC Education -
cooperation in the field
of labour mobility

CURRENT Projects



The **CBSS Science, Research & Innovation Agenda** was launched this summer in line with the CBSS Polish Chair's Conclusions adopted after the first CBSS Science Ministerial which took place on 16 June 2016 in Kraków, Poland.

2 cornerstone projects funded by the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme are *Baltic Science Network* and *Baltic TRAM, (Transnational Research Access in the Macroregion)*.

Co-ordination



○ HA Neighbours

○ HA Climate

○ PA Secure



HA Neighbours

- **CBSS** together with the **City of Turku** is coordinator for EUS BSR **HA Neighbours**
- Together with Russian partners initiate cooperation events on common ground for NWR Strategy and EU Strategy for the BSR: Building dynamic regional cooperation across the borders
- Aims at finding out the mutual development subjects that could benefit the whole Baltic Sea Region now and towards 2030



Icelandic Presidency 2016 - 2017



Icelandic Presidency

2016-2017

Children – Equality – Democracy

2017: 25 YEARS ANNIVERSARY of the
CBSS,



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