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The Baltic Sea Unit can make things possible

The Sida Baltic Sea Unit works to further increase cooperation between Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. The Baltic Sea Unit can offer financial support to initiate cooperation projects, and though it is a requirement that the initiator is Swedish, there are considerable possibilities for other interested parties in the new EU-member states bordering the Baltic Sea to share the subsidies.

For fourteen years, Sida financed development cooperation between Sweden and the Baltic republics and Poland. This cooperation came to an end when these states became members of the European Union. Shortly afterwards, Sida was given the task of starting a new sort of initiative to stimulate and strengthen the contacts and cooperation around the Baltic Sea.

The activities prioritised by the Baltic Sea Unit comprise projects within the following areas:

Natural collective resources:

1. Water
2. Air
3. Climate
4. Coastal zones
5. Land
6. Nature

Cross-sector issues:

1. Migration
2. Social services
3. Crime fighting
4. Maritime safety
5. Foodstuffs safety
6. Prevention of infection
7. Healthcare

The activities of the Baltic Sea Unit can be in the form of support for co-operation in their starting-up phase. They may comprise:

- Seminars
- Courses
- Exchange visits
- Preliminary studies

The issues shall be of mutual interest for the countries involved. The subjects to be dealt with in the unit may come to change over time, depending on policies and requirements.

Special competence

Apart from financial support, the Baltic Sea Unit has executive staff and other personnel with specialist knowledge in various areas such as regional cooperation, international coordination, EU-projects and issues concerning the environment, security and the social field.

Applicants should note the following conditions:

- we welcome applications from Swedish national authorities, municipalities, regions and non-governmental organisations. For

interested parties in countries bordering the Baltic Sea, the Baltic Sea Unit will help to 'match' the issue with a Swedish party

- an application can not be made by a private person or private company
- support is preferably given to networks, three-party or multi-party cooperation schemes
- activities are to be judged on the basis of their possibilities to stimulate further cooperation after the period of activity concerned.

The office of the Baltic Sea Unit is situated in Visby on the island of Gotland in the middle of the Baltic Sea. You are welcome to contact us for more information about our activities and for assistance in dealing with your queries.

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