

**CBSS: Building
Collaboration &
Trust in the Baltic
Sea Region**

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**“Building
collaboration
and trust”**



**Established in 1992 on the
initiative of Denmark and
Germany**

**Political forum for regional
inter-governmental cooperation**

**Then: Focus on institution-building through regional
cooperation**

**Today: regional cooperation through projects and
networks**

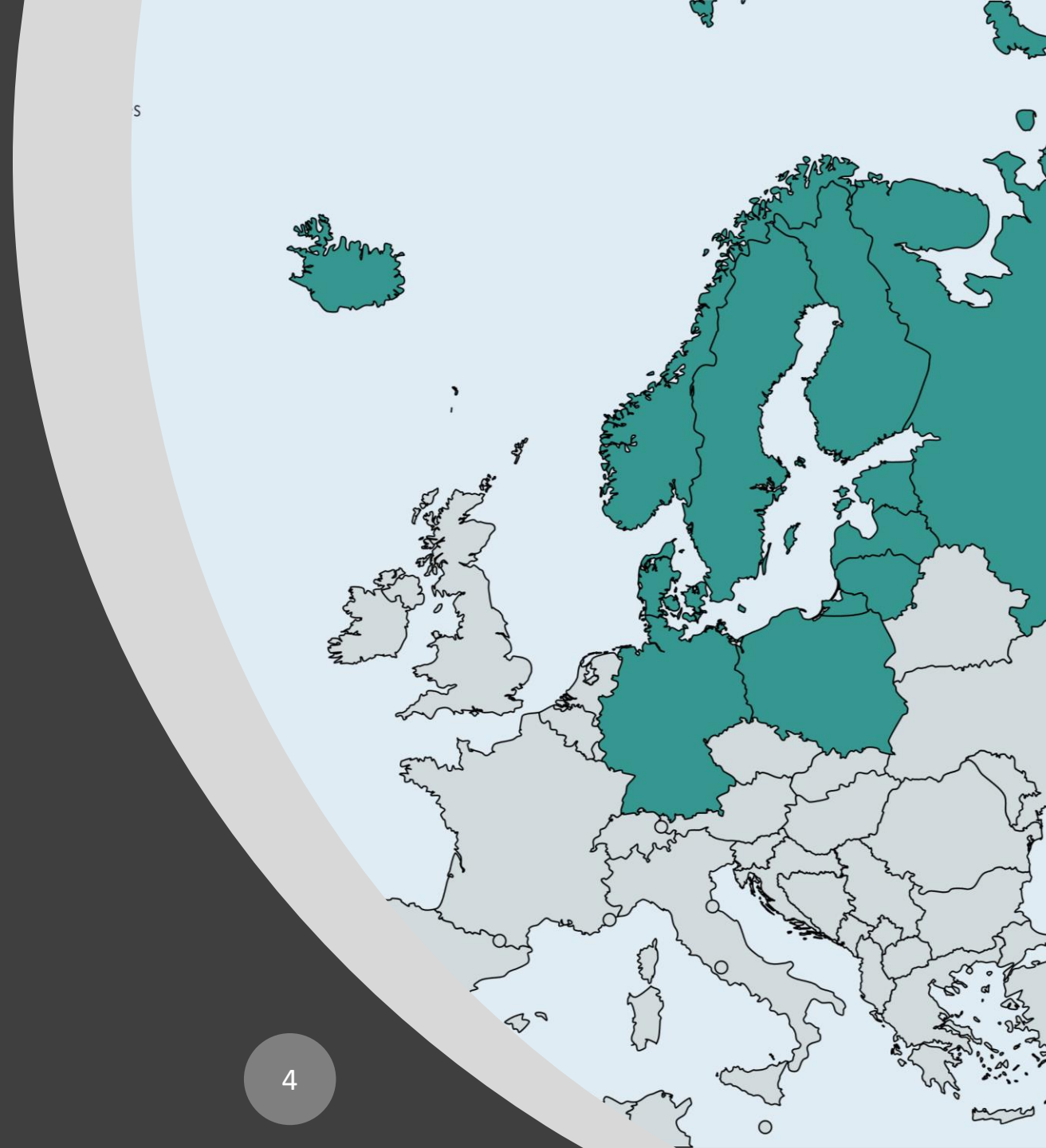
History

- **Copenhagen Declaration (1992)**
- **Riga Declaration (2008)**
- **Review of the CBSS
Long-Term Priorities (2014)**



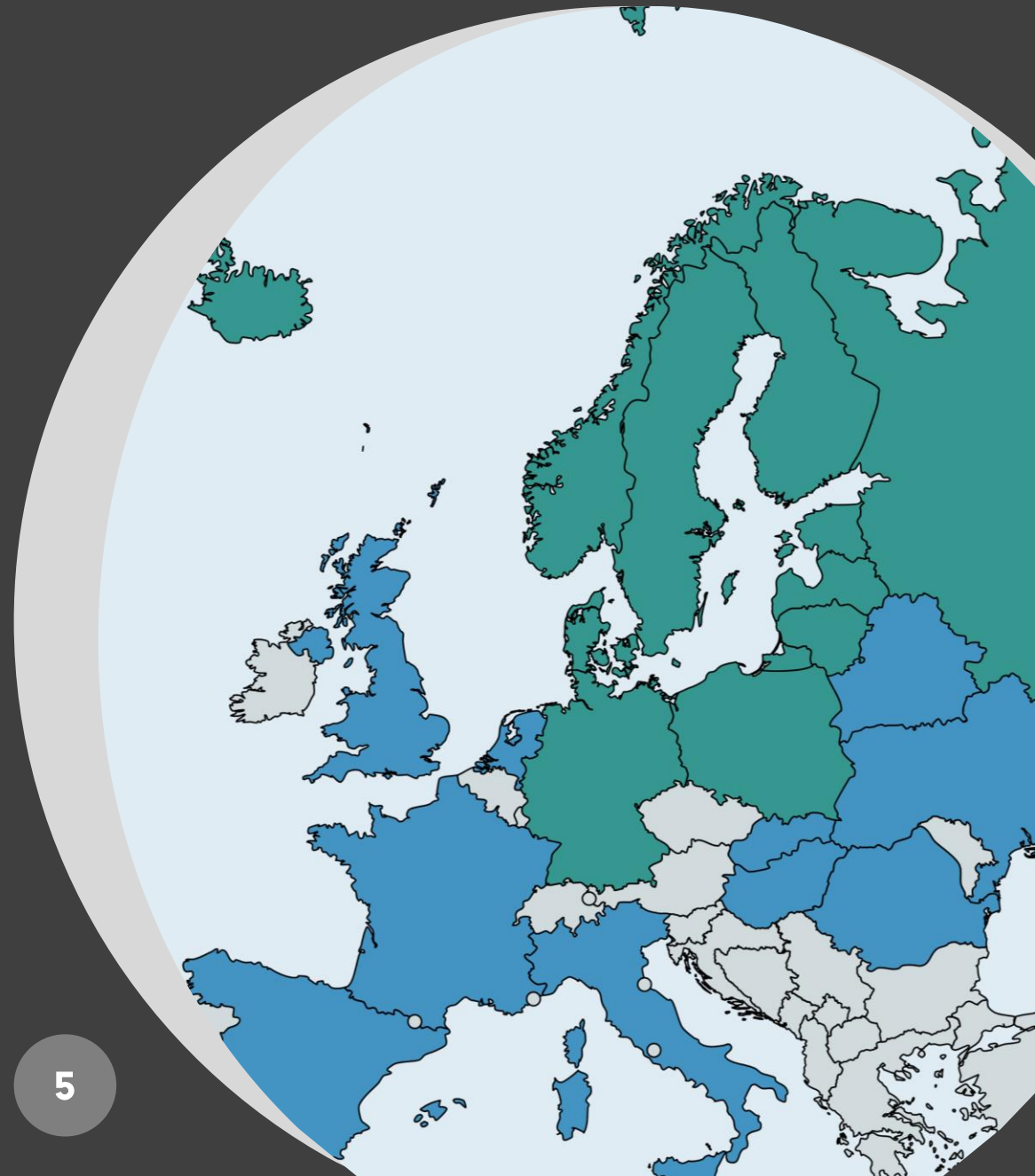
CBSS Member States

- Denmark
- Finland
- Iceland
- Lithuania
- Poland
- Sweden
- Estonia
- Germany
- Latvia
- Norway
- Russia
- + European Union



CBSS Observer States

- Belarus
- France
- Hungary
- Italy
- The Netherlands
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Ukraine
- UK
- USA



Danish Presidency 2019-2020

- **The Council Presidency rotates on an annual basis.**
- **Each Presidency lays down priorities**
- **The foreign minister of the presiding country coordinates the Council's activities assisted by the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO)**



CBSS Permanent International Secretariat in Stockholm

- **Assists the Presidency**
- **Increases visibility**
- **Provides technical and organisational support**
- **Ensures continuity**
- **Maintains contacts with other organisations, the national authorities and the media**



Committee of Senior Officials

**High ranking
representatives of the
Ministries of Foreign Affairs
of the Member States and
the European Union.**



Function of the CSO

- **Discussion forum**
- **Decision-making body between Council Meetings**



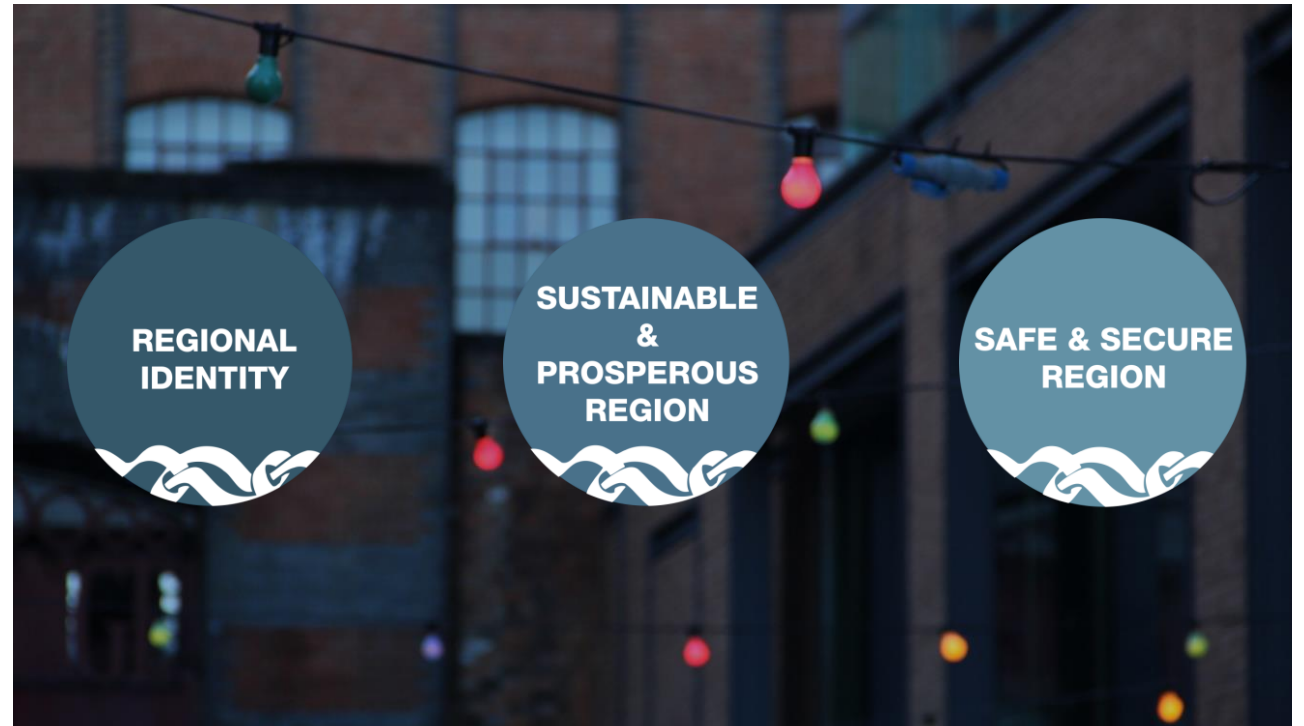
Decision making process is based on consensus

Function of the CSO

- **The CSO monitors, facilitates and aims to coordinate the work of the Expert Groups, the Task Force & coordinates the work undertaken within the three long-term priorities**



Three Long Term Priorities



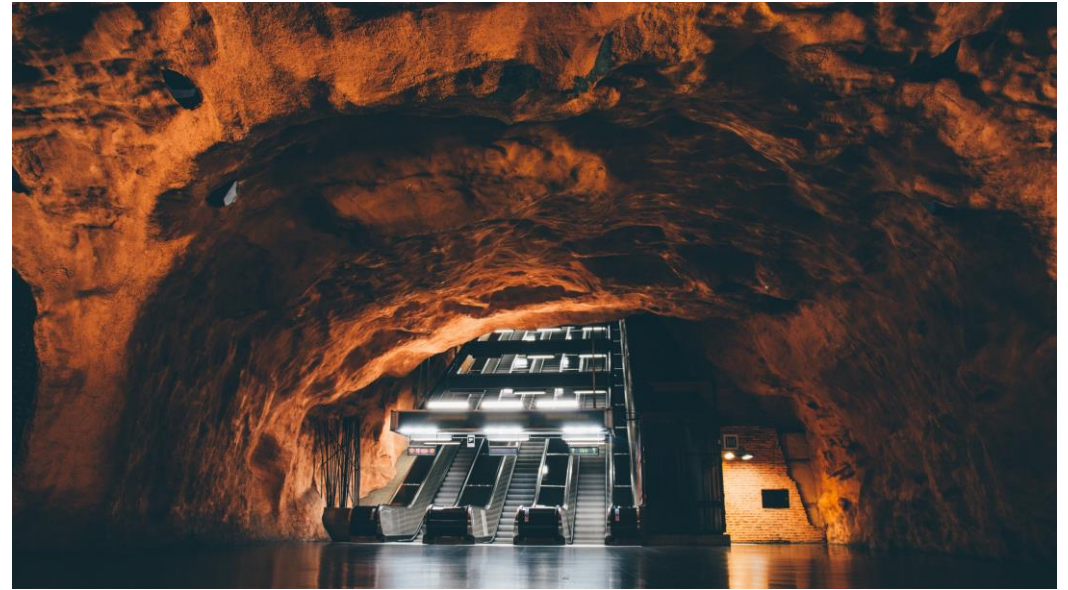
Regional Identity

To foster a Baltic Sea Region identity and intensify contacts supporting its further development.



Safe and Secure Region

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.



UN Sendai Framework implementation in the Baltic Sea Region

- **CASCADE project seeks to improve urban resilience in cities and towns, as well as the overall macro-regional resilience.**
- **The project also strives to initiate a region-wide policy dialogue on the UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction**
- **The expected outcome: adapt existing risk assessment methodology to the climate change context and tailor it to the local level**



Task Force Against Trafficking in Human Beings (TF – THB)

- Aims to develop the BSR as a model region in identification and provision of comprehensive and sustainable assistance to victims of human trafficking.
- Actions aim at strengthening assistance to victims, promoting cooperation, abolishing gaps in existing approaches and improving legislation in the Member States.



**Harmonised
Operational
Framework**
in the Baltic Sea Region

human trafficking
A CRIME THAT IS ALL
OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Children at Risk - CAR

- Aims to safeguard the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) and the more recent UN Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children (2009)
- platform for regional cooperation on issues relevant to support children at risk.
- Activities and programmes carried out together with national authorities and international and national NGOs



Sustainable and Prosperous Region

To develop the Baltic Sea Region as a model region of sustainable societies able to manage and use resources efficiently, to tap the economic, technological, ecological and social innovation potential of the region in order to ensure its prosperity, environmental protection and social cohesion.





Regional response to a global challenge

- **Baltic 2030 Action Plan – Implementing the UN 2030 Agenda in the Baltic Sea Region.**
- **Specifically tailored for the BSR to guide macro-regional stakeholders through the implementation of the SDGs.**

Roadmap of the CBSS Reforms and Jūrmala Declaration – June 2019



After fruitful discussions, acknowledgement of the Latvian Presidency's accomplishments and future considerations, Jūrmala Declaration and Roadmap were adopted, marking the way forward for CBSS reset that will be concluded by the end of the Danish presidency in 2020.

Ministerial Sessions

CBSS High Level Meeting (Jūrmala, Latvia – June 2019)

Stockholm Ministerial (Stockholm, Sweden – June 2018)

Reykjavík Ministerial (Reykjavík, Iceland – June 2017)

Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Warsaw, Poland – June 2016)

Line Ministries

CBSS High-Level Meeting on Labour (Oslo, Norway – August 2019)

CBSS High Level Meeting on Science (Riga, Latvia – February 2019)

CBSS Labour Ministers Meeting (Berlin, Germany – June 2017)

1st Science Ministerial (Krakow, Poland – June 2016)

**9th Conference of the Ministers of Culture of the Baltic Sea (Gdansk,
Poland – September 2015)**

Co-coordination EUSBSR



Neighbours



Climate



Secure

Communication

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for your
attention!**

