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# SI Baltic Sea Neighbourhood Programme – Cooperation projects

## Enclosure 1: Project Relevance

Call for funding with application deadline 15 February 2024

**Applicant organisation**

**Project acronym**

**Project title**

**Contact person**

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## About this enclosure

This enclosure “Project relevance” for cooperation projects focuses on the chosen regional challenge or opportunity as well as policy connection and regional relevance. The overall goal with the grant type cooperation projects is to deepen and further develop cooperation. For example, you can use the funding to build networks and platforms or develop and test models and methods etc. Your application must be designed in accordance with the overall goal of the grant type. For further instructions on how to fill in the answers see respective question in this document.

## Regional challenge or opportunity

* 1. **Describe the common challenge or opportunity that your project will address.**

*Maximum 2 000 characters*

* 1. **Describe why this challenge or opportunity benefits from transnational cooperation instead of (each country) working on national level only.**

*Maximum 1 500 characters*

* 1. **Briefly describe *how* your project relates to and/or is different from other similar/complementary initiatives or projects in the programme region.**

We recommend to at least check: the SI project database at <https://si.se/en/projects-granted-funding/> and <https://keep.eu> You may also refer to other project databases or other relevant information sources. Don´t forget your own projects/initiatives and previous SI funded projects your partnership has been involved in (if they are relevant to this project application).

*Maximum 1 500 characters*

## Policy connection and regional relevance

In this part, you are asked to connect your identified challenge/opportunity to a relevant policy framework. As indicated in the Instructions, there are two overarching and important policy frameworks for the region: The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the framework for the EU Eastern Partnership (part A below).

If you cannot demonstrate regional relevance for the overall aim of the project based on the above strategies, you can refer to other relevant strategies and frameworks, e.g., within the EU and internationally (part B below). Part B can also be used as a complement even if your project application fits into part A.

Please note that you must later mention the same policies/strategies in the online application portal.

## A/ EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and EU’s Eastern Partnership (EaP)

Please see description of and links to the EUSBSR and EaP in section 5 of the Instructions.

* 1. **If your project challenge/opportunity connects to the EUSBSR, state the (1) policy area that your project contributes to (the same as checked in the online portal, if any) or other key features mentioned in the Action plan**

You find the 14 policy areas and its specified actions in the EUSBSR Action plan (<https://www.eusbsr.eu/action-plan>)

Click to select your answer

* 1. **State the action(s) within your chosen policy area specified in 2.1 that your project contributes to.**

If you instead focus on other key features mentioned in the Action plan, please state here, and refer to the Action plan. Other key features could for instance be climate change, transparent participation, inclusiveness, multi-level governance etc.

*Maximum 600 characters*

* 1. **Describe *how* your project contributes to the action(s) of your chosen policy area.**

If you instead focus on other key features mentioned in the Action plan, please describe your contribution here.

*Maximum 1 500 characters*

* 1. **If relevant and if your project includes countries within the EU’s Eastern Partnership (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine), state which one (1) of the five (5) objectives for post-2020 Eastern Partnership priorities your project contributes to (the same as checked in the online portal, if any.)**

See the list of five objectives for post-2020 Eastern Partnership in section 4 of the Instruction.

Click to select your answer

* 1. **Describe *how* your project contributes to your chosen objective for post-2020 Eastern Partnership priorities.**

*Maximum 1 500 characters*

## B/ Other EU policy frameworks/strategies and international policy frameworks or strategies

If you cannot demonstrate regional relevance for the overall aim of the project based on the above strategies, please refer to other relevant strategies and frameworks, e.g., within the EU and internationally. This part can also be used as a complement even if your project application fits into part A.

* 1. **If your project connects to other EU or international policy frameworks or strategies, please name the one (1) most relevant. Describe in what way it is relevant for your project and the region.**

*Maximum 2 000 characters*