



BaltMet Network - Perspectives for Innovation Promotion

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Mayors of capital cities in the Baltic Sea Region working together since 2002

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Mission

To promote innovativeness and competitiveness of the Baltic Sea Region by engaging cities as well as academic and business partners into close cooperation



Baltic Metropolises – Pool of potentials

- **Baltic Metropolises, together with the surrounding areas, are home to almost 25 million inhabitants – every fourth citizen of the Baltic Sea region**
- **The joint annual GDP of the 11 cities is approx. EUR 400 billion**
- **There are more than 130 universities and approximately 200 universities of applied sciences or polytechnics, university colleges and academies with a total number of students and academic staff of around 1.7 million. Every fourth inhabitant has a higher education degree.**
- **There are approximately 800 research institutions. Over EUR 20 billion, including business expenditure, is invested in research and development annually (47% of the total R&D input of the Baltic Sea region)**
- **The total budget spending of the metropolises was EUR 43 billion in 2006**



Lisbon agenda does not expire in 2010

Continuous work is needed for the sake of the sustainable economic, social and environmental development of Europe



Focus areas of BaltMet Action Plan 2008 – 2010

1. Innovation promotion
2. Regional identity building and marketing
3. Infrastructure and sustainable development
4. Integration and capitalisation of urban expertise



1. Innovation promotion

1.1. Undertake activities to facilitate joint cluster development and to support promotion of science-based entrepreneurship through cooperation between business incubators, transfer of tools, and exchange of expertise

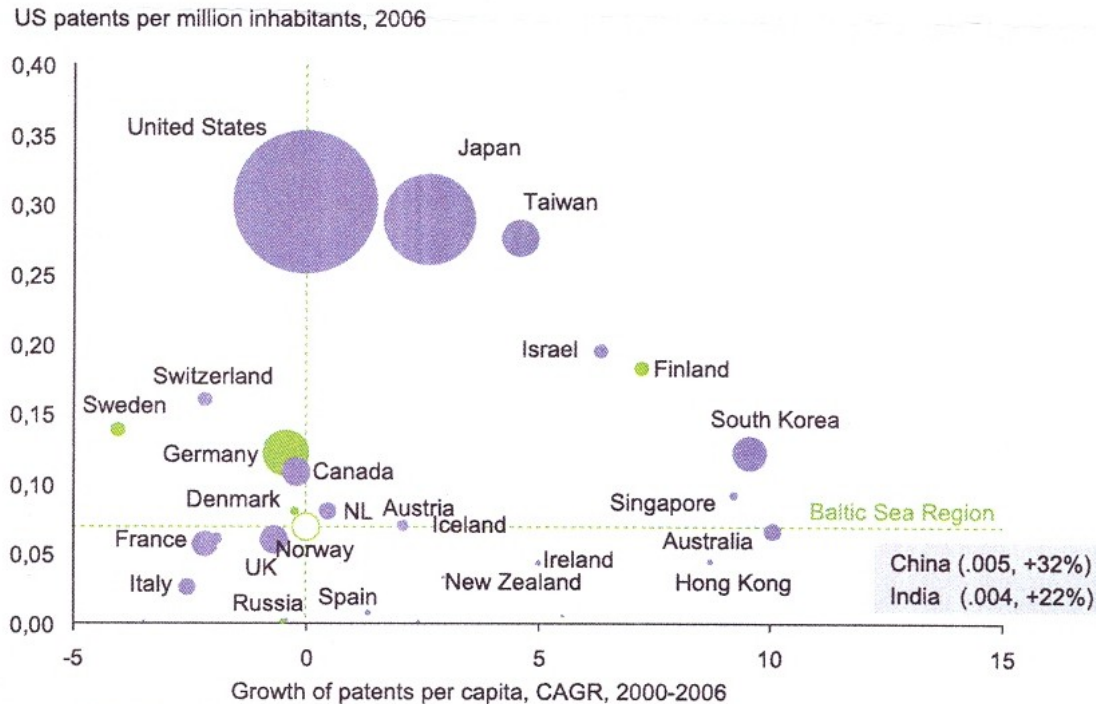
1.2. Undertake joint actions to foster the development of creative industries in the metropolises

1.3. Promote strengthening of cooperation among cities and partners in the development of existing and establishment of new science and technology centers

1.4. Explore the possibilities of public procurement in introducing and using new, innovative products and services



Leading countries in knowledge creation



State of the Region-Report 2007



2. Regional identity building and marketing

2.1. Support the events building the identity of the Baltic Sea

Region locally and internationally, as well as promote city cooperation in the area of marketing, including joint representation at international and global forums

2.2. Explore and launch activities for the unified Baltic Sea Region promotion project from a metropolitan perspective.



3. Infrastructure and sustainable development

3.1. Cooperate in field of innovative and sustainable city planning and development

3.2. Foster the improvement of the surface transport infrastructure (e.g., rail connections) in the Baltic Sea Region

3.3. Support the Baltic Sea Environmental Challenge and European Green Capital Award initiatives

3.4. Promote the exchange of experience in Private-Public-Partnership models in development of modern infrastructure in municipalities



4. Integration & capitalisation of urban expertise

4.1. Promote mutual information exchange and jointly improve the services in the information/communication field via the BaltMet InfoForum initiative

4.2. Explore to develop a model of exchanging the staff of the city administration departments, universities and enterprises established on the basis of the BaltMet Exchange pilot project

4.3. Support the member-cities collaboration and experience exchange in the management of metropolitan health care



Thank You!