

Interreg Baltic Sea Region  
1st Call for Applications  
Timeline: 02 December 2014 – 02 February 2015  
Annex to Concept Note

### Letter of Commitment

for a project applying as a flagship project of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region's Action Plan

**Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection in Poland** and the **Ministry of the Environment of Finland** as the **Priority Area Nutri Coordinator** of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region's Action Plan, hereby expresses its support to the project **Baltic Blue Growth - Initiation of large-scale mussel farming in the Baltic Sea, Baltic Blue Growth (BBG)** led by East Sweden Region from Sweden and its application for funding from the Interreg Baltic Sea Region 2014-2020.

We confirm that the project has potential to become a flagship project "Baltic Blue Growth - Initiation of large-scale mussel farming in the Baltic Sea" of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and contributes to achieving the objectives of **Action 2: Managing nutrients more efficiently** - Promote measures and practices which support nutrient recycling and of **Action 4: Investigate cost-efficient nutrient reduction mechanisms** - Study and cooperate in developing new sustainable innovative and socio-economic means for cost-efficient nutrient reductions.

The concept note of the project demonstrates a realistic approach to develop a high quality full project application. The objective of the envisaged project is important in realising the overall objectives of Priority Area Nutri. This project aims at harvesting nutrients from the Baltic Sea to counteract eutrophication. Mussel farming produces high-value protein, and is one available method to counteract eutrophication from diffuse sources. Thus, feed-mussel farming can be seen contributing to "closing the nutrient loop", a measure to sustainable livestock farming and development of the Baltic Sea affected by eutrophication. Finally the aim is to facilitate a cross-sectorial policy-oriented dialogue among all sectors with an impact on eutrophication to develop an integrated approach to reduce nutrients in the sea by mussel-farms.

In case the project is funded by the Interreg Baltic Sea Region 2014-2020, we will follow its implementation and support it in achieving the planned results. We will also include the project in the reporting to the EU Commission as part of the progress within the Priority Area Nutri and disseminate project's results.



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