



AP 2 - Updated questionnaire survey with the Reference Group

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Timeline and the respondents

- Reference Group: PACs, HALs, NCPs and 30 pan-Baltic organisations
- Original time of the questionnaire 17 April - 15 May 2012;
=> update 20 June – 3 August 2012
- 24 replies from the Reference Group (6 new)
 - 7 PACs
 - 4 horizontal action leaders
 - 3 NCP
 - 10 pan-Baltic organisations

Results of the questionnaire study (1/8)

1. Relevance of the thematic objectives

(1) strengthening research, technological development and innovation	2.2
(2) enhancing access to, and use and quality of, information and communication technologies	1.6
(3) enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises	1.7
(4) supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors	1.8
(5) promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management;	2.0
(6) protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency	2.5
(7) promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures	2.2
(8) promoting employment and supporting labour mobility	1.6
(9) promoting social inclusion and combating poverty	1.3
(10) investing in education, skills and lifelong learning	1.7
(11) enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration.	1.9

Results of the questionnaire study (3/8)

a) Contribution to the EUSBSR

- The Programme should stay as an important funding source supporting the implementation of the main goals of the Strategy
- A variety of ways of support was mentioned, but none mentioned more than 2 times

Results of the questionnaire study (4/8)

b) What types of projects

- Most mentioned: implementation of existing strategies and policies e.g. through pilot investments and other projects with tangible and visible outcomes.
- Policy development mentioned as well.
- New aspects: interlinked long-term projects, financing of meta-regions (different size/type of projects)

Results of the questionnaire study (5/8)

c) Transnational pilot investments

- Clear support
- No specific type of investment appeared as the most relevant

d) Cooperation with Russia and Belarus

- All topics relevant
- Environmental and transport topics most often mentioned

Results of the questionnaire study (6/8)

e) Cooperation between projects

- Clearly supported (reference often to current clustering)
- Cross-programme co-operation mentioned as well

f) Private sector participation

- Involvement clearly supported
- Variety of topics mentioned, none appeared as the most relevant
- How to attract: e.g. better solutions to State Aid rules and reduction of administrative burden

Results of the questionnaire study (7/8)

g) Shift from grants to financial instruments

- Not supported (often the question not answered)
- A link to financial instruments supported

h) Support measures by the Programme

- A variety of supporting measures mentioned
- Most often mentioned: training events (in particular in financial matters), seed money and more support to preparation of application

Results of the questionnaire study (8/8)

i) How to reduce administrative burden

- Most often mentioned: simplification of financial reporting
- Several times mentioned: standardised forms and procedures in all EU programmes



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