

# THE CENTRAL BALTIC INTERREG IV A Programme 2007–2013

The Central Baltic INTERREG IV A Programme 2007–2013 is a new cross-border co-operation programme under the European Territorial Cooperation Objective covering regions from Estonia, Finland including the Åland Islands, Latvia and Sweden with an allocation from the European Regional Development Fund of more than 100 MEUR for the years 2007–2013.

The Programme was approved by the European Commission on 21 December 2007 and consists of the overall **Central Baltic Programme**, the **Southern Finland – Estonia** and the **Archipelago and Islands Sub-programmes**.

The common priorities of all three programmes are:

1. Safe and healthy environment
2. Economically competitive and innovative region
3. Attractive and dynamic societies

Within these common priorities, the Central Baltic Programme and the two sub-programmes have their specific focuses deriving from geographical and thematic needs and opportunities of the respective area. These focus areas are described in this brochure.

Project developers and owners can find support and guidance from the programme's Joint Technical Secretariat with its Main Office in Turku/Finland, Sub-secretariats in Mariehamn/Åland and Tallinn/Estonia as well as Info Points in Riga/Latvia and Stockholm/Sweden. (See back side for contact information.)



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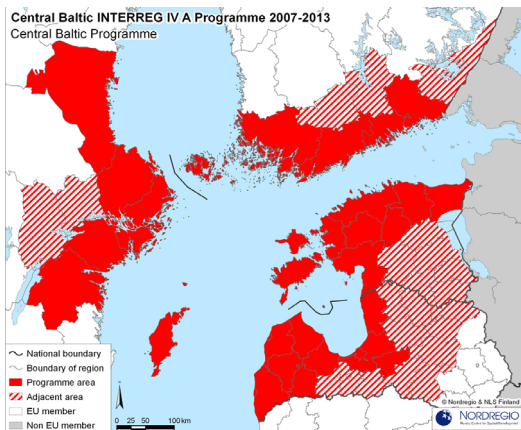


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# CENTRAL BALTIC PROGRAMME



The Central Baltic Programme covers the whole programme area (Estonia, Finland including Åland Islands, Latvia and Sweden). Projects applying for funding from the Central Baltic Programme must have partners from at least two of these countries. Bilateral Finnish-Estonian projects as well as projects focusing on sea islands and archipelago issues, however, have to apply for funding from the Southern Finland – Estonia or the Archipelago and Islands Sub-programme.

## Priority 1

### Safe and healthy environment

- Environmental awareness raising and expertise
- Supporting sustainable spatial planning and environmental management

## Priority 2

### Economically competitive and innovative region

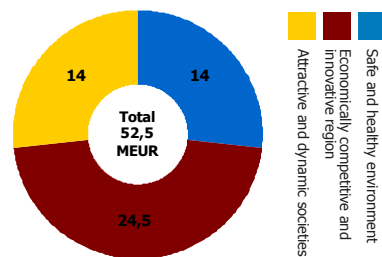
- Supporting innovation and improving competitiveness
- Improving internal and external accessibility
- Optimising the potential of the labour force

## Priority 3

### Attractive and dynamic societies

- Improving living conditions and social inclusion
- Increasing cultural exchange

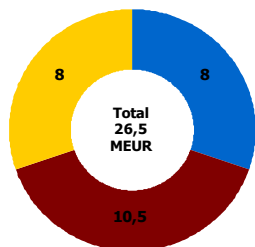
## FUNDING IN MEUR PER PRIORITY



# SOUTHERN FINLAND – ESTONIA SUB-PROGRAMME

The programme area of the Southern Finland – Estonia Sub-programme covers the participating regions in Southern Finland (except Åland Islands) and Estonia. Projects applying for funding from the sub-programme have to have partners from both Southern Finland and Estonia. Projects focusing on sea islands and archipelago issues, however, have to apply for funding from the Archipelago and Islands Sub-programme.

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## Priority 1

### Safe and healthy environment

- Maintaining and improving the condition of the natural environment
- Taking responsibility for our physical environment

## Priority 2

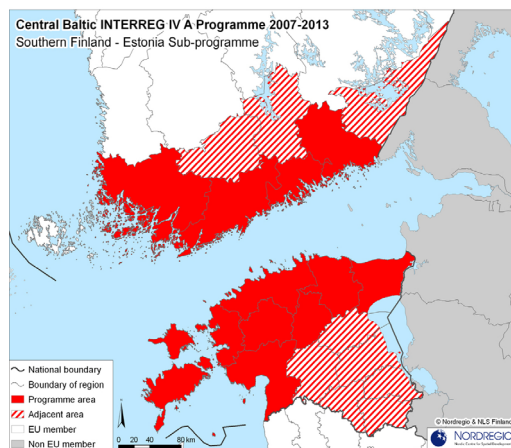
### Economically competitive and innovative region

- Improving connections within the programme area
- Creating and supporting innovative and competitive environments
- Meeting challenges of the labour market

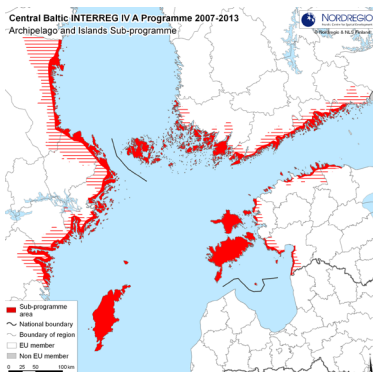
## Priority 3

### Attractive and dynamic societies

- Social security and well-being of different groups in society
- Stimulating and preserving our heritage and culture



# ARCHIPELAGO AND ISLANDS SUB-PROGRAMME



The Archipelago and Islands Sub-programme covers municipalities with archipelago parts, archipelago municipalities and islands in Estonia, Finland including Åland Islands and Sweden. Projects applying for funding from the sub-programme have to have partners from the Central Baltic Programme area from the countries participating in this sub-programme and at least one partner from the Archipelago and Islands Sub-programme area. Further, project activities should always benefit the island and archipelago parts of the sub-programme area.

## Priority 1

### Safe and healthy environment

- Sustainable infrastructure
- Raising environmental awareness (finding new ways)

## Priority 2

### Economically competitive and innovative region

- Sustainable tourism
- Knowledge based economy
- Developing archipelago and island specific economic activities
- Supporting accessibility to and information about the archipelago and the islands

## Priority 3

### Attractive and dynamic societies

- Social and demographic issues, especially young people

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