



Euroregion Baltic Standpoint on the thematic scope of the future South Baltic CBC programme

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1. Euroregion Baltic stresses the need for an open dialogue involving local and regional actors in order to define a specific profile of the programme. Such a profile should address well the most urgent joint challenges within the programme area and be enforced by carefully selected thematic priorities with a strong and clear focus.
2. Euroregion Baltic is aware that at this early stage of the programming work the South Baltic programme partners will need to demonstrate flexibility; being part of the process Euroregion Baltic is ready to do so.
3. Euroregion Baltic supports the following thematic scope for the South Baltic CBC programme 2014-2020 (within the 11 thematic priorities for cross-border ETC programmes proposed in the ETC regulation in Article 5):
 - TP 3: Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises,
 - TP 6: Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency.
4. Notwithstanding the indication above the Euroregion Baltic partners believe that challenges related to youth and labour market remain important for the programme area.

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