

In his speech delivered at the Council meeting in Elbląg on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2004, Mr Jan Kozłowski highlighted eight areas of focus during the Polish presidency in Euroregion Baltic. They were identified as:

1. Continuation to develop the long-term strategy for ERB within the Seagull Project;
2. More activities in a conscious implementation of the Second Northern Dimension Action Plan;
3. Contribution to the implementation of the Lisbon Strategy;
4. More active participation in the European debate and relevant lobbying activities;
5. Further promotion of ERB activities;
6. Continuation to improve the efficiency of ERB's activities;
7. Activities to improve Maritime Safety;
8. Other initiatives.

Below is a summary of the activities initiated and continued within these eight focus areas during the Polish presidency in 2004 and 2005.

### **1. Continuation to develop the long-term strategy for ERB within the Seagull Project**

During 2004 and 2005 much of the work carried out within the Interreg III B Seagull Project focused on the constructing process of the Joint Transnational Development Programme. Its First Draft, approved by the ERB Board members, recommended five priority areas of future development activities in the region. These are:

1. Improving competitive business environment;
2. Enhancing labour market cooperation;
3. Facilitating the implementation of EU energy and environment policies;
4. Supporting the Kaliningrad Region with respect to the Programme's activities;
5. Exchanging good practice and bench-marking activities.

The JTDP document with its five areas of priority constituted the key subject of the Gdańsk Conference, held between 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2004 in a joint effort by the Seagull Project Management and Phare CBC-funded initiative of the Pomerania Region. The debates were conducted in eight parallel workshops, whose conclusions contributed to the Second Draft of the Joint Transnational Development Programme, enumerating thirteen prioritised actions to be implemented in ERB in the next ten, fifteen years. These are:

1. Establishment of an ERB Committee for Innovation and SME Development;
2. Transport Infrastructure actions;
3. Establishment of a Rural Development Academy;
4. Targeted measures to enhance the development of enterprises in environment and energy techniques and products;
5. Analyses and action proposals for tourism development. Creation of a working group for tourism development.

*Actions 1 -5 refer to Priority Area 1 on Improving Competitive Business Environment*

6. Conducting a study report describing the labour market in ERB, and working out an education programme to be implemented during the two following years.

*Action 6 refers to Priority Area 2 on Enhancing Labour Market Cooperation*

7. Establishment of an ERB Water Forum;
  8. Promotion of a joint ERB corporate body of university and post graduate school expertise;
- Actions 7 -8 refer to Priority Area 3 on Implementing EU energy and environment policies*

9. Special support to the Kaliningrad region concerning the prioritised actions
- Action 9 refers to Priority Area 4 on Supporting the Kaliningrad Region with respect to the JTDP activities*

10. Exchange programme for regional and local officials and NGO representatives;

11. Establishment of an arena for intensified twinning;

12. Introduction of a database

13. Development of ERB's own Neighbourhood Programme

*Actions 10 – 13 refer to Priority Area 5 on Exchanging good practice and benchmarking activities.*

These proposals are being sent out to the member regions for comments in order to enable necessary analyses and discussions in relation to the members' own development plans. The Final Draft of the Joint Transnational Development Programme will be presented for approval to the ERB Council members on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2005 in Klaipeda.

Simultaneous activities to that of the Seagull Work Package 1 on JTDP were conducted throughout 2004 also by the Seagull's remaining Work Packages and aimed at formulating their final findings in the form of written reports. Four such reports were produced in 2004:

1. Report 3-2004: The Lyckeby River – Nature, Culture and Environment. The water Management Association;
2. Report 4-2004: Innovative Centres and SME's as Vehicles in Regional Development;
3. Report 5-2004: Gender Equality in Euroregion Baltic
4. Report 6-2004: Rural Areas in Euroregion Baltic.

## **2. More activities in a conscious implementation of the Second Northern Dimension Action Plan**

The Second Northern Dimension Action Plan recommended a number of activities to be implemented in relation to its five priorities. Priority 4, i.e. Crossborder Cooperation constituted natural grounds for Euroregion Baltic to stimulate and conduct initiatives in the area of innovative potential, environmental protection, economic, social and rural development. All these remained the key elements within the Interreg III B-funded Seagull Project, with the assisting Latvian and Polish Phare components, as well as the Russian Tacis component.

Euroregion Baltic participated in the development process of the trilateral Poland-Lithuania-Russia Interreg III A Programme which strives to ensure the full commitment of the Kaliningrad regional and local authorities to the cooperative initiative of the EU and the Russian Federation and allows the implementation of crossborder projects dealing with economic and social development, environmental

and health issues, adequate infrastructure on the border crossings and efficient border management.

Small cooperation projects were as intensive in 2004 as in the previous years, mainly due to the Phare CBC Programme, managed by the Polish Secretariat. Although the Polish public institutions naturally constituted the largest group of beneficiaries, most of the ERB member regions also became involved in the projects implemented in the areas of culture, tourism, environment, equal opportunities, social care, professional and transparent regional and local management.

19 projects started with the participation of Russian partners, amounting to the total of over EUR 300,000. Among them was also a continuation of the successful series of the *Transborder Network* involving training sessions, whereby knowledge and experience were transferred between Polish, Lithuanian and Russian local authorities, NGO's and public institutions. The cooperation included instances of economic activities, too. The Phare CBC Programme supported two projects initiated by the Pomeranian Chamber of Commerce, and the authorities of Starogard Gdański, aiming at the exchange of experience and organisation of the Economic Forum, respectively. Another good example of the recent initiative including all our members is the youth project with its objective of producing a film which will present the life of youths throughout the region. Its additional durable result will be the establishment of a permanent network of regional young representatives to the ERB Board.

### **3. Contribution to the implementation of the Lisbon Strategy**

The Conference in Gdańsk provided a platform to discuss relations between the ERB Joint Transnational Development Programme and the Lisbon Strategy. Particular focus was placed on the issues of transport infrastructure, innovative potential, and labour market cooperation, each dealt with in detail by a separate workshop.

The Conference Workshop 7 on transport infrastructure, with the guest attendance of the SEBTransLink Project Management, concluded with a concrete recommendation that ERB should be used as an arena for offensive political discussions on transport infrastructure development. This recommendation now constitutes *JTDP Action 2* as a proposal to establish an ERB Transport Committee involving politicians, businesses and experts from the projects of South Baltic Arc, SEBTransLink, and Baltic Gateway. The Conference Workshop 2 on innovative centres and clusters concluded with recommendations that ERB continues developing networks and sets up learning centres implementing the triple helix cooperation. These recommendations are now part of *JTDP Action 1* as a proposal to facilitate the establishment and administration of cooperative networks and match-making activities, including particular focus on micro companies that are of special importance to the region.

The Conference Workshop 8 on labour market cooperation recommended that ERB uses European Employment Strategy as a tool in its cooperation activities, giving priority to educational efforts. This is particularly important due to high sensitivity of the employment issue. This recommendation constructs *JTDP Action 6* as a proposal to conduct a report describing the ERB labour market, and to develop an educational programme to be targeted at public and private sector employers and employees.

All three proposals are also included in the recommended activities for the Interreg III B BSR project to be submitted in March 2005 and led by ERB International Permanent Secretariat.

### **4. More active participation in the European debate and relevant lobbying activities**

Euroregion Baltic representatives actively participated in the events organised within the region, e.g. in 12<sup>th</sup> Annual BSSSC Conference, held in Malmo between 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2004, discussing the quality of life issues, and how the regional level can contribute to the improvement of the tools necessary for the positive development of the region.

Most importantly, however, ERB initiated events which addressed the crucial European policies and functional responsibilities that our euroregion could adopt in their implementation. The Gdańsk Conference in December 2004 focused on the ERB Joint Transnational Development Programme and its relation to the Lisbon Strategy, European Employment Strategy in discussions involving both ERB and EU representatives.

On 24 – 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 a meeting for the ERB Board was convened in Brussels with the guest attendance by the EU Regional Policy Commissioner, Ms Danuta Hübner, Polish EMP, Mr Jan Olbrycht, Head of DG Relex ENP General Coordination Unit, Mr Alistair MacDonald, Head of DG Regio Interreg Unit, Mr Esben Poulsen, and representatives of the national and regional offices to the European Union. Apart from its statutory function, the meeting enabled ERB representatives to voice their opinions, ask questions and express concerns on such EU proposals as the New Structural Funds' Objective 3 and the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument. The meeting was clearly an important contribution to existing European debates and also an opportunity for Euroregion Baltic to become more visible and make a stand as an effective organisation, ready to face the challenges that the future will bring to the Europe of the Regions.

Additionally, the newly established structure within Euroregion Baltic, its International Permanent Secretariat took part in a number of seminars, conferences and consultations held throughout Europe in 2004 and 2005.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2004 July ERB participated in the discussion invited by the Lithuanian Ministries of Interior and Foreign Affairs on the future challenges and opportunities for euroregions. The debate attracted other Euroregions and representatives of the EU Commission and Committee of the Regions and included the subjects of the 2004 – 2006 Interreg Programmes, as well as the European Neighbourhood Policy.

On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2004 ERB was represented at the Euroregional Forum organised by the Polish Ministry of Interior, dealing in particular with the questions of security across the borders. Similar focus was placed on the discussions at the Conference held in Gdańsk on 10 – 12<sup>th</sup> September by the Marshal's Office of Pomeranian Voivodeship and SETA, entitled: *EU Enlargement: Poland and the New Neighbours*.

The Secretariat of the Association of European Border Regions invited ERB to participate in its Annual Conference, organised between 7 – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2004 in Szczecin. The Conference focused on the new proposals by the European Commission concerning crossborder cooperation, e.g. Structural Funds Objective 3 and European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument. AEBR also awarded Euroregion Baltic with the diploma for achievements in the field of crossborder cooperation.

On 26<sup>th</sup> October 2004 the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Polish Senate (Upper House of the Parliament) held a meeting on future perspectives for crossborder cooperation organisations, especially on the European Union's external borders with reference to the proposal of establishing the legal framework for European Groupings of Crossborder Cooperation.

On 8<sup>th</sup> February 2005 ERB was represented in the debate of the Experts' Group from the Visegrad Countries on the comparison between the two documents proposing to provide for the future crossborder cooperation: EU European Groupings of Crossborder Cooperation and Protocol 3 to the Madrid Convention prepared by the Council of Europe.

## **5. Further promotion of ERB activities**

The Conference in Gdańsk was held between 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2004 in a joint effort by the Seagull Project Management and Phare CBC-funded initiative of the Pomerania Region. The conference attracted more than 130 participants representing ERB member regions, the Committee of the Regions, Interreg III B Joint Secretariat, SwedBank, Economic Research Institute in Gdańsk, Baltic Economic Research

Institute in Kalmar, Pomeranian Centre for Research and Environmental Technologies, Pomeranian Special Economic Zone, etc. The First Draft of the Joint Transnational Development Programme, outlining the preconditions for the intensification of economic exchange and cooperation, as well as for the development of common strategies in support of regional industries, especially those cultivated by small and medium enterprises, became a basis of the debates. Other documents employed in the discussions included the Third Cohesion Report with proposals for the future structural funds, European Employment Strategy and European Spatial Planning Programme, all defining directions which ERB should follow and choices ERB should make in order to facilitate further progress within the region. Not least important in the conference were the reports drawn up as a result of the activities carried out within the Seagull work packages. Eight workshops were carried out parallelly on the issues of:

1. The draft ERB JTDP in the light of EU Territorial Cohesion policies
2. How to develop Innovative environments and Clusters in ERB, including Local Development Centres in smaller towns?
3. Tourism development – the potential to attract visitors to our region: what do we have to offer?
4. Why local mobilization? Rural development and bottom up approach in a EU perspective
5. Maritime safety – what role could ERB play?
6. Water management and trans-boundary cooperation – the future role of ERB
7. Transport infrastructure conditions prevailing in ERB – need for improvement
8. Labour market cooperation within ERB: European Employment Strategy

The conclusions drawn up from each of the workshops are now available at the ERB website at [www.eurobalt.org](http://www.eurobalt.org), and became the starting point while formulating concrete prioritised actions within the Second Draft of the Joint Transnational Development Programme (see Paragraph 1 above). One observation made as a concluding remark at the end of the conference by ERB President, Mr Jan Kozłowski was the realisation that regional cooperation can be an effective response to the problems and challenges that organisations like Euroregion Baltic are facing. However, such effective cooperation involves a strategy: a clear aim and direction, as well as the plan of action. The first two elements are already precisely defined in Euroregion Baltic while a proposal of concrete action is under discussion in the regions. In order to successfully combine these three elements ERB needs to make sure that on the one hand the involved decision makers, i.e. politicians in the whole Euroregion Baltic accept these developed visions, aims and directions, aims and directions and become their owners, and on the other hand, following the selection of proper activities they will find sufficient human and financial resources to implement them.

The ERB website was upgraded within the work of the Seagull Project Work Package 5 in order to accommodate more to the dissemination activities within our Euroregion and to host tool-boxes provided by the other Seagull Work Packages. Plans are being drawn up to extend the website with more of such facilities, which will make networking and benchmarking processes within ERB easier and more effective.

## **6. Continuation to improve the efficiency of ERB's activities**

Improving management procedures of cooperation among the ERB regions, which was initiated during the Danish presidency, remained one of the top priorities in 2004. During the historic ERB Council meeting which took place on 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 in Elbląg and marked the European Union Enlargement, the nine member regions decided to establish and support with financial contributions Euroregion Baltic

International Permanent Secretariat, which is hosted by and located at the Polish Secretariat in Elbląg. The Polish Secretariat provided IPS with premises, office furniture, electronic equipment and accounting services.

One of the first tasks for the International Permanent Secretariat was to create a task force, whose objective was to seek external financing for the Secretariat in order to enable it extend the scope of its responsibilities and perform them more efficiently. In result, an Interreg III B Seed Money Application was submitted and approved with the objective of preparing a quality project, involving all the ERB member regions in the capacity building process which will facilitate the implementation of the Joint Transnational Development Programme.

Webmeetings, which were introduced by the Danish presidency and proved an inexpensive communications means, continued in 2004 as a very effective tool for the ERB National Secretariats to meet on a regular basis and discuss matters relating to: e.g. the organisation of ERB Board and Council meetings, project consultations, and prompt exchange of information.

The Working Groups within Euroregion Baltic remained a somewhat unresolved issue in 2004. A significant number of experts and civil servants were obviously more closely connected with the Seagull Work Packages and contributed to their activities. However, the ERB Council and Board still need to seek a satisfying way of ensuring that ERB working groups remain active after they have been established and that they create permanent networks of cooperation around specific problems. An attempt to address the problem was voiced by the Danish partner as a proposal to implement a project, which will eventually result in the ERB Tourism Development Working Group.

Due to the tighter than expected budget of the International Secretariat (stronger Polish zloty in relation to Euro diminished the budget by almost 10%), as well as to the lack of proper editorial capacity within the ERB Secretariats it was impossible to start the publication process of an ERB international brochure. However, it remains an objective to pursue for IPS in 2005.

## **7. Activities to improve Maritime Safety**

The representatives of the Maritime Regions in the Southern Baltic Sea convened a meeting on 13 and 14 of May 2004 in Trelleborg, Sweden, at the initiative of SydSam, the Baltic Sea Seven Islands and Euroregion Baltic and unanimously adopted the following resolution:

### **The Maritime Regions in the Southern Baltic Sea recall**

1. That the Baltic Sea Region is an important trade and tourism area with expected economic growth due to the widening of the European Union and the Russian economical development,
2. That the Baltic Sea Region has great importance in fields of nature and environment protection,
3. That the Baltic Sea - especially the southern part - is one of the most heavily trafficked sea areas in the world with a major increase over the next 10-20 years,
4. That oil transportation is heading a major growth due to oil export from Russia and probably Baltic States,
5. That this development will increase the risks for ship accidents and maritime pollution with oil, chemicals and other environmental damaging loads,
6. That the regional and local societies to a high extent bear the ecological, the economic, the social and the political consequences of maritime accidents and sea pollution, and
7. That recent ship accidents demonstrate the need for further action in maritime safety in the Southern Baltic Sea.

**At the same time the Maritime Regions in the Southern Baltic Sea appreciate**

8. The efforts from IMO, UN's international maritime organization, to strengthen the general rules for maritime safety and the new Automatic Identification System (AIS) which is being implemented in 2004,
9. That HELCOM and national authorities have obtained IMO approval of the Baltic Sea - including international waters - to be classified as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA),
10. The efforts from the EU Commission regarding improved maritime safety i.e. the establishing of EMSA (European Maritime Safety Agency),
11. The efforts from the EU Parliament regarding improved maritime safety i.e. the report 2003/2235 INI concerning increased safety at sea.

**Therefore the Maritime Regions in the Southern Baltic Sea call upon the Baltic Sea States and EU**

12. To work rapidly for a harmonization in the Baltic Sea region regarding regulations, policies, practices and procedures pertaining to jurisdiction issues in the field of Maritime Safety. The Baltic Sea Region with its many similarities in terms of local maritime culture could serve as a model of harmonization with regard to maritime safety matters.
13. To take initiatives for an EU system with heavy sanctions to ensure that European and international regulations are respected. To connect trade agreements between countries with implementing conventions of sea safety.
14. To fully use the opportunities of the PSSA classification to prevent accidents by setting up local regulations consistent with IMO regulations in the Southern Baltic Sea for improved maritime safety and environmental protection with focus on compulsory routing and pilot duty.
15. To implement a common vessel control centre with monitoring programme/system of the maritime transports in the Southern Baltic Sea to prevent accidents. Such a vessel control centre must have full monitoring over the movements of all high risk ships and knowledge about destinations, cargoes etc.
16. To establish common contingency plans for response to accidents with major pollution of oil and chemicals and to establish sufficient oil collecting capacity at sea.
17. To take initiatives for possible IMO or EU systems that through economical benefits encourage ship owners to improve the safe guarding and environmental performance in ship operation beyond the international and national regulations ("green shipping", education of personnel etc).
18. To fully integrate the coastal regional authorities in organisation and implementation of the maritime safety system as described in the Nantes Declaration of October 14, 2003 given by representatives of European maritime regions at the initiative of CPMR. To encourage the ship owners and cargo owners to boost the financial assistance to marine educational institutions for strengthening of training on safety on shipping.
19. To implement the directive of places of refuge.

**And the Maritime Regions in the Southern Baltic Sea intend to strengthen their own involvement in maritime safety:**

20. The participating regions from each country will together address their national body(ies) responsible for the maritime safety to stress the interest of the regions of the Southern Baltic Sea to be better integrated in the national maritime safety system.
21. The regions will set up a political steering group with representatives from all regions with the following purpose:
  - i. To discuss and define the most useful role of the regions in the maritime safety system.

- ii. To exchange experiences, collect information of similarities and differences in the regions systems and organisations and propose interregional and cross border cooperation programmes and projects aiming at the maritime safety
- iii. To organise a biannual forum of the maritime regions in the Southern Baltic Sea for updating of the implementation of maritime safety measures in the area.
- iv. To invite other regions in the Baltic Sea to join the maritime safety efforts.

#### **Note from the Russian Party of Euroregion Baltic**

"The Russian Party of the Euroregion "Baltic" sharing concern on dangerous pollution of the Baltic Sea support prolongation of the discussion of measures to strengthen the maritime safety in the Baltic. At the same time, the Russian party can not agree with all provisions of the Draft of Trelleborg Declaration and consequently can not approve it."

A follow-up conference is being planned to be held in Gdańsk in Autumn 2005 and hosted by the Region of Pomerania, as a joint event by Euroregion Baltic, B7 and SydSam.

At its meeting in Brussels on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 ERB Board also supported the *Baltic MaSTER (Maritime Safety – Transport and Environment in the South Baltic Sea Region)* project, a joint initiative by Region Blekinge and SydSam, aiming at defining the ability of regional authorities and local partners to participate more effectively in the process of improving the safety of transports in the South Baltic Sea Region.

### **8. Other initiatives**

1. "*From the Sea We Are*" *Competition of Fine Arts for Children and Youths* received a subsidy from Phare CBC Baltic Sea Programme in December 2004. The event is organised by the Community Centre in Elbląg, Poland, as the Lead Partner and Klaipeda County Administration, Lithuania, as the Foreign Partner, and like in its previous editions will bring together hundreds of children and youths from all the ERB regions, who can show their artistic talents as well as the beauty of our common sea: the Baltic. The jury of the competition will begin collecting entries in March and summon the awarded participants to an exhibition opening and painting workshop to be held in May in Poland.
2. *Olympic Youth Games* will kick off on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2005, following two subsidies granted by Phare CBC Baltic Sea Programme in 2004 Call for Proposals, enabling the organisation of its two consecutive editions in 2005 and 2006. Over two hundred participants from across the region will compete in four sports: volleyball, football, basketball, and boxing.
3. *Green Circle Schools* project continued with the highlight of the general meeting in Elbląg, Poland, which took place between 28<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2004. Participants representing five countries and nine partner schools had the opportunity to take active part in meeting, hosted by Elbląg Primary School No 19 and IV Liceum Ogólnokształcące. Teachers and young people had the opportunity of exchanging experiences and discussing the development status of the project, looking for new partners to cooperate with, giving an account of common projects and projects carried out at the schools. Earlier last year 28 participants from six countries also took part in the project meeting arranged by the hosting schools from Slotts and Skogsbrynets on 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April in Borgholm. ERB member regions kept supporting the project, also with respect to finance, as they could see a significant durable contribution it carries to the process of sustainable development in ERB.



**In 2004 – 2005 ERB Council convened the following meetings:**

27<sup>th</sup> February 2004 in Elbląg, Poland  
 25<sup>th</sup> February 2005 in Klaipeda, Lithuania

**In 2004 – 2005 ERB Board the following meetings:**

4 – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2004 in Elbląg, Poland  
 16<sup>th</sup> June 2004 in Gdańsk, Poland  
 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2004 in Olsztyn, Poland  
 16<sup>th</sup> November 2004 in Gdańsk, Poland  
 24 – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2005 in Brussels, Belgium

**In 2004 – 2005 ERB Secretariats held the following webmeetings:**

4<sup>th</sup> Webmeeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2004  
 5<sup>th</sup> Webmeeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2004  
 6<sup>th</sup> Webmeeting on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2004  
 7<sup>th</sup> Webmeeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2004  
 8<sup>th</sup> Webmeeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2004  
 9<sup>th</sup> Webmeeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2004

**ERB Executive Board**

The Executive Board elected by the Council for 2004 – 2005 was constituted by:

1. **Jan Kozłowski**, ERB President, Marshal of Pomeranian Voivodeship, Poland
2. **Virginia Lukosiene**, ERB Vice-President, Governor of Klaipeda County, Lithuania
3. **Annelise Molin**, Member of the Regional Council on Bornholm, Denmark
4. **Anders Åkesson**, President of The Regional Council in Kalmar County
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6. **Normunds Niedols**, Executive Director of Liepaja City Council, Latvia

**ERB Council**

The Council for 2004 – 2005 was constituted by 38 members:

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7. **Alexander Kuznetsov**, Head of Baltijsk Municipal Administration
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**Association of Polish Communes Euroregion Baltic - Poland**

15. **Jan Kozłowski**, Marshal of Pomerania Region, ERB President
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