

# BEA-APP: An introduction

## Project aims and main outcomes

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# BEA-APP in a nutshell

- **Full title:** Baltic Energy Areas – A Planning Perspective
- **Duration:** 2016–2019
- **Budget:** € 2.7 million
- **Funding:** Interreg Baltic Sea Region
- **Flagship project** of EUSBSR HA “Spatial Planning”
- **11 partners** in 8 countries



# The reasoning behind BEA-APP

**BEA-APP addresses the territorial challenges related to the transition towards low-carbon energy systems**

- Spatial planners lack the appropriate planning instruments to define and designate suitable areas to renewable energies
- Competing uses and interests often exist, such as cultural landscapes, agriculture or tourism
- Lack of social participation and stakeholder involvement in renewable energy projects - “not in my backyard” attitude

# Achievements

## Optimising spatial planning instruments:

- BSR-wide spatial planning recommendations and criteria for renewable energy planning

## Fostering social acceptance:

- A handbook on innovative stakeholder involvement
- Innovative financing systems for renewable energy projects



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## Regional pilot cases

- 11 cases showcasing how to facilitate practical implementation of renewable energy projects

## Renewable energy concepts/ strategies

- 7 revised and 19 new municipal/ regional renewable energy concepts



# What will these outputs lead to?

- ❖ BEA-APP will improve transnational planning approaches, finding the optimal balance between competing aims and land-use
- ❖ Facilitate cooperation between spatial planners and renewable energy planners
- ❖ Increase stakeholder involvement and acceptance towards local renewable energy projects
- ❖ Encourage dialogue and knowledge exchange on national and transnational level

Thanks for your attention.



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