

## GoSmart&Excel BSR - Trans-S3 final priorities<sup>1</sup>

The following document presents a final evaluation of the process for the preparation of the Trans-S3 developed within the EU-INTERREG BSR. The methodology of this analysis follows 5 sequences, which includes qualitative and quantitative statistical analyses, as well as regional stakeholder consultations<sup>2</sup>.

To derive the results of the Sequences 1 to 4 for the development of an interregional-S3 cooperation framework (Trans-S3), existing S3s of the Baltic Sea Region (BSR), statistical data, and trend reports were analysed to identify the following domains as common denominators that served as the basis for stakeholder consultations:

- C–Manufacturing,
- E–Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities,
- H–Transportation and storage,
- J–Information and communication technologies,
- M74– Other professional, scientific, and technical activities,
- M72–Scientific research and development.

These results entered into a discussion of regional stakeholders as part of the Entrepreneurial Discovery Process (EDP). The involvement of regional stakeholders is an inevitable building block of Smart Specialisation. The EDP supports the further profiling of domains for future interregional S3 cooperation.

The consultation of regional stakeholders (Sequence 5) in the project's partner regions revealed, among other things, that especially the areas

- Circular economy,
- Bioeconomy,
- Resource efficiency,
- Resource rehabilitation,
- Sustainable water management,
- Sustainable production,
- Pharmaceuticals based on natural raw materials,
- Production of medical devices,
- Smart health,
- Smart cities
- Improved agricultural and food production,

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<sup>1</sup> The mentioned Trans-S3 priority areas (and domains) for the BSR have not been formally approved by the EUSBSR relevant management bodies. Currently (December 2021), they constitute the final proposal coming out of the work conducted under the EU Interreg BSR project "GoSmart&Excel BSR.

<sup>2</sup> For detailed information, please refer to [Kruse, M.; Mesloh, M.; Wedemeier, J. \(2021\) Technical Report – Smart Specialisation and interregional cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region: Regional specialisation, trends, and internationalisation potential.](#)

- Innovative transport and storage
- Construction,
- IT and ICT sector,
- Digitalization and cybersecurity,
- Education,
- Advanced clean manufacturing and services

are of interest for the establishment of transnational smart specialisation priorities.