



SMART BLUE REGIONS PROJECT CONFERENCE

The role of regions in fostering blue growth

Effective policy measures fostering Blue Growth

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Main results

- 17 measures being implemented, chosen for analysis in R&D, business support, tourism, infrastructure;
- Information about 34 best practices from 6 regions:
 - Governance in the regions;
 - Forms of cooperation;
 - New and innovative products.

Main results

- The numerous examples of best practices clearly illustrate the great diversity and broad impact of Blue Growth approaches;
- Several best practices have shown that growth of coastal economies is not only based on the resources of the sea itself (musels and fish), but also on the efficient use of coastal specific areas (tourism and health).

Examples of cooperation measures

- Pomorskie Smart Specialisation Boards (4 boards, one per each PSS);
- Turku Future Technologies;
- Maritime Cluster Northern Germany;
- Competence Academy Tourism;
- BASTU accelerating concept;
- GEOMAR biotech, national competence center marine aquaculture, centre industrial biotechnology, Fraunhofer EMB;
- Scale UP instrument of the «Start in Poland» programme.

Blue Strategy for RPR

- **Thematic directions:**
 - Sea transport and ship building;
 - Fisheries and aquaculture;
 - Smart and multifunctional use of coastal territory;
 - RES use in coastal territory;
 - Health tourism and rehabilitation.

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- **Strategic projects:**
 - Ports – centres of knowledge and economic development;
 - Network of small ports;
 - Basic infrastructure of coastline;
 - Scientists for coastline.



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