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The role of regions in fostering blue growth

BSR-EMFF: Using regional funds for transnational cooperation

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BSR-EMFF network - aims

- = Network for Managing Authorities and National Networks in European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in Baltic Sea Region
- Enhancing the cooperation between the Member States in the Baltic Sea Region in implementing the EMFF
- Sharing experiences and knowhow of the EMFF and other funds
- Developing stronger linkages between existing structures and networks
- Facilitating and strengthening the transnational cooperation between the national networks and fisheries local action groups

The work of the BSR-EMFF

- Network meet face-to-face twice a year
- Network is not “closed” - members are encouraged to include members from other relevant authorities/stakeholders to the meetings
- Sharing experiences and to discuss opportunities and challenges in the EMFF implementation in the meetings
- Cultural understanding, engagement and commitment have been acknowledged as important elements for successful cooperation

Finnish EMFF Programme and Blue Growth

- Securing primary production
- Fostering the development of new products and new alliances between e.g. research institutions and companies in "*innovation programmes*"
- Promoting the development of national maritime policy in the EMFF (Integrated Maritime Policy, priority 6) with additional national funding

Territorial fund and transnational cooperation

- In the EMFF, transnational cooperation at the level of project requires individual projects in each participating member state - building the consortium takes time.
- This emphasize the importance of the cooperation at other levels, such as work done in networks

Thank you