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SUB-REGIONAL RISK OF SPILL OF
OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES
IN THE BALTIC SEA



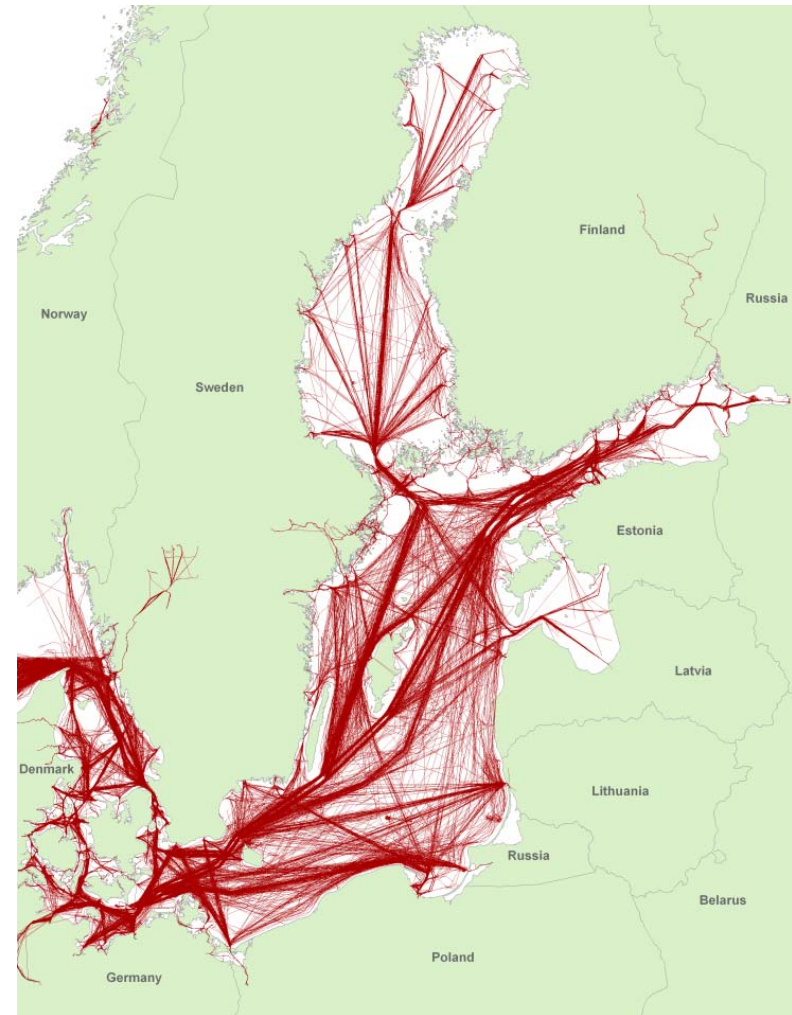
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Baltic Sea Region
Programme 2007-2013

Busy waters of the Baltic Sea

- BRISK replies to the increased risk of shipping accidents and environmental damages in the Baltic Sea.
- One of the most heavily trafficked seas in the world.
- Around 2,000 ships at sea at any given time.



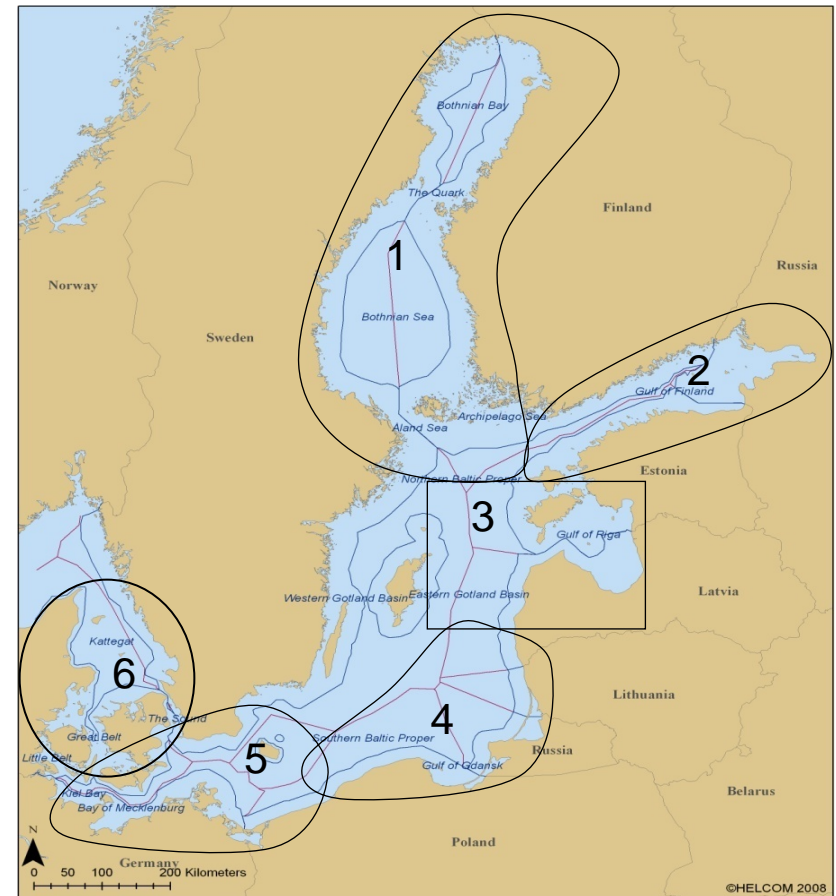
Increased risk of shipping accidents

- The maritime transport in the Baltic is expected to grow by 64% between 2003 and 2020.
- Numbers and the sizes of ships are growing steadily.
- Narrow straits and shallow waters make navigation challenging.
- Total of 135 ship accidents in 2008.



BRISK project covers six sub-regions

1. Gulf of Bothnia
 - Finland, Sweden
2. Gulf of Finland
 - Finland, Russia, Estonia
3. Northern part of the Baltic Proper
 - Estonia, Sweden, Latvia
4. South-eastern part of the Baltic Proper
 - Latvia, Russia, Poland
5. South western Baltic Proper and the Pomeranian Gulf
 - Denmark, Germany, Poland, Sweden
6. Sound and Kattegat
 - Denmark, Sweden



BRISK activities 2009-2012

- First overall risk assessment of pollution caused by shipping accidents covering the whole Baltic Sea area based on a common methodology
 - Recognizes the areas with highest risk for oil spills and environmental damage
- Identification of missing response resources needed in all sub-regions of the Baltic to effectively tackle major spills of oil and hazardous substances



BRISK activities 2009-2012

- Preparation of pre-investment plans on how the countries can jointly improve preparedness
 - A joint pool of vessels and equipment for each sub-region
 - Countries can share the investment burden in a cost-effective way
- Development of agreements for joint response in sub-regions where such agreements do not exist



Strategic Baltic Sea project

- Strategic project within the EU's Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013
- A flagship project in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
- Implementation under umbrella of HELCOM Response Group
- Budget around 3.3 million EUR (EUR 2.5 mil. to be allocated from the European Regional Development Fund)
- Timespan of three years (2009-2012)



BRISK project partners

- **Lead partner:** Admiral Danish Fleet Head Quarter
- Helsinki Commission
- Estonian Board of Border Guard
- Finnish Environment Institute
- Central Command for Maritime Emergencies (Germany)
- Swedish Coast Guard Head Quarter
- Marine and Inland Waters Administration of the Ministry of Environment (Latvia)
- The Lithuanian Maritime Safety Administration
- The Lithuanian Navy
- Maritime Institute in Gdansk
- Maritime Office in Gdynia
- Also Russian partners will join the project

Helsinki Commission (HELCOM)

- Works to protect the marine environment of the Baltic Sea from pollution
- Intergovernmental co-operation between 9 Baltic Sea countries and the European Commission
- The governing body of the Helsinki Convention
- Secretariat located in Helsinki, Finland



HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan

- Baltic Sea countries have committed to “efficient emergency and response capacity”
- HELCOM Recommendation 28E/12:
Strengthening of sub-regional co-operation in response field
 - Contracting Parties are to
 1. assess the risk of oil and chemical pollution and
 2. review emergency and response resources on sub-regional basis in order to ensure sufficient resources to effectively respond to “medium size” pollution or to control a large scale pollution of the sea

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