

## Enhancing regional preparedness and response capacity for major accidents in the Baltic Sea region (BALTPREP)

### Context & overall objectives

The Baltic Sea region (BSR) covers a significant area of northern Europe and its EU member countries representing nearly a fifth of the EU population. Over the past few years, issues of preparedness have emerged strongly in the region. The BALTPREP - *Enhancing regional preparedness and response capacity for major accidents in the Baltic Sea region* project improves and optimizes quality and interoperability of the Red Cross and Civil Protection Authorities regional response capacity for major accidents and severe disruptions. The project strengthens collaboration in and between 7 EU member states: Finland, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.



### Work planned & main achievements

BALTPREP includes wide range of activities in the field of regional preparedness. By the end of the project, the participating countries will benefit from a better understanding of existing response capacities and assets around the region, more trained staff and volunteers, and importantly, a solid sub-regional framework for preparedness by established working groups (i.e. DM-TWG) and preparedness planning to ensure sustainability. At the end of the project, the regional response capacities are tested in a table-top exercise to capture findings and lessons learnt for further regional development.

### Results & impacts

As result of BALTPREP, capacities and interoperability in Psychosocial Support (PSS) in emergencies are increased, co-operation between civil protection and humanitarian aid actors are enhanced and trans-border and macro regional co-operation are improved. The project involves staff, volunteers and international aid workers from each RCNS in addition to the Civil Protection Authorities. Civil Protection Authorities, communities and the Red Cross National Societies in participating countries benefit from improved coordination, quality and interoperability of existing response capacities and more efficient and standardized assistance in case of an emergency.

- Budget 0,6M EUR (75 % EU Contribution).
- 7 EU member states in Baltic Sea macro-region: Finland, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia
- 7 Red Cross National Societies. Russian and Swedish RCNSs are invited to participated in implementation.
- Implementation timeframe 2019-2022

More information on Baltprep project: [www.redcross.fi/baltprep](http://www.redcross.fi/baltprep)

