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**The Enhanced Situational Awareness to Improve Maritime Safety in the Baltic (ESABALT) project accepted as a Flagship Project in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region**

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Dear Dr. Thombre,

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The Danish Maritime Authority and the Finnish Transport Safety Agency, acting in their joint capacity as Policy Area Coordinators for the Policy Area on Maritime Safety and Security (PA Safe) of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR), is pleased to inform you that the recommendation of the Policy Area's international Steering Committee to include the ESABALT project as a Flagship Project under our Policy Area has been accepted. Consequently, the project was added as a part of the recently revised Action Plan of the EUSBSR announced in June 2015 (enclosed).

MINISTRY OF BUSINESS AND GROWTH

The Policy Area Coordinators would like to congratulate the ESABALT project on this occasion and wish to take the opportunity to recall the following expectations for Flagship Projects.

As a Flagship Project, it is expected that the ESABALT project would:

- Liaise regularly with the Policy Area Coordinators and appoint a contact person for EUSBSR matters;
- Take actively part in the meetings and activities of the Policy Area's international Steering Committee (usually 2 meetings annually);
- Report on the progress of the Flagship Project whenever required;
- Help to ensure communication and visibility of the Flagship Project and its results;
- Establish and maintain cooperation with other relevant Flagship Projects of the EUSBSR in order to ensure coherence, exchange information and avoid duplication of efforts;
- Support the Policy Area Coordinators in conveying relevant Flagship Project results and recommendations to the policy discussions and policy development in the Baltic Sea Region;
- Positively consider to present the Flagship Project at other relevant events such as the Annual Forum of the EUSBSR and the European Maritime Day;
- Use the EUSBSR/PA Safe logos whenever appropriate (enclosed).

Please also acquaint yourself with the Action Plan, especially with the chapter on the governance of the strategy, which describes the functions of Flagships in further detail, and the chapter of PA Ship.

For the sake of good order, the Policy Area Coordinators would also like to note, that a Flagship Project does not have the exclusive right to undertake action in a given field in the Policy Area under which it is listed, and that the Policy Area Coordinators at any time may accept more Flagship Projects in the same field.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, should the project need to have its status as a Flagship Project confirmed, e.g. vis-a-vis a financing programme.

The Policy Area Coordinators would like to wish the ESABALT project the best of luck with its implementation, and look forward to welcome a representative of your project at the next meeting of the international Steering Committee, which is scheduled to take place in the second half of 2015.

Yours sincerely,



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