



## Regional partnership Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (M-V) – Southwest Finland (SWF)

### Topics and selected projects

The partnership agreement was signed on April 13th, 2000. Administratively the partnership is accompanied by a joint committee on working level, that meets regularly once a year, alternately between M-V and SWF. The following list gives an overview of the main focal points and selected projects of cooperation.

#### I. Completed and Current Projects

##### Health Economy

Period	Short summary of the project	Contact SWF	Contact M-V
since 2001	Contacts and cooperations between BioCon Valley and BioTurku within the ScanBalt network	Turku Science Park	BioCon Valley
08.05.2009	Bioregion Turku partner region of the 5th National Conference on Health Economy in Rostock	Turku Science Park	BioCon Valley
21.- 24.09.2011	Anniversary Conference in M-V: "10 Years ScanBalt Bioregion - Towards a Balanced Regional Development and Smart Specialization in the Baltic Sea Region" with the participation of partners from SWF	Turku Science Park	BioCon Valley

##### Economy

Period	Short summary of the project	Contact SWF	Contact M-V
4./5. 05. 2011	Turku Region Partner of the international trade fair and congress "Baltic Future" in Rostock	Regional Council of SWF	Chamber of industry and Commerce Rostock
26.06. 2012	Conference „Hanse Sail Business Forum”, inter alia, with the topic "Finland - opportunities	Regional Council of SWF	Chamber of industry and Commerce Rostock

	for companies from M-V”		
15.-17.10. 2012	Business delegation from M-V headed by Minister president Erwin Sellering to Turku	Regional Council of SWF	State Chancellery M-V

### Energy

Period	Short summary of the project	Contact SWF	Contact M-V
10./11. 11. 2014	Delegation from SWF to M-V with the focus on Renewable Energy within the meeting of the joint committee	Regional Council of SWF	Ministry of Energy, Infrastructure and Regional Development M-V

### Interreg B

Period	Short summary of the project	Contact SWF	Contact M-V
2010-2013	StarDust – The Strategic Project on Transnational Commercial Activities in Research and Innovation, Clusters and SME-Networks. Aim: Promoting innovation	University of Turku	BioCon Valley
2010-2013	BSR Inno-Ship und Clean Baltic Shipping Aim: Reducing pollutant emissions by ships and ports	University of Turku, Centre for Maritime Studies	University of Rostock (Ostseeinstitut)
2010-2013	Balt Food Aim: Promoting the food industry in the Baltic Sea area	University of Turku, Turku School of Economics	University of Rostock
2010-2013	BSHR HealthPort – Baltic Sea Health Region - Business acceleration support and training bridging innovative SMEs and health care organizations Aim: strengthening BSR health economy	Turku Science Park	BioCon Valley

### Baltic Sea cooperation

Period	Short summary of the project	Contact SWF	Contact M-V
2010-2013	Cooperation within the EU Baltic Sea Strategy, in particular flagship project "Attract tourists to	Regional Council of SWF	State Chancellery M-V

	rural areas especially the coastal ones"		
01.-05.06. 2014	Inclusion of the State Chancellery M-V in the Baltic Sea Days in Turku	Regional Council of SWF	State Chancellery M-V

### Universities

Period	Short summary of the project	Contact SWF	Contact M-V
since 2010	University cooperations within the Erasmus programme between the Universities of Rostock, Greifswald, Wismar and the University of Turku	University of Turku	University of Rostock  University of Greifswald  University of applied sciences, technology, business and design Wismar
since 2010	Research projects, for example, Multilingualism in Finland, loanwords between Low German and Finnish. Conferences, f.e. "Finish in Europe 2011", "Nordischer Klang" and "Literaturetreffen"	University of Turku	University of Greifswald, Chair for Finish language

### Community activities

Period	Short summary of the project	Contact SWF	Contact M-V
Seit 1959	Existence of a twinning between Hansestadt Rostock and Turku	City of Turku	Hansestadt Rostock

### II. Planned projects, project concepts

Period	Short summary of the project	Contact SWF	Contact M-V
2015	Collaboration in fish farming (Rearing and marketing of whitefish, f.e. coregonids, vendace or houting)	Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Southwest Finland	Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Consumer Protection M-V
2015	„EU-Bio energy village network: Development of an EU grant application under Horizon 2020	Valonia	Ministry of Energy, Infrastructure and Regional Development M-V
15./16. 07. 2015	International match meeting in the field of "Health Economy" at the 11th National Conference for "health economy" in Rostock with participants	Turku Science Park	BioCon Valley

	from SWF		
2016	European Maritime Day in Turku with participation from M-V	Regional Council of SWF	State Chancellery M-V

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