

Interreg Baltic Sea Region: Third call for applications & call for project platform applications

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Interreg Baltic Sea Region

11 countries...

...strengthen the **integrated territorial development** and cooperation for a more innovative, better accessible and sustainable Baltic Sea Region...

... through **transnational cooperation projects** in the area.



Programme funds

- **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF):**
EUR 263.8 million
- **Norwegian national funding:**
EUR 6 million
- **European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) and Russian funds:** EUR 8.8 million



Priorities and Objectives

Innovation

Research & innovation infrastructures

Smart specialisation

Non-technological innovation

Natural resources

Clear waters

Renewable energy

Energy efficiency

Blue growth

Transport

Interoperability

Accessibility

Maritime Safety

Shipping

Urban mobility

EU strategy support

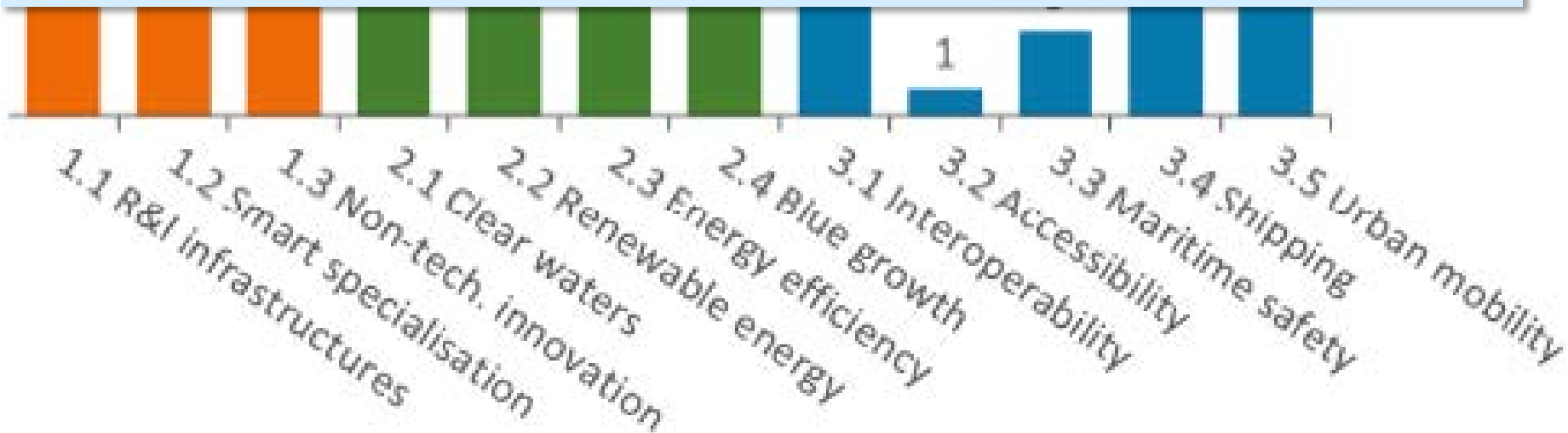
Seed money

Support of PACs & HACs

Targeted support & EUSBSR forums

Approved projects after two calls

www.projects.interreg-baltic.eu



EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

Interreg Baltic Sea Region ...

... is thematically aligned to the EUSBSR and its Action Plan

... encourages particularly flagship projects of the Action Plan to apply

... provides special support to the EUSBSR implementation





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Third call for applications

Funding

ERDF (€ million)	Total	Remaining
Priority 1 Innovation	84.4	23.3
Priority 2 Natural resources	84.4	18.5
Priority 3 Transport	66.0	15.7

Total ERDF for the third call: 57.5

Funding

- Norwegian funds EUR 2.7 million
- ENI and Russian funds EUR 5.1 million



What is expected from the projects?

- Solutions for common challenges relevant for the whole or major part of the region

⇒ **To increase institutional capacities of**
public authorities and agencies, NGOs, enterprises
and research organisations



Project partners

- At least **3 partners** from **3 different** countries
- Lead partner principle
- Types of partners:
 - National, regional and local authorities
 - Sectoral agencies and public service providers
 - Higher education and research institutions
 - Business support organisations
 - NGOs
 - Private for profit partners



Focus

- **Increase institutional capacity of public authorities at all levels of governance**

⇒ Include public authorities with relevant roles in the partnership

Except: Specific objective 1.1 “Research and innovation structures”



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Example: Low Temperature District Heating for the Baltic Sea Region

- Cooperation of **public authorities** and **heat suppliers**
- **Developing:**
 - Planning **guidelines**
 - **Implementation strategies** for LTDH
 - **Pilot energy strategies**
 - **Financing schemes**
 - **Training programme** for planning, implementing and managing LTDH



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Focus

In addition, the Programme particularly welcomes...

- **SO 1.1** Research & Innovation infrastructures: applications that include **private partners**;
- **P2** “Natural resources” and **P3** “Transport”: applications that **plan investments** to be realised with funding outside the Programme
- EUSBSR **flagship** projects

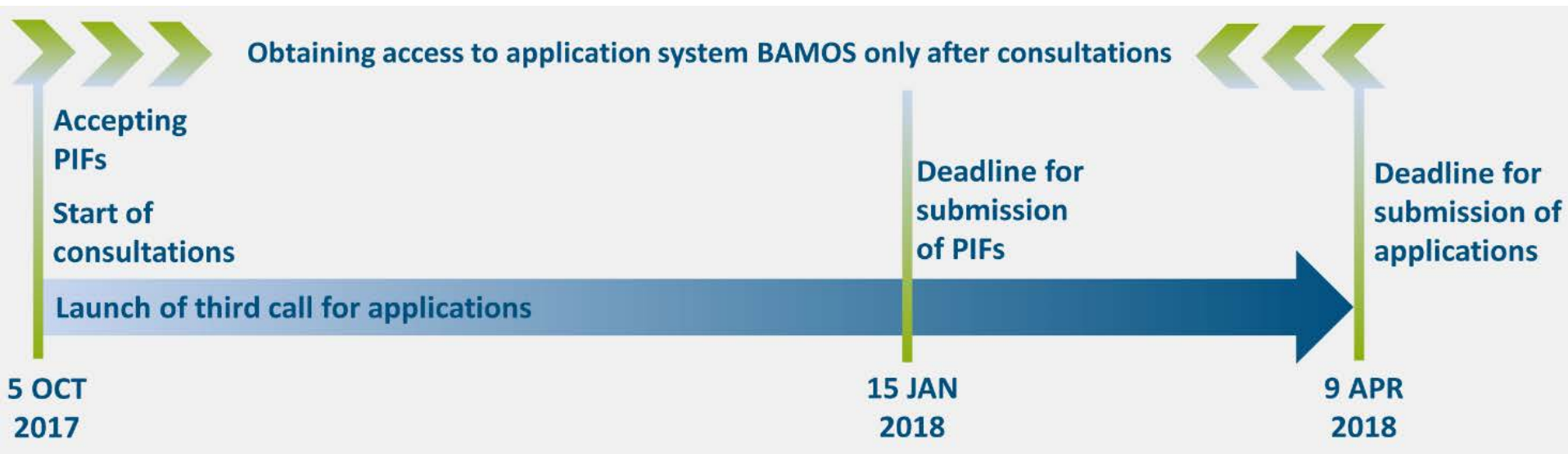


Application procedure

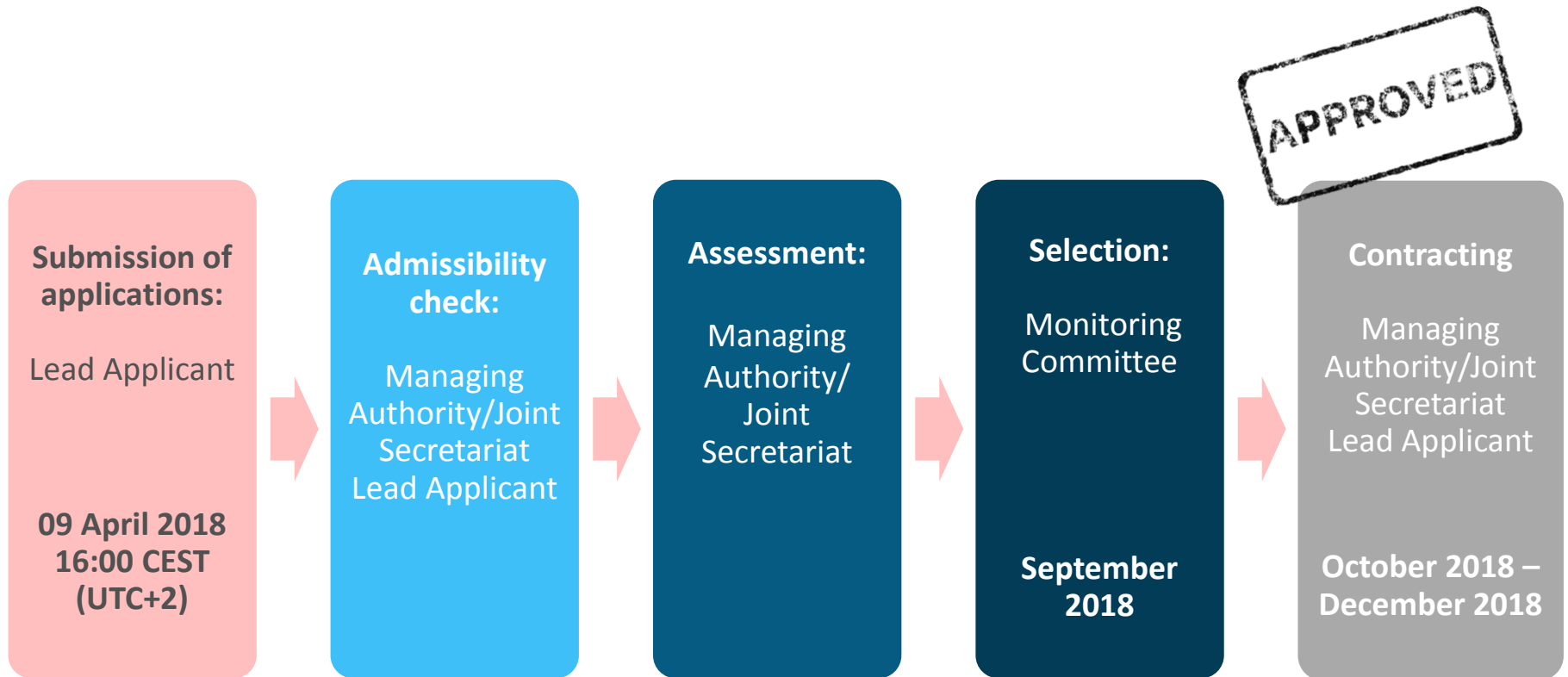
Extended one-step procedure

- Obligatory submission of a **Project Idea Form (PIF)** and consultation with MA/JS
- Monitoring Committee members or National Contact Points may contact for further advice
- Access to online system BAMOS after consultation
- www.interreg-baltic.eu

Timeline



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Support to applicants

Website

interreg-baltic.eu/apply-for-funds/apply-for-funds.html

Project idea consultations

In person or by phone or Skype

Partner search on LinkedIn

[linkedin.com/groups?gid=6754612](https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=6754612)

BAMOS helpdesk

helpdesk@bamos.eu

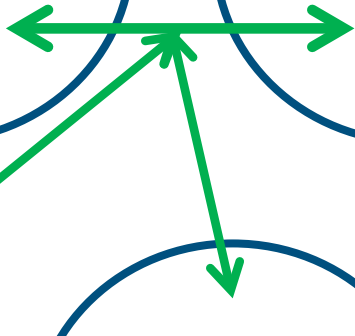
Features of a successful project

- **Clearly define:**
 - Gaps / opportunities
 - Target groups and their needs
- Develop **practical solutions**, not focus on research
- **Test** solutions
- **Involve** target groups in developing and testing
- **Embed** developed solutions into existing frameworks, strategies, and programmes

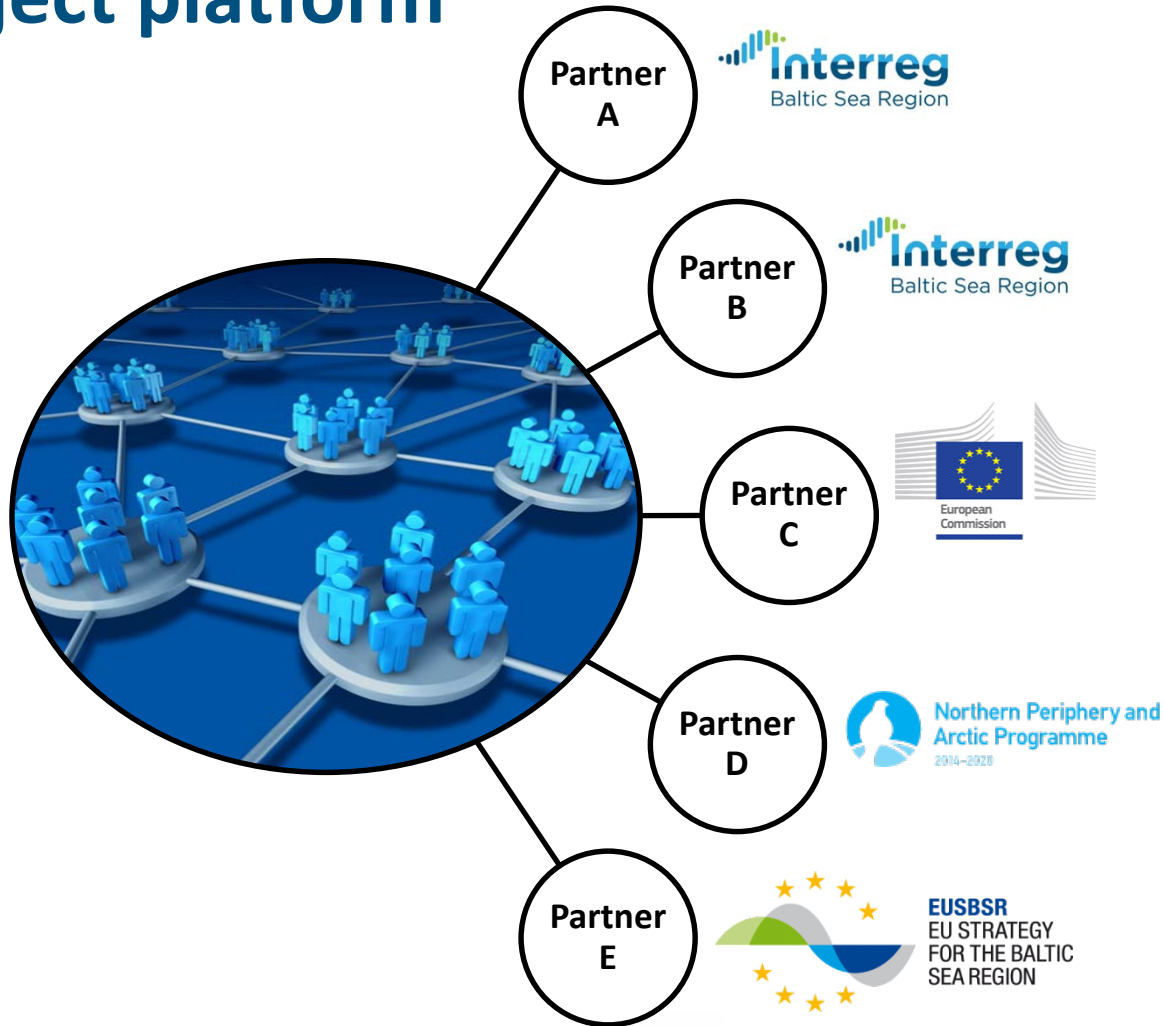


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Call for applications for project platforms



Project platform



Project platform

A framework for cooperation...

- Of core partners of Interreg Baltic Sea Region projects
- Of project partners from other EU funding programmes
- Of coordinators of EUSBSR and other stakeholders
- In one thematic field



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Aims



**To increase impacts of Interreg Baltic Sea Region
and other EU-funded projects in the area**

Topics for cooperation

Capitalising projects' outcomes in selected areas:

- **Smart specialisation (1.2)**
- **Clear waters (2.1)**
- **Blue growth (2.4)**
- **Interoperability (3.1)**
- **Maritime safety (3.3)**
- **Environmentally friendly shipping (3.4)**

Outcomes

- **Policy papers or studies** on the state of play and needs
- **Agreement on joint standards**
- **Best approaches to reaching end users**
- **Joint analysis of further potential financing sources**
- **Approaches to coordination of funding**
- **Political statements**
- **Task-oriented networks**
- **Models for sustainable exchange** among platform partners

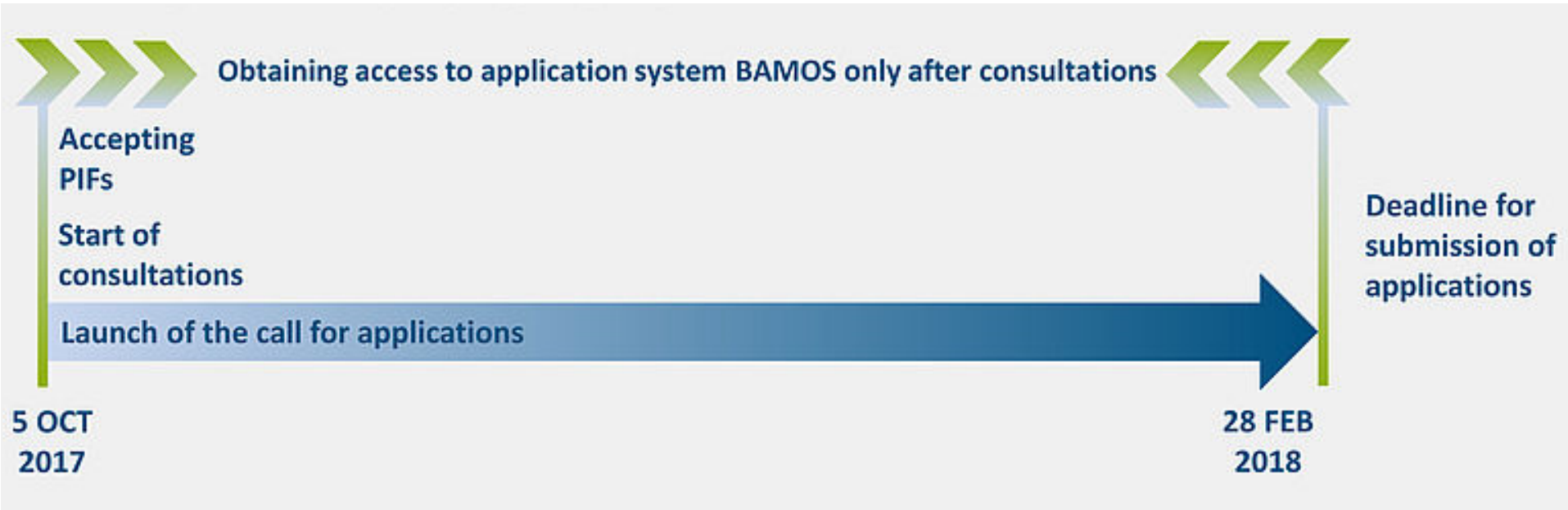
Examples of possible platform activities

- **Synthesising** project outcomes
- **Mapping** of the situation, resources and needs
- **Benchmarking** good practices of projects
- Exchanging approaches in **communication/stakeholder involvement**
- **Establishing task-oriented networks**
- Piloting **mechanisms for coordination of funding** and initiation of new collaboration
- Providing input to Programme communication

Application procedure

- Obligatory submission of a **Project Idea Form (PIF)** and a consultation with MA/JS
- Application to be submitted through online system **BAMOS**

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7-8 November | Potsdam, Germany

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