



MACRO-REGIONALISATION - LESSONS FROM THE BALTIC SEA

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THREE WAVES OF REGIONALISATION IN THE BALTIC SEA

- FIRST WAVE: COLD WAR REGIONALISATION – THE RISE OF “NORDEN”
 - THE REGION DIVIDED BY THE COLD WAR
- SECOND WAVE: SOCIALISATION PHASE
 - EXPANSION OF THE NORDIC MODEL – “THE NORDIC PATH”
 - CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS, VALUES
 - IMPORTANT ROLE OF REGIONS AND CITIES
 - THE RISE OF PARADIPLOMACY
- THIRD WAVE: BEYOND THE CURRENT AGENDA
 - AGENDA DOMINATED BY ENVIRONMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS
 - THE NEW FRAMEWORK: EU BALTIC SEA STRATEGY
 - THE CHALLENGE OF GOVERNANCE
 - ROLE OF ADJACENT REGIONS

MACRO-REGIONS – A NEW FORM OF DIFFERENTIATION

➤ WHY DIFFERENTIATION?

- ENLARGEMENT: GEOGRAPHICAL HOMOGENITY LOST
- POLITICAL IMPASSE IN INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS – SUBGROUP COOPERATION AS A REACTION
- NEED FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY

➤ TYPES OF DIFFERENTIATION

- TREATY-BASED (EMU, SCHENGEN)
- INITIALLY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION TRANSFERRED TO TREATY (PRÜM)
- TREATY PROVISION TO ENHANCED COOPERATION
 - IN TREATY SINCE AMSTERDAM, NOT APPLIED
- FUNCTIONAL AND THEMATIC COOPERATION
- INTERGOVERNMENTAL AD HOC (E.G. DIRECTORATES OF LARGE MEMBER-STATES)
- *TERRITORIAL MACRO-ECONOMIC STRATEGIES*
 - *THE BALTIC SEA REGION AS A PILOT*

BALTIC SEA STRATEGY

- DEFINITION: AN AREA COVERING A NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS BUT WITH SUFFICIENT ISSUES IN COMMON TO JUSTIFY A SINGLE STRATEGIC APPROACH
 - “SUFFICIENT ISSUES”: NUMBERS OR WEIGHT?
 - WHO DECIDES WHAT IS SUFFICIENT?
 - ACTION PLAN: FOUR PILLARS – 15 PROJECTS – 78 FLAGSHIPS
- THREE-LEVEL SYSTEM OF GOVERNANCE ENVISAGED:
 - POLICY DEVELOPMENT (MEMBER STATES) – COORDINATION, MONITORING, REPORTING, FACILITATION, FOLLOW UP (COMMISSION) – IMPLEMENTATION ON THE GROUND (“PARTNERS ALREADY ACTIVE”) (WHO, HOW, WHO MANDATES, ACCOUNTABILITY, DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMPETENCIES?)
- NO NEW MONEY – NO NEW INSTITUTIONS

DELIVERY CHAIN - THE KEY CHALLENGE

- THE DELIVERY CHAIN:

POLITICAL COMMITMENT - POLITICAL LEADERSHIP - POLITICAL OWNERSHIP

- POLITICAL COMMITMENT AS A NECESSARY PRECONDITION:

DECISIONS OF POLITICAL LEADERS TO USE THEIR POWER, INFLUENCE AND PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT TO ENSURE VISIBILITY, LEADERSHIP, RESOURCES, AND POLITICAL SUPPORT

- KEEP STAKEHOLDERS ACTIVELY ENGAGED INTO THE GOVERNANCE

- THE CHALLENGE OF MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE

- COMPLEXITY OF POLITICAL RULE AND AUTHORITY OVER THE REGION

- TOP DOWN VS BOTTOM UP

- EXTERNAL DIMENSION

- INCORPORATING ADJACENT NON-EU REGIONS, SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE GLOBALLY

POLITICAL SPACE AS A NEW FRAMEWORK

- RECOGNISE AND ACCEPT THE PRIMACY OF POLITICS
 - POLICY-DECISIONS, SETTING PRIORITIES AND SHAPING THE AGENDA OF THE REGION REQUIRE POLICY DECISIONS AND PLATFORMS TO SET THE AGENDA
 - COMMITMENT - LEADERSHIP - OWNERSHIP -CHAIN CALLS FOR A POLITICAL FRAMEWORK
- GENERATE A POLITICAL SPACE OF INSTITUTIONALISED FORUMS, POLICY INSTRUMENTS AND NETWORKS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ACTORS
 - REFORM AND EMPOWER EXISTING INSTITUTIONS
- ENHANCE AND INVOLVE TRANSNATIONAL POLITICAL FORCES FOR LEGITIMACY
- ESTABLISH AND OBSERVE EFFECTIVE RULES OF ACCOUNTABILITY

BALTIC SEA POLITICAL SPACE: POLITICAL FORCES

Country	Parties in Coalition	Type of Coalitions	Prime Minister	Commissioner
DENMARK	2	ALDE/EPP	ALDE	ALDE
ESTONIA	2	ALDE/EPP	ALDE	ALDE
FINLAND	4	C/R	ALDE	ALDE
GERMANY	3	Gross line	EPP	PSE
LATVIA	4	C/R (MAIN)	EPP	ALDE
LITHUANIA	4	C/R	EPP	Independent
POLAND	2	EPP	EPP	Independent
SWEDEN	4	C/R	EPP	PSE