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Introduction to CCB

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Who we are

- Established in **1990**
- Politically independent
- Network of **grass-root** env. NGOs
- Unites Member and Observer organizations, as well as partners and individual experts with **over 1 500 000** environmental concerned **citizens from 11 countries** of the BSR
- Works through:
 - **Advocacy** at EU & HELCOM level
 - **Coordinated actions & field work**
 - **Awareness raising & capacity building**
- **4 Working Areas** (since 2022):
 - Eutrophication
 - Biodiversity
 - Hazardous substances
 - Maritime





Our mission & vision:

The **purpose** of CCB is to protect the environment and natural resources of the Baltic Sea for present and future generations.

Our **vision** is to reach good ecological conditions of the Baltic Sea, ensuring its marine and terrestrial ecosystems are able to maintain and sustain biodiversity while also supporting sustainable development in the Baltic region.

1 Advocacy

CCB creates international public opinion about issues regarding the Baltic Sea both within and outside the region.

2 Information, environmental education and other activities

CCB gathers, produces and distributes information about environmental problems in the Baltic Sea Region.

3 Concrete co-operation projects in the field

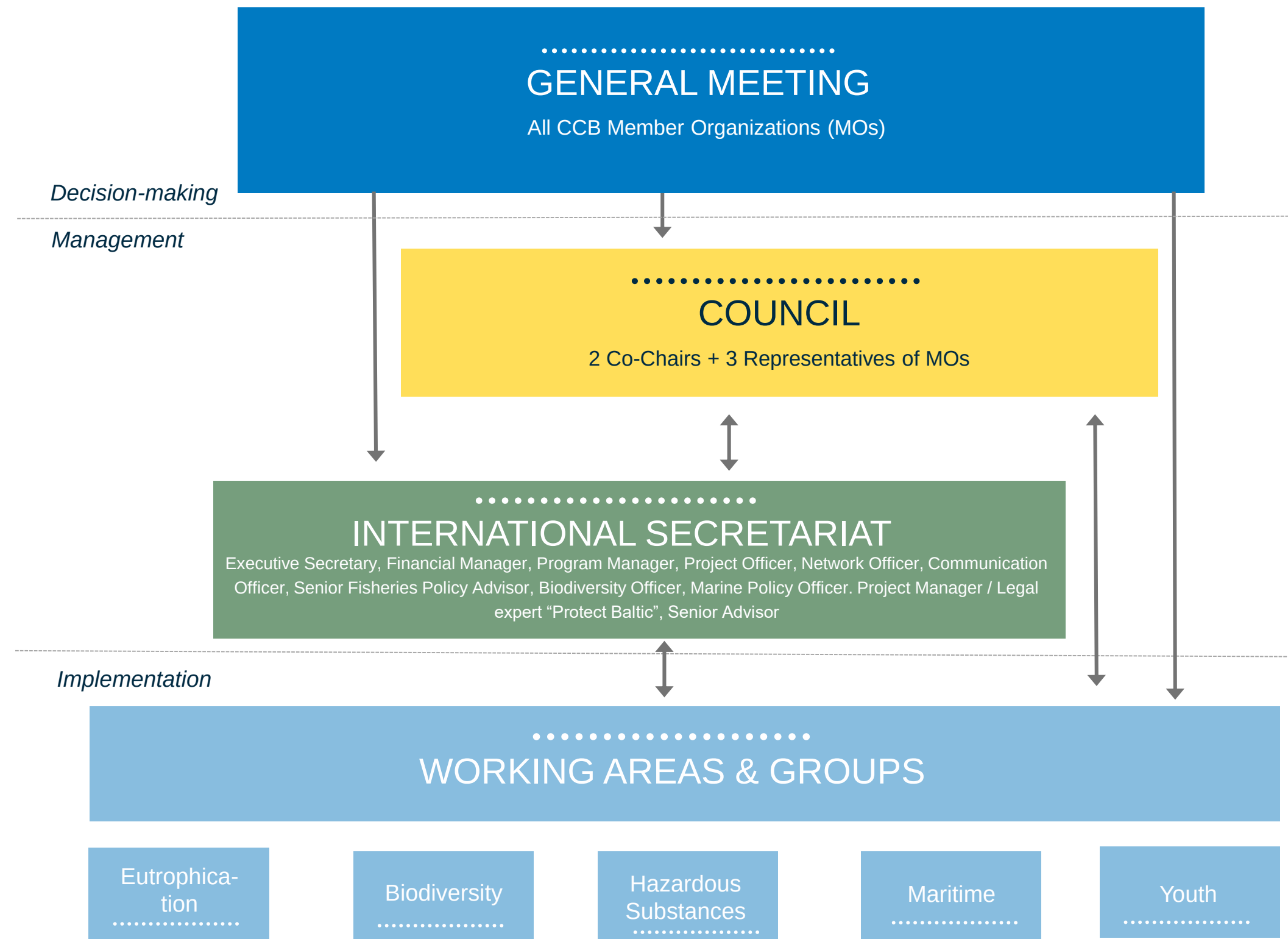
CCB and its Member Organizations have undertaken a number of field projects covering a wide range of issues.

4 Support to Member Organizations

CCB gathers and distributes information about different activities (meetings, conferences, cooperation projects, options for funding).

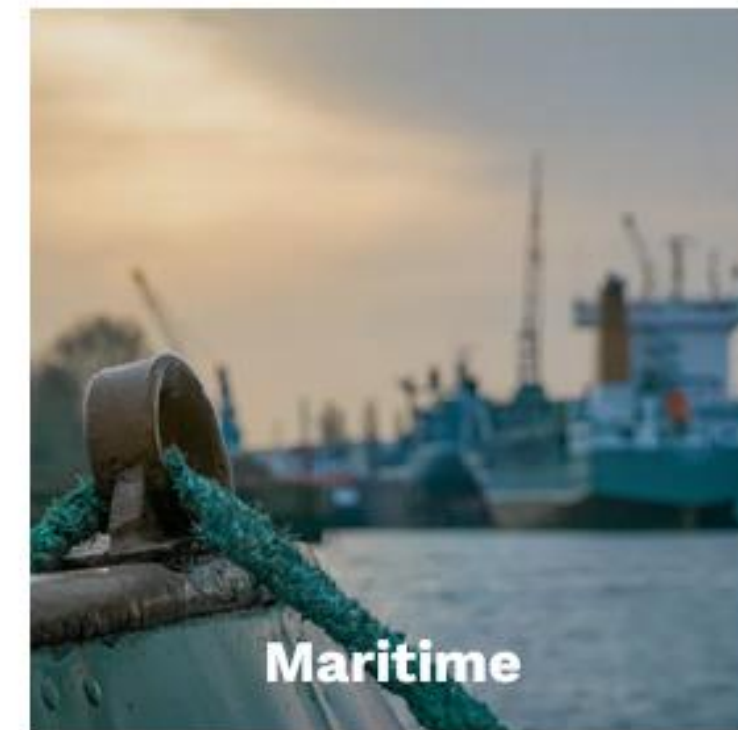
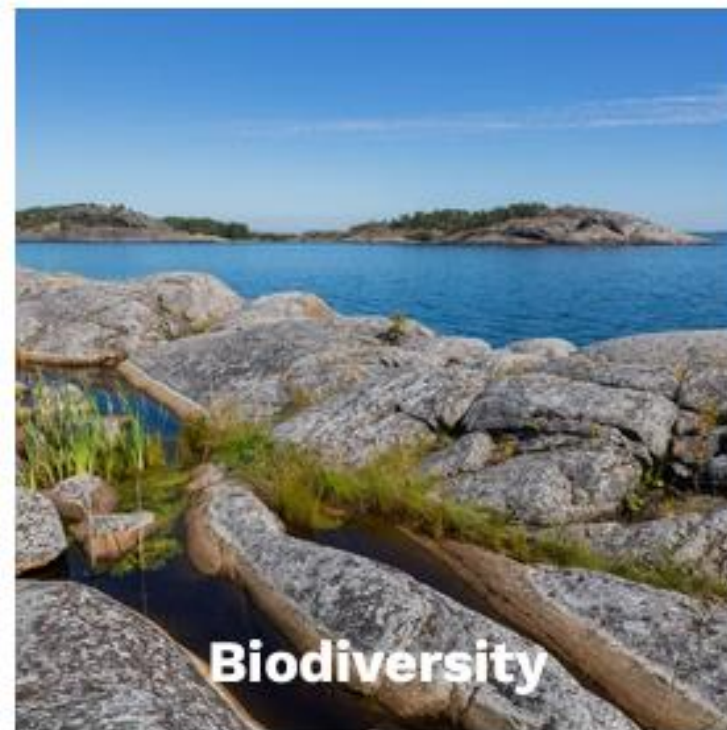
**Four ways
to reach
our goal**

Structure of our network



CCB Working Areas

All four areas have cross-cutting elements - such as **climate change mitigation** or **awareness raising activities** - and are impossible to fully separate. Moreover, CCB supports a transition to [Ecosystem Based Management](#), “traditional” divisions are not helpful since we need to see each problem more interlinked. We create and use the division to organise the work, but activities overlap with respect to policies and intended impacts.



Eutrophication

Work towards natural and clean rivers with less nutrient input in BSR

- reducing pollutions inputs, e.g from agriculture
 - conservation of biodiversity, promote organic agriculture
 - offers mitigation methods such as buffer zones, freshwater ecosystems restoration
- good supply of clean drinking water in the BSR



Eutrophication

Biodiversity & Nature Conservation

To promote ecosystem-based management implementation in the Baltic Sea Region:

- pressures and spatial measures
- Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)
- strictly protected areas and restoration areas
- Pressures from anthropogenic activities
(e.g. fisheries, offshore wind, etc. - underwater noise)

→ protect the [endangered species](#) and stop biodiversity loss

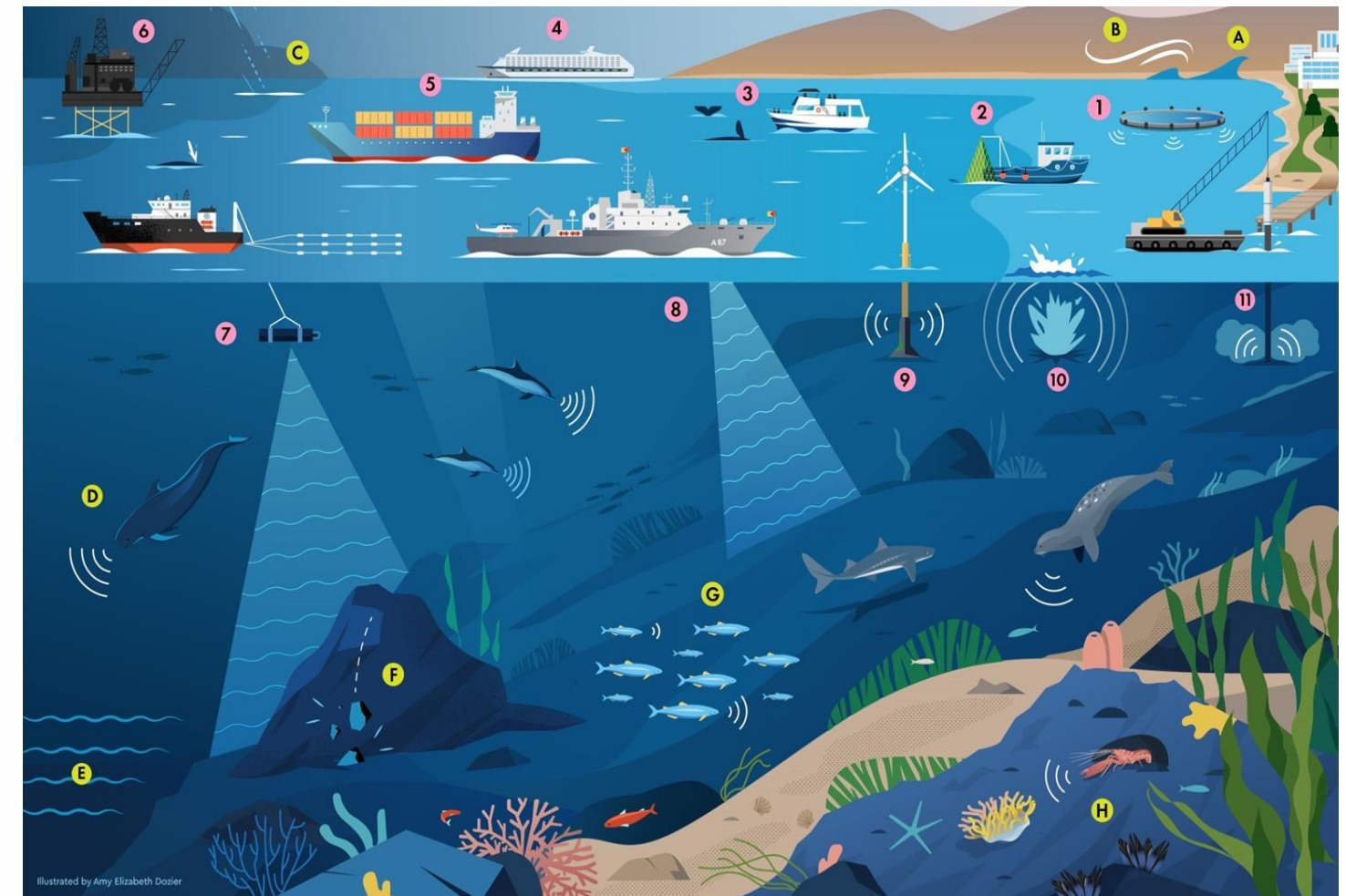


Biodiversity & Nature Conservation

Underwater noise:

- Impulsive
- Continuous

LIFE QuietWaters (2026-2030): Underwater noise from current and future recreational crafts in the Baltic Sea



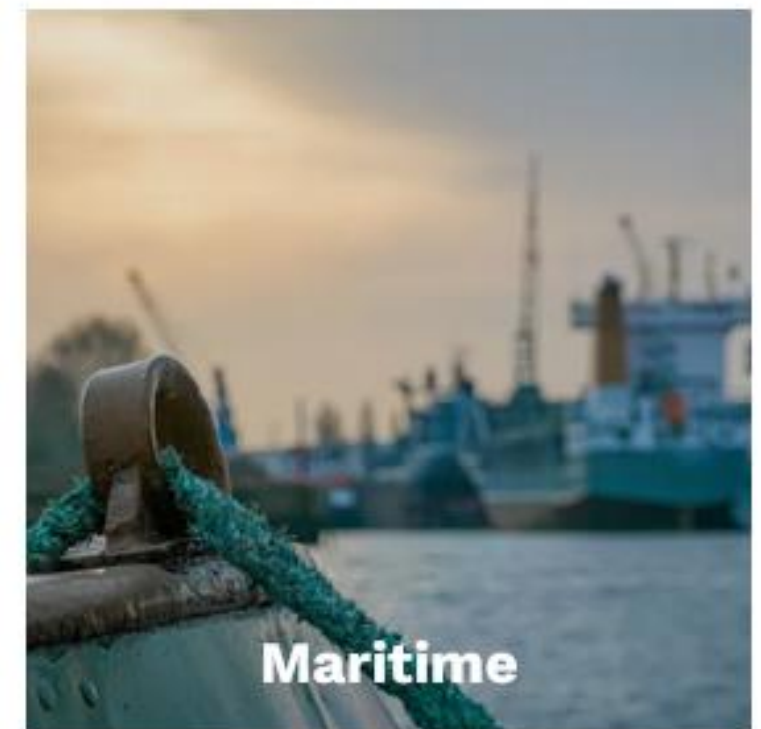
Hazardous Substances

- Reduced harmful substances such as single-use plastics, microplastics, and highly hazardous pesticides.
- Prevent pollution of water systems by addressing chemicals entering rivers, drinking water, and wastewater.
- Promote safe collection of unused pharmaceuticals to prevent environmental contamination.
- Advance circular economy solutions for safer chemicals use and waste management.
- Influence EU and regional policies to strengthen chemicals management and reduce risks to ecosystems and public health.



Maritime Activities

- Tackling growing pressures
- Address coastal erosion, climate change impacts, habitat disturbance from tourism, marine litter, invasive species, and expanding coastal infrastructure such as ports and harbours.
- Involve the civil society into integrated management and restoration of coastal and marine areas with ecosystem and social values.
- [CoastWatch](#) - group of volunteers in Latvia, Estonia, Poland and general public in the BSR and also to spread the ideas of citizen science among partners and the general public
- **Clean Games** - team competition aimed at cleaning up natural areas from garbage
- [Nature Accessible – NaaC certificate](#) - is a tool to inform, to educate and to control the accessibility to the nature
- **Save the Grey Dune** in Latvia, Poland and Lithuania - implementation of restoration activities at the Grey Dune in cooperation with local authorities and volunteers.



CCB Youth Group

Who can join?

All students, early-career professionals, those in the blue economy sector, and Baltic Sea enthusiasts - between 17-30 years of age. We welcome all those who care about the Baltic Sea and want to play a role in its protection.

Our goals

- Increase professional skills
- Network and collaborate
- Co-create new projects and bring ideas to life
- Reframe CCB's work for a wider and younger audience

What we do

- Offering internship opportunities within CCB Secretariat and Member Organisations
- Career guidance sessions with experienced professionals
- Voicing youth opinions through articles, papers, and campaigns
- Connecting with Youth Groups and Universities around the Baltic Sea Catchment Area
- Attending and developing workshops online or at Baltic Sea conferences



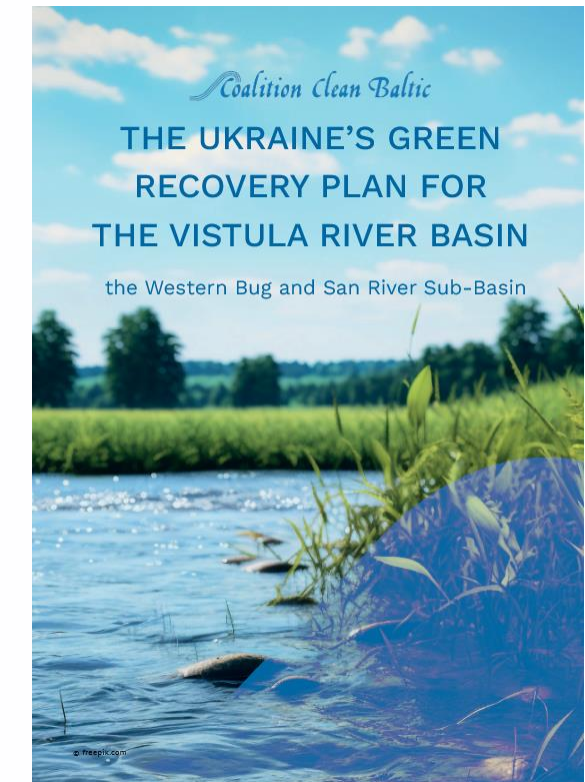
In 2026, Youth Group is planning:

- Participate in Poznan Conference in Poland, 12 April
- Workshop during ReGen2030 week, August
- Host a local workshop/conference

CCB Projects & Programmes



Green Recovery for Ukraine



NEW PROJECT STARTED IN 2026:

- Addressing the gender gap which exists in the sectors of waste management and organic agriculture.
- Prioritizing gender and environment interconnection along with recovery actions.
- Strengthening community capacity to act in the field of ecology and water protection through knowledge sharing, dialogue platforms, and practical tools.
- Raised public awareness on the importance of water resources as a foundation for life, health, and recovery.
- Identifying and mapping potential sites for future ecological restoration programs, including rivers, wetlands, and recreational areas.
- Developing practices of eco therapy and nature based recovery, using rivers and natural areas as spaces for psychological rehabilitation of war affected groups (veterans, women, youth, IDPs).
- Promoting gender equality and youth engagement by ensuring active participation of women and young people in research, monitoring, decision making, and advocacy related to water management and climate adaptation.

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Do you have any questions?

Feel free to reach out!

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