



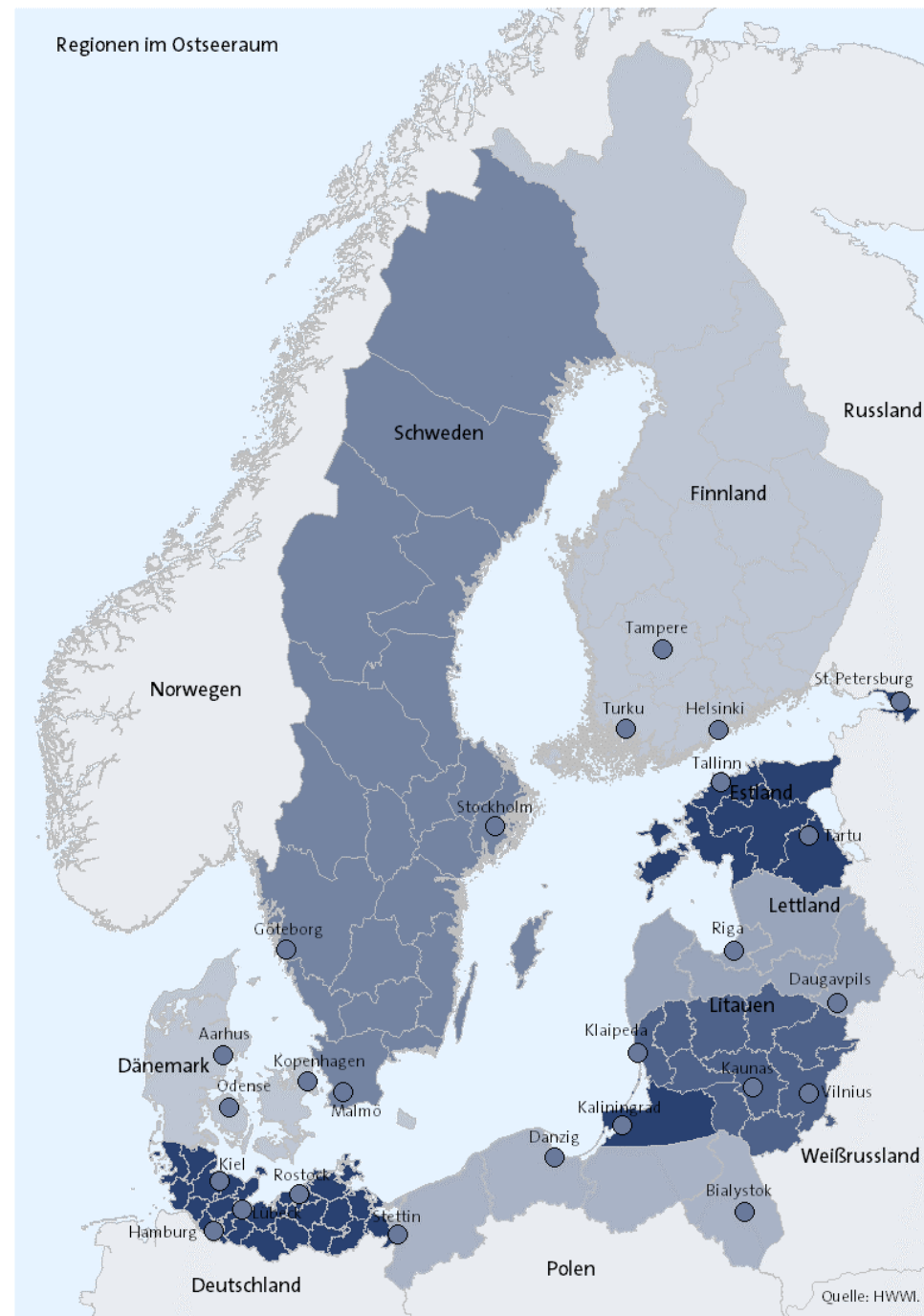
# Economic Development Perspectives of the Elbe/Oder Chamber Union (KEO) – Perspective of the macro-region Baltic Sea

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# The Baltic Sea Region

- Population of 147 million
- 29 % of the EU population
- 29 % of the European GDP
- 33 % of intra EU export
- Economic area within Europe with a special structure and history
- First macro-regional strategy in Europe (EUSBSR)



# The Baltic Sea Region

## Outline

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1. EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
2. KEO-Study in perspective of the EUSBSR
3. Conclusion

# 1. EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

## Core contents of macro-regional strategy

### Save the sea

- Clear water in the sea
- Rich and healthy wildlife
- Clean and safe shipping
- Better cooperation

### Connect the region

- Good transport conditions
- Reliable energy markets
- Connecting people in the region
- Better cooperation in fighting cross-border crime and trafficking

### Increase prosperity

- Deepening and fulfilling the single market
- Implementation of Europe 2020 Strategy
- Improved global competitiveness
- Climate change adaption

# 1. EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

## Objectives and priority areas

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- Save the sea
  - Hazards
  - Ship
  - ...
- Connect the region
  - Transport
  - Energy
  - ...
- Increase prosperity
  - Culture
  - Market
  - ...

### Horizontal Actions

- Spatial
- Neighbors
- Involve
- Sustainable
- Promo

# 1. EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

## EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

### EUSBSR

Objective 2  
- Connect the region

Objective 3  
- Increase prosperity

Sub-objective  
- Good transport conditions

Sub-objective  
- Connecting people in the region

Sub-objective  
- Global competitiveness

PA  
Ship

PA  
Transport

PA  
Innovation

PA  
Ship

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Transport

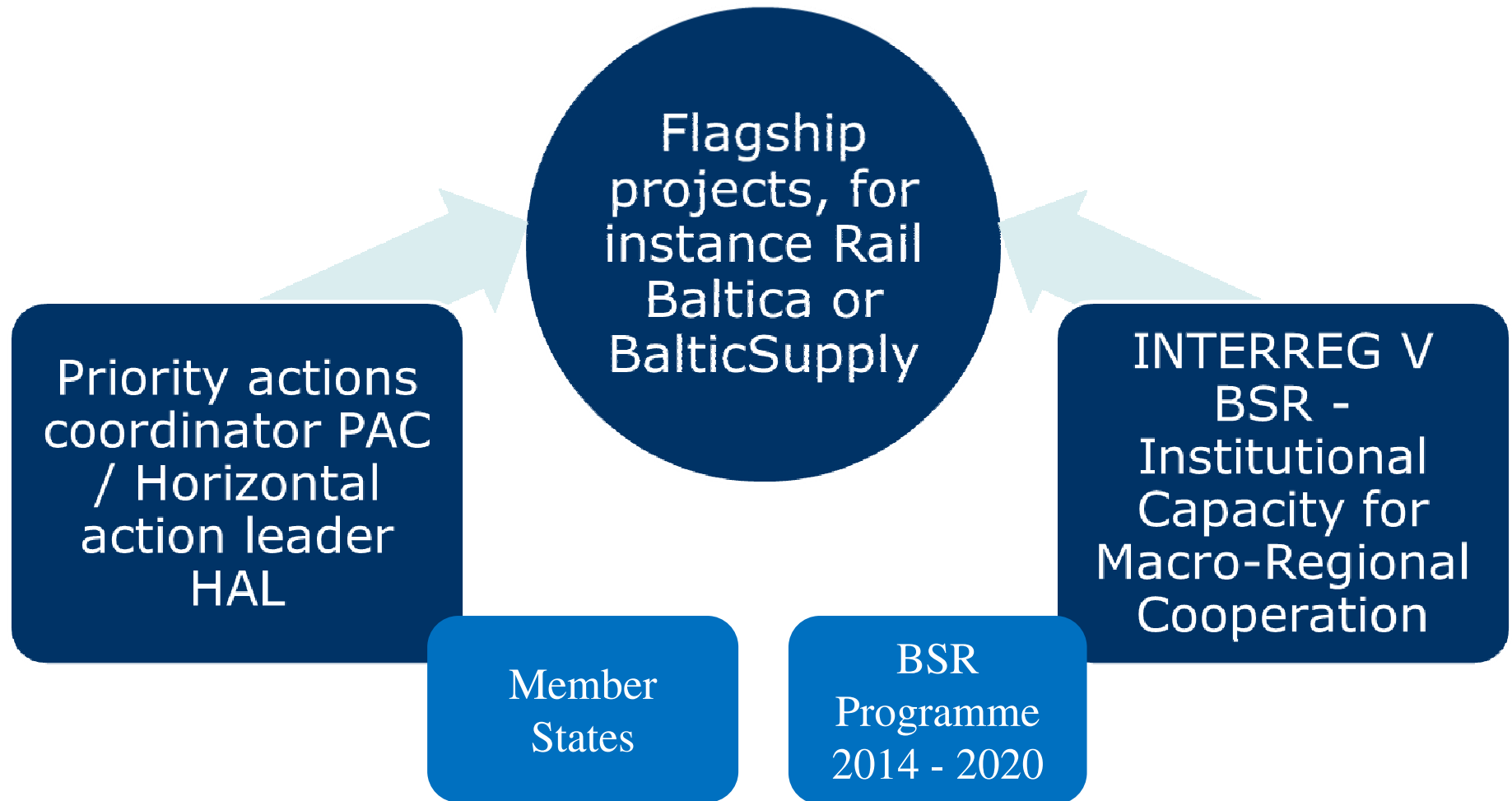
HA  
Spatial

PA  
Transport

HA  
Neighbors

# 1. EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

## Institutional setting



## 2. KEO-Study in perspective of the EUSBSR

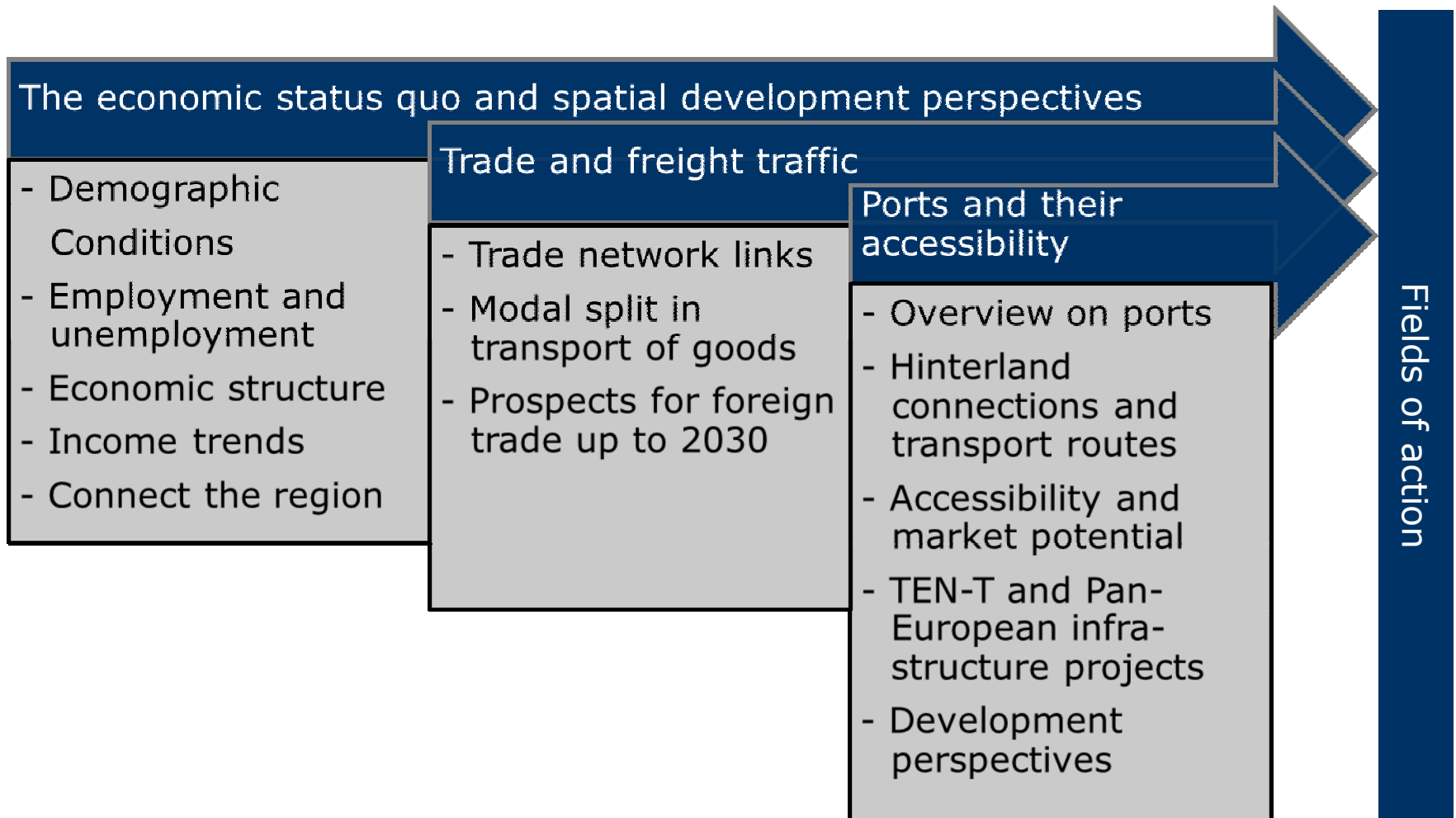
### Example of a status quo analysis





## 2. KEO-Study in perspective of the EUSBSR

### Analysis



## 2. KEO-Study in perspective of the EUSBSR

### Fields of action

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- Expand the networking in research and development
- Accelerate the reduction of transaction costs
- Reduce deficits in the transport infrastructure
- Expand the infrastructure between urban centers
- Use the potential of inland waterway craft
- Potential river cruise tourism

⇒Regional differences are relevant!

### 3. Conclusion

#### Best-practice study

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- Before developing actions for the macro-regional strategy a well-designed analysis is needed
  - Best-practice study:
    - The KEO-Study is an example of status quo analysis of a region within the extended Baltic Sea Region
    - Study was presented at a EU-Conference in Brussels and in the Polish Sejm (parliament)
    - Transport policy resolution of the Elbe/Oder Chamber Union
    - KEO Study is one of the pre-studies for the development of the TEN-T corridors North Sea-Baltic and Baltic-Adriatic
- ⇒ Developing a follow up EU-project on transport economics

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