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BALLERINA - Quo Vadis?

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Purpose & structure

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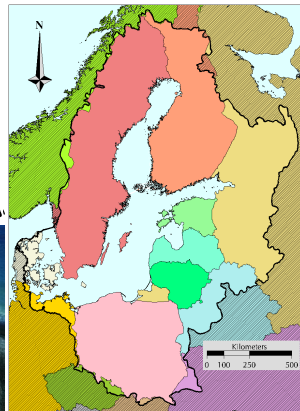
- An acronym
- A transboundary information initiative
- A Special Interest Network
- A ‘top-level’ Internet web site offering information resources and services

What is BALLERINA?

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- An acronym
 - BALtic Sea Region on-
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- A transboundary information initiative
- Overall aim
 - to contribute to the sustainable development of the Baltic Sea Region environment, by improving the availability and accessibility of relevant information on the Internet for decision-making at all levels.

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- Objectives
 - To bring more substantive and relevant information on environment and sustainable development from and about the Baltic Sea Region to the Internet
 - To make it easier to find information by offering a user-friendly and comprehensive 'top-level' Baltic Sea Region web site -- the BALLERINA web site.
 - To develop a voluntary personal and institutional network of partners working towards the overall aim of BALLERINA.

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■ As a phenomenon: A Special Interest Network

A Special Interest Network (SIN) is a group of people and/or institutions who collaborate to provide comprehensive information about a particular subject by means of various information activities on the Internet

(Green 1994, 1995; Langaas 1998)

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■ BALLERINA network organisation

- Lead parties (UNEP/GRID-Arendal & Stockholm Marine Research Centre)
- Advisory Board
- Partners
- Funding sources (1996 - 1998); UNEP, EEA, World Bank, MoE Norway, MoE Sweden, Swedish EPA

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- Capacity Building activities



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BALLERINA is the place to go when you seek information on the Baltic Sea Region, have information to provide, or wish to communicate with others in the region. **BALLERINA** is a virtual meeting place, providing an opportunity for persons and institutions to find like-minded in the region.



BALLERINA is the result of a co-operative effort to provide comprehensive information about issues on environment, natural resources and sustainable development relating to this transboundary region.

Welcome to your environmental gateway to the Baltic Sea Region.

Baltic Facts	- Facts about the 14 countries in the Baltic Sea Region. - Facts about the Baltic Sea and its basins .
Environment	- National and international State-of-the-Environment Reports . - Environmental issues in the region: Acidification, Air pollution, Agriculture, Climate change, Energy, Biodiversity, Eutrophication, Forests, Fish, Fresh water, Spatial planning, Toxic substances, Transport, Waste.
Meeting Points	- A regional calendar for 1997 and 1998. - Coming up: Mailing list for announcements and interactive communication.
Actors	Who is doing what - why and how - in the Baltic Sea Region. Organizations, agencies, networks, agreements, conventions, action plans .
Baltic 21	A special web site about the ongoing work to develop a regional Agenda 21 for the Baltic Sea Region.
Science	International science and R&D programmes. Activities in education . News from business and industry on clean technology and new solutions .
Search	- The BALLERINA search engine to search the site. - Information about major changes and updates on the site.
Feedback	- Is BALLERINA user-friendly? Relevant? Terrible? Tell us! - Also: Propose more links and information resources to be included.
About 	Information for the BALLERINA network partners, and for anyone who wants to know more about the BALLERINA initiative and network .

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- Mailing list & announcement forum

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Welcome to BALLERINA-L!

🌱 **What is BALLERINA-L?**

- A bill-board for announcements of relevance for all those concerned with issues related to environment, natural resources, and sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region.
- A place to share Baltic environmental news -- in a very wide sense -- with others interested in the region.
- A forum where you can ask questions, or answer questions from others, concerning environment, natural resources, and sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region.

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- Multiple site search facility

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Enter some key words to search by:

Find pages with all of these words and return 10 results.

Select session for search (select none for all sessions):

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History and background

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- The BALLERINA initiative was proposed as a regional response to chapter 40 of Agenda 21, Information for Decision-making
- Concept idea first proposed 1995 with the Great Lakes Information Network (GLIN, www.great-lakes.net) as model
- Proposal discussed June 96 at Workshop in Stockholm

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- BALLERINA web site launched ultimo April 1997
- The First Annual BALLERINA Meeting, Riga, Latvia, May 1997
- The Second Annual BALLERINA Meeting, Rovaniemi, Finland, June 1998

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■ Justification

- Limited Baltic region environmental information on Internet
- Difficult to find this on-line information
- The Internet - an eco-regional environmental information sharing, networking and decision support tool with great potential

The way forward

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■ Main challenges

- Fund raising
- Mobilising the forces in the personal & institutional network
- Improving the usability and services on the BALLERINA server