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The Baltic Sea Region  
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## Eco4Life - South Baltic Network for Environmental and Life Sciences to Boost Cross Border Cooperation

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### Conferences:

#### **1. Eco4Life in ScanBalt Health Region as Best Practice of smart growth and sustainability at the Green Growth Conference Riga, 5-6. May 2011**

The conference identified opportunities and policy implications for realizing synergies between green growth initiatives, programs and projects in the Baltic Sea Region.

ScanBalt Health region was presented as best practice example of ScanBalts "cluster of clusters" approach with the Eco4Life project.

The Eco4Life project (Hyperlink to [www.Eco4Life.info](http://www.Eco4Life.info)) sharpens the Green Valley strategy of ScanBalt towards "Green clusters and cross-cluster co-operation" ( [www.norden.lv/en/Green-growth](http://www.norden.lv/en/Green-growth) )

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#### **2. Baltic Sea Health Region Meeting**



#### **1st Baltic Sea Health Region Meeting "Cross sectoral challenges in a European Model Region"**

<p><b>June 28th / 29th, 2011</b> - Yachthafenresidenz Hohe Düne - Rostock-Warnemünde, Germany</p>
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Topics of the three workshops were:

1. The role of transnational cooperation in Health - perspectives from European regions and European border regions

Chair: Dr. Josef Hilbert, Netzwerk Deutsche Gesundheitsregionen e. V.(NDGR) / Network of German Health Regions

2. Health Clusters and BioRegions in Poland - hot spots of innovation

Chair: Dr. Heinrich Cuypers, BioCon Valley Greifswald / Germany

3. E-health - best practice of cross-sectoral collaboration in Europe

Chair: Prof. Folkert Kuipers, Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Groningen / Netherlands

**dr Karolina Ertmańska**, as Eco4Life Partner 2 Contact point manager **presented the**

**Szczecin region in an workshop. The Eco4Life project also run an exhibition stand.**

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### **3. ScanBalt Forum - registration open now**



#### **10th ScanBalt Forum - Towards a Balanced Regional Development and Smart Specialization in the Baltic Sea Region**

**September 21th/24th, 2011** - Heringsdorf / Island of Usedom Mecklenburg - Vorpommern, Germany

The ScanBalt Forum is one of the three international conferences of the Eco4Life project. ScanBalt BioRegion is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2011. Ten years after the first round table discussion in Teschow, the ScanBalt Forum will again take place in the German State of Mecklenburg/Vorpommern - this time on the Pomeranian Island of Usedom. Key topics of the Forum will be:

- ScanBalt Health Region - the Health Flagship in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (BSR)
- The Green Valley - Environmental projects and activities in BSR and the Barents Sea
- Cross - border cooperation - Challenges and opportunities in the Baltic Sea Region

Visit the [www.scanbaltforum2011.eu](http://www.scanbaltforum2011.eu) for more information about the stakeholder conference.

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### **4. Present and Potential Uses of Algae - A Cooperation Event**



The event will include a variety of lectures, workshops, exhibits, study tours, and unique opportunities for exchange.

Invited speakers will range from local governments with experience in algae use, companies with practical application examples and researchers within the field.

**September 28th - 29th, 2011** - Trelleborg, Sweden

The event is targeted towards anyone with an interest in the latest research and practical use of algae and more specifically to national and local governments, private companies and scientists. An exhibition fair and cooperation event for businesses and entrepreneurs will be held. Topics for the conference:

- Algae potential for replacing fossil fuels,
- System analysis of algae use,
- Multiple uses of algae biomass,
- Research challenges for large scale algae production,
- Algae today: current use of algae by companies and local governments,
- Algae technology: making the production and use economically feasible

## 5. HealthPort Innovation Competition - **call for participation**

The HealthPort Innovation Competition calls for applicants to submit new ideas arising from the clinical environment in the Baltic Sea Region. The competition aims to find clinical inventions that can be translated into commercial products and services benefitting patients.

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## EU call for proposal Green Valley

### **New call for Proposals: Eco-innovation market replication projects.**

This Call mainly focuses on the following aspects:

- materials recycling,
- sustainable building products,
- green business

Further information can be found at: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/>

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## News from region:

### **German Polish Cooperation telemedicine**

Medical facilities require sufficient numbers of patients to be financially feasible. In major cities with high population density it is therefore possible to maintain facilities that provide new and effective, but only infrequently requested therapies and diagnostic procedures. In rural regions with low population density like Western Pomerania, Northern Brandenburg and the Polish West Pomeranian Voivodeship most medical facilities are only able to provide diagnostic procedures and therapeutic options for the most common health problems. Even those are often available only with some time delay. The EU finances projects to equalize the health care of rural populations in border regions with the health care of urban populations in major cities.

For example, if a patient suffers a stroke, he or she must be diagnosed and treated within three hours after the onset of symptoms to reduce the risk of persisting deficits. This can easily be guaranteed in major cities. But in rural regions like Western Pomerania, a complex logistic system is needed to secure the same degree of medical care.

to read more about it, please visit [www.telepom.eu/](http://www.telepom.eu/)

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### **HealthPort Innovation Competition New pathway for turning promising ideas into healthcare business**

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#### **OBJECTIVE**

The competition boosts the commercial utilization of ideas arising from the clinical environment and healthcare research. Awards will be granted to ideas or inventions in the area of healthcare and medical technology (e.g. medical and therapeutic tools and technologies, diagnostics, laboratory and hospital equipment and technology) and related services. The idea or invention should enable developing and commercializing a product or service concept that benefits patients and attracts potential investors.

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