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# HA Neighbours Stakeholder Survey

Projects and PA/HA Coordinators



# Online Survey - Questions

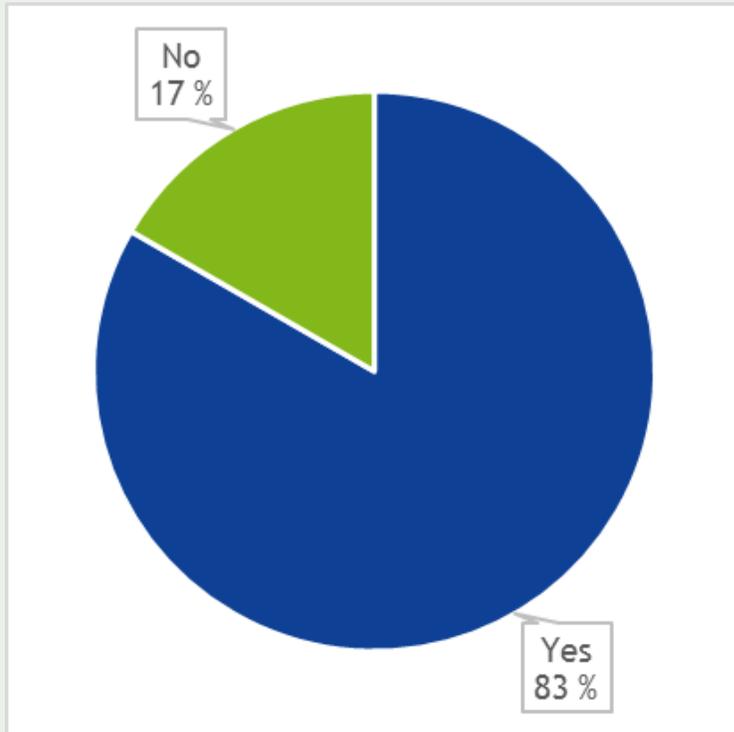
## Questions

Steering/ Coordination Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Does your steering or coordination group have a decision-making or coordinating role in your PA or HA?</li><li>- Are the non-EU countries represented in your steering or coordination group?</li><li>- Please elaborate why? What added value non-EU partners bring or could bring in your Steering Group?</li></ul>
Flagships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Are the non-EU countries represented in your Flagship/Flagships?</li><li>- What added value non-EU partners bring or could bring in your Flagships? Would you like to have more non-EU partners in them?</li></ul>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- In your opinion, how important would you say cooperation with non-EU countries is in your PA/HA in order to reach your objectives?</li><li>- Would more cooperation with non-EU countries in the region would benefit your PA or HA?</li><li>- Please elaborate why?</li></ul>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What do you see as the main problems when concerning your PA/HA and cooperation with partners from non-EU countries?</li><li>- What kind of actions would help you overcome these problems?</li><li>- If you have good examples of cooperation with non-EU countries please elaborate or provide links to any information you would see useful in this regard?</li></ul>

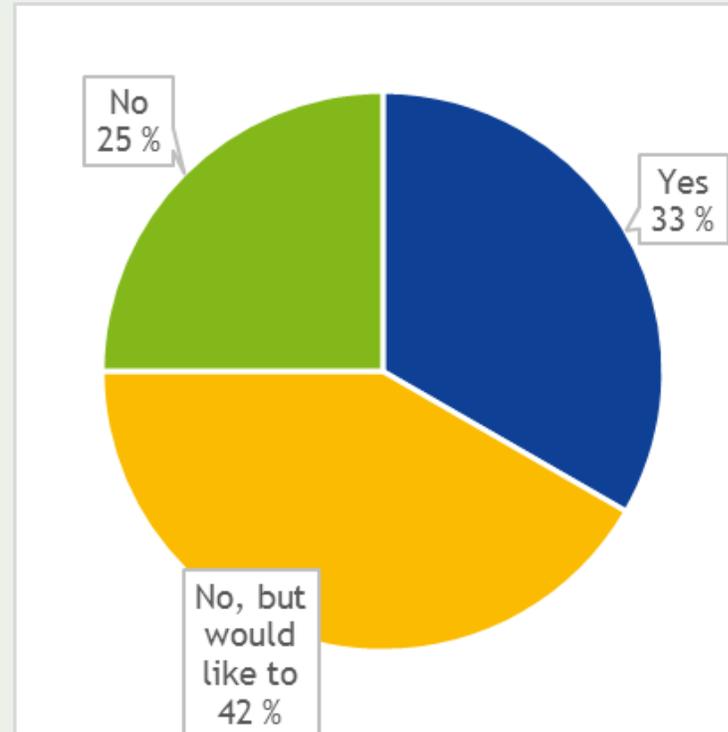
# Online Survey - Steering Groups

## Results

- Does your steering or coordination group have a decision-making or coordinating role in your PA or HA?



- Are the non-EU countries represented in your steering or coordination group?



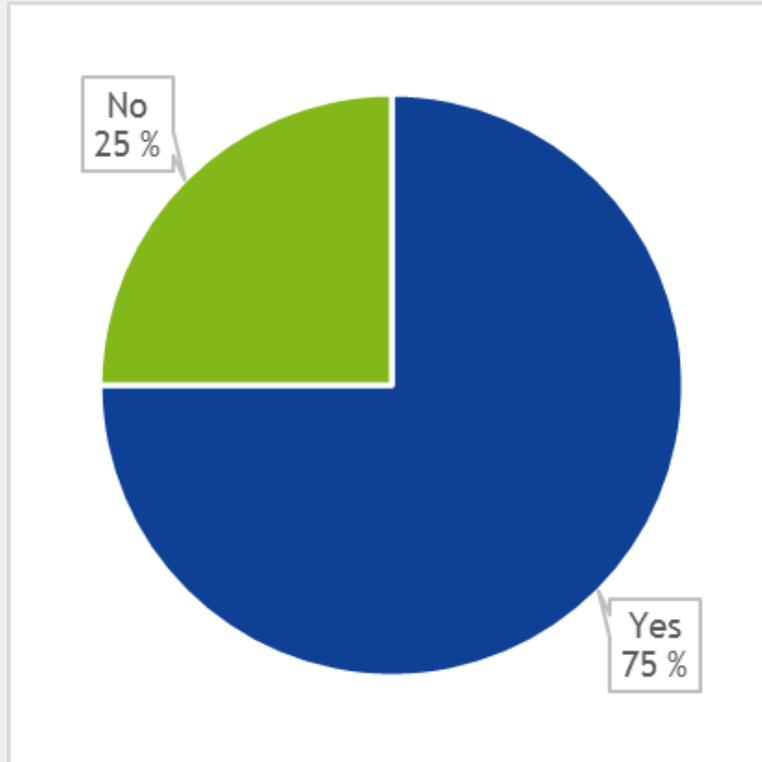
- Please elaborate why? What added value non-EU partners bring or could bring in your Steering Group?

- Region-wide results cannot be achieved without region-wide participation.
- Pan-Baltic organization can represent all in theory but direct participation could be more effective.
- Steering group is also an important communication platform between the countries.
- There are major differences in terms of thematic importance
- The rules of procedure for SG should be planned and accepted jointly in order to make the most of the cooperation.
- In general Norway and Russia are represented most often.

# Online Survey - Flagships

## Results

- Are the non-EU countries represented in your Flagship/Flagships?



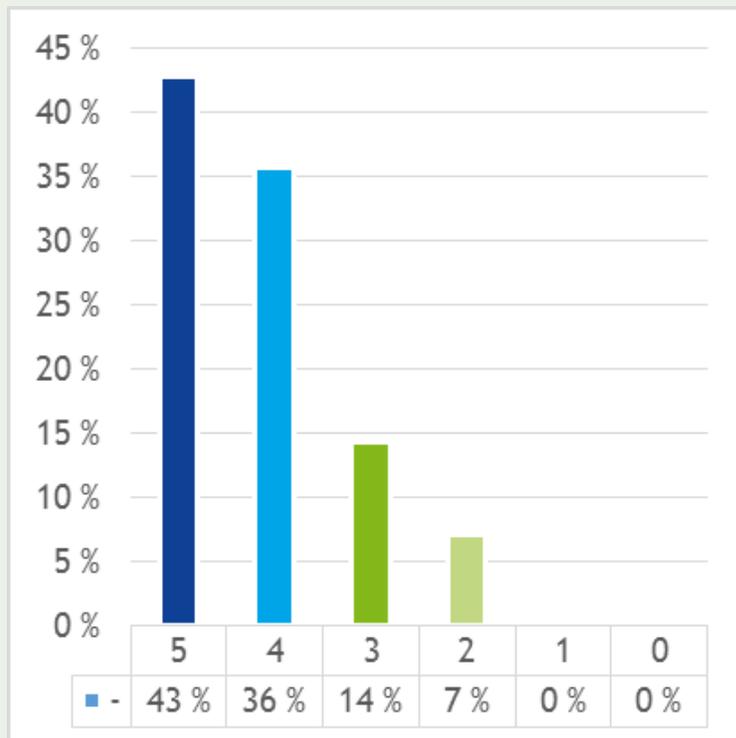
- What added value non-EU partners bring or could bring in your Flagships? Would you like to have more non-EU partners in them?

- Flagships help us in policy building to ensure the exchange of information and practices
- Neighbouring countries contribute with valuable perspectives and competences. multistakeholder perspective.
- There must be a common challenge - motivation and competence is key
- Projects get more impact and spread in the region.
- Norway is one of major shipping countries in the World and co-operation with Russia is very important in order to resolve maritime safety problems at the Baltic Sea
- The ones who benefit the most in the Flagships are new partners by getting access to new knowledge, tools and exchange of experience.

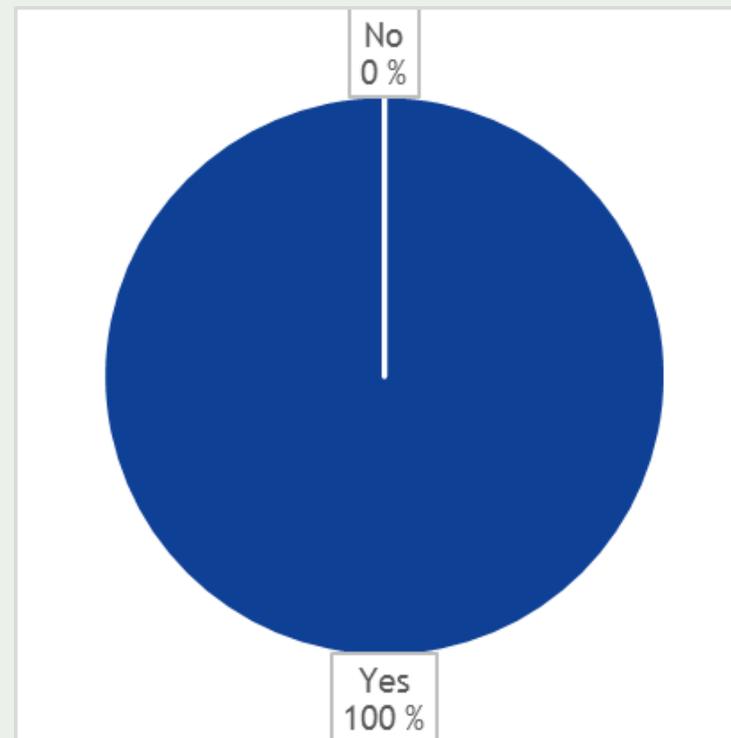
# Online Survey - Strategy

## Results

- In your opinion, how important would you say cooperation with non-EU countries is in your PA/HA in order to reach your objectives?



- Would more cooperation with non-EU countries in the region would benefit your PA or HA?



- Please elaborate why?

- Extended network of actors bring in valuable knowledge, experience and practice and even funding
- joint funding for cooperation projects is crucial, interest and contribution from non-EU countries could be more intensive
- Maybe it would, but it is difficult to say.
- Can not be answered with a simple yes or no. With regards to the Steering Group it is yes, with regards to projects it depends on the aim of the single project.
- There is a potential to further expand the cooperation network, especially by including participants from currently under-represented sectors of society.

# Online Survey - Actions

## Results

- What do you see as the main problems when concerning your PA/HA and cooperation with partners from non-EU countries?

- Joint funding for cooperation and lack of national interest and/or resources
- Consistent interest and contribution from non-EU countries in activities aside the projects
- Lack of mapping of joint interests
- Lack of understanding how to participate in the EUSBSR.
- Difficulties to establish proper contact with relevant authorities at high-level
- Visa and travel issues
- The geopolitical situation in the region is not conducive to fruitful cooperation on all levels.

- What kind of actions would help you overcome these problems?

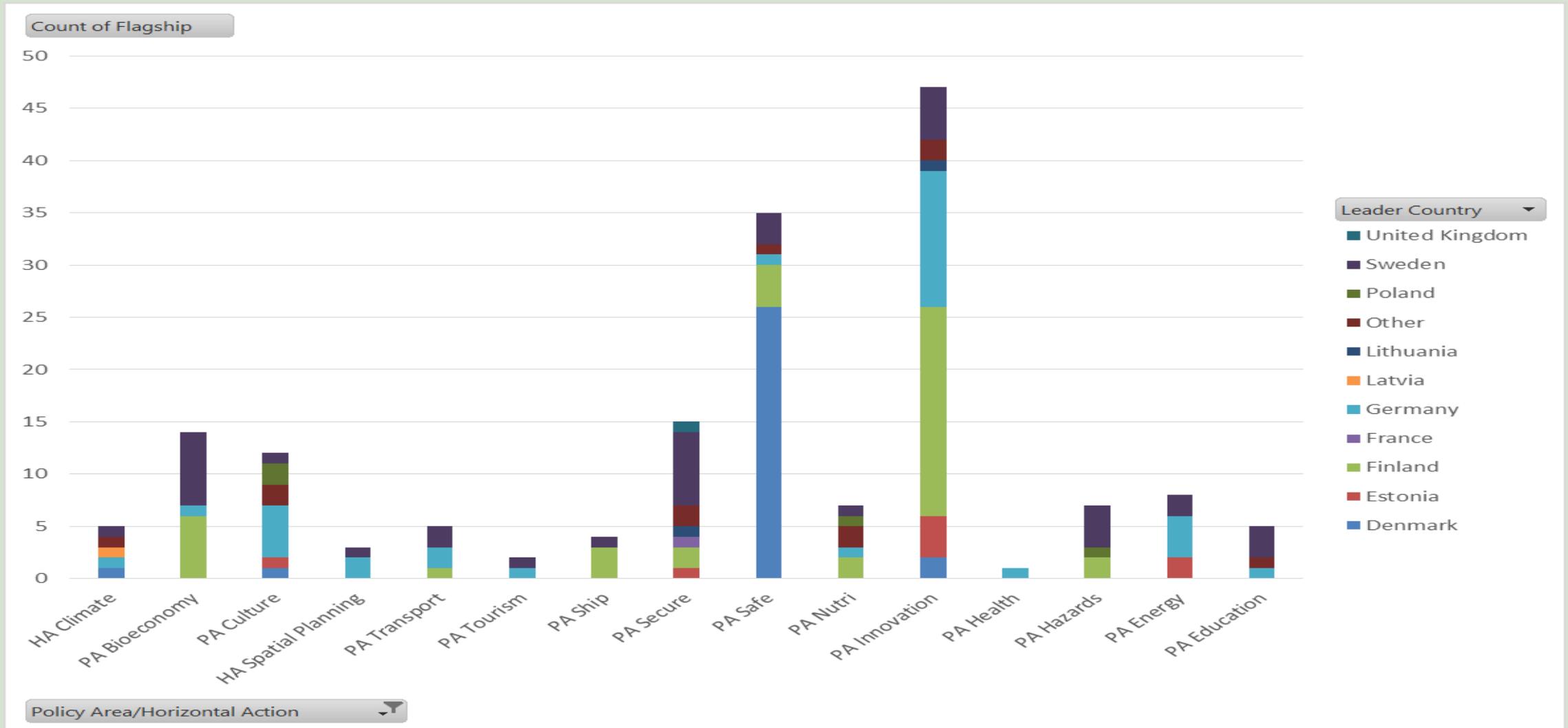
- Promotion of BSR cooperation to raise interest of responsible authorities in non-EU countries
- Brokerage events and some p2p meetings with partners from Russia or Belarus
- Better communication
- Baltic Leadership programme with aim to raise awareness and involve non-EU countries in our work,
- Cooperation with other MRS

- If you have good examples of cooperation with non-EU countries please elaborate or provide links to any information you would see useful in this regard?

- Large number of project examples including flagships
- Many good communication efforts such as discussion events
- Actions of interested parties such as the City of St. Petersburg
- Baltic Leadership Programme
- The study made in Belarus by Nefco has resulted in investments in waste water treatment plants through Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership
- Russian and Norwegian partners are already actively participating in all NDPHS activities - exchange of expertise, project development and implementation, high-level dialogue.

# Flagship Data - LP countries

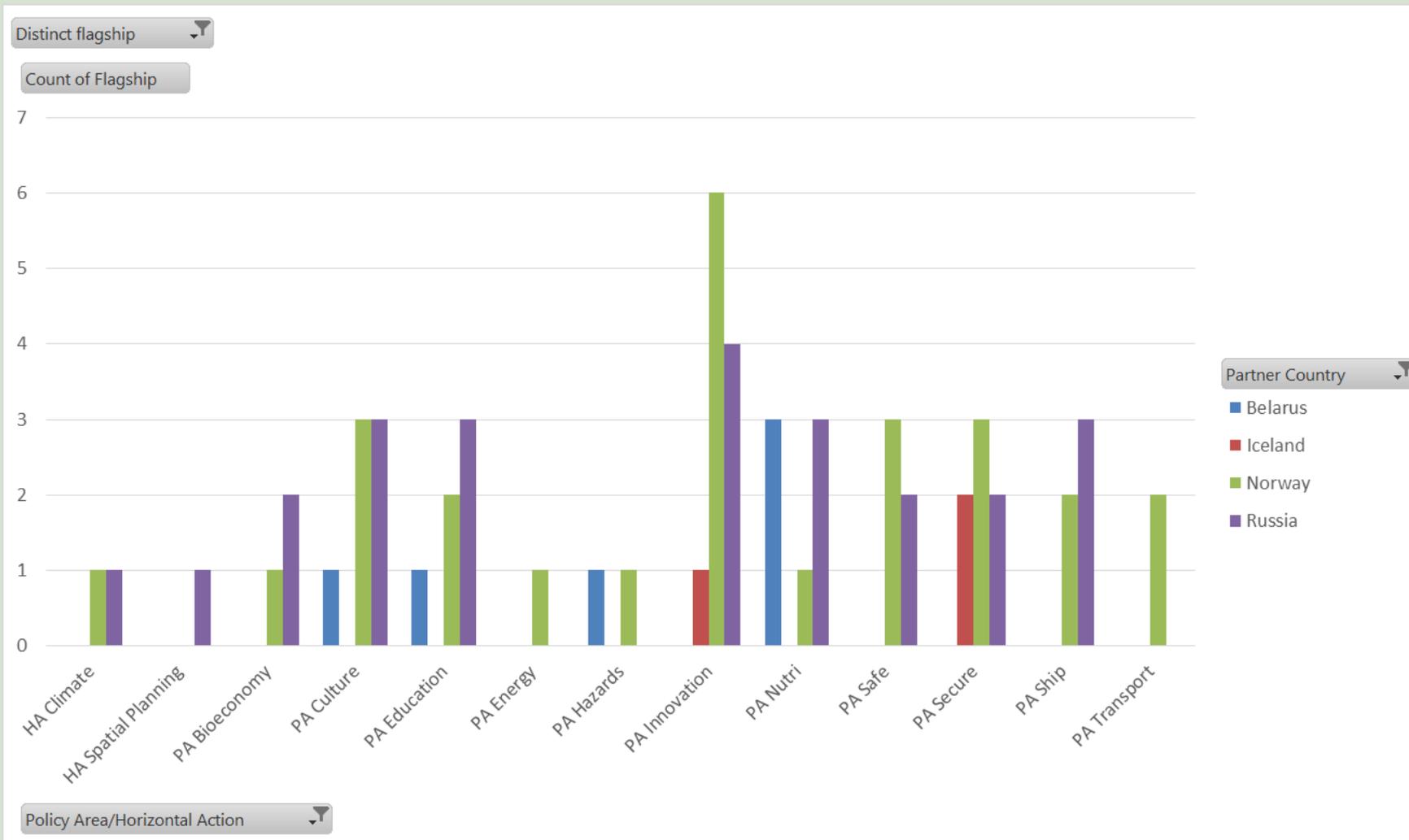
By policy area





# Flagship Data- Non-EU participation

## Prioritized topics



### Belarus

- Water management

### Iceland

- Innovation in general
- child protection

### Norway

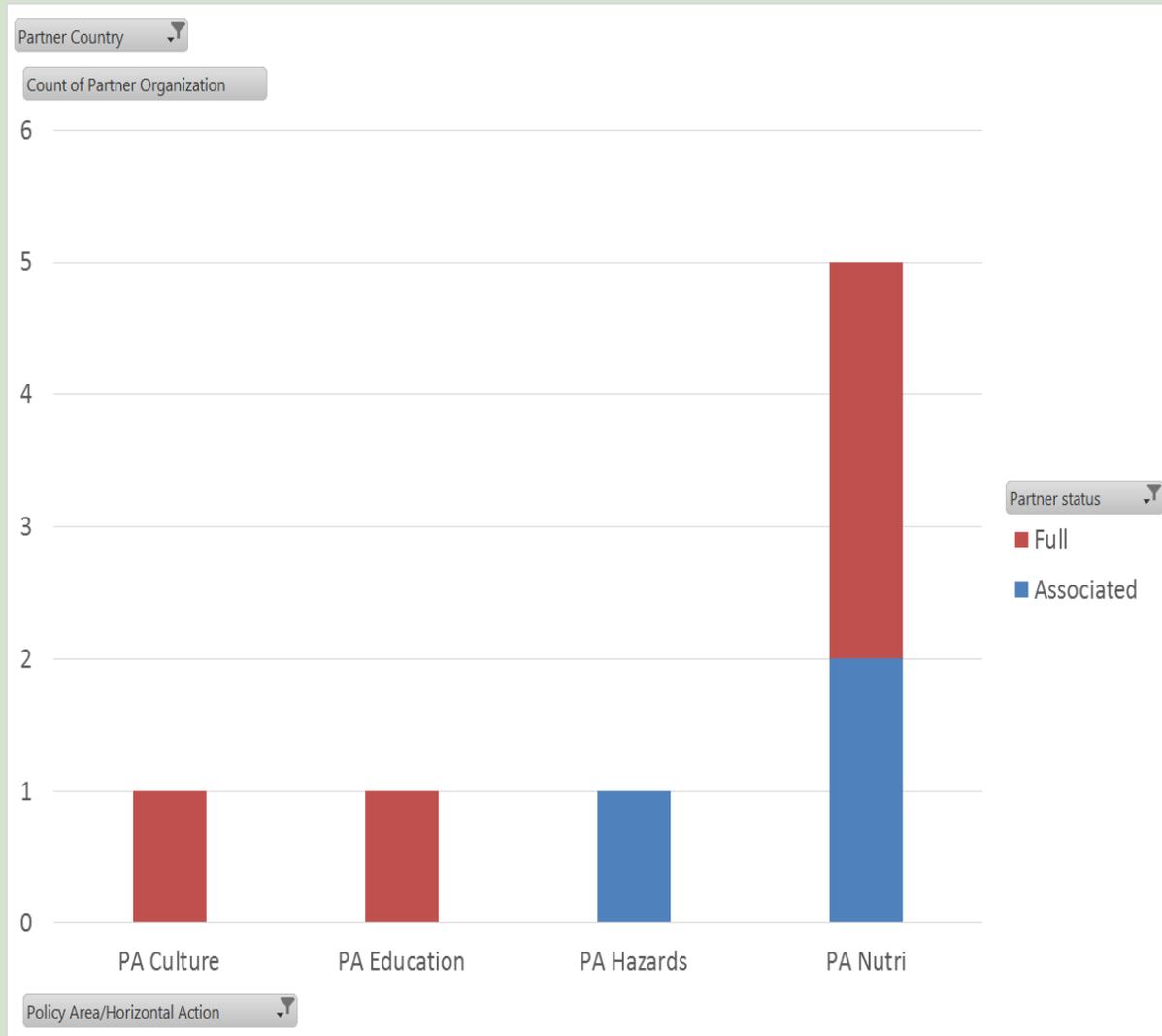
- Innovation (BSR Stars)
- Sea traffic management
- Societal security

### Russia

- Labour and employment
- Water management
- Ship industry
- Research, innovation and science

# PAC/HAC interviews - Belarus

## Partner Data

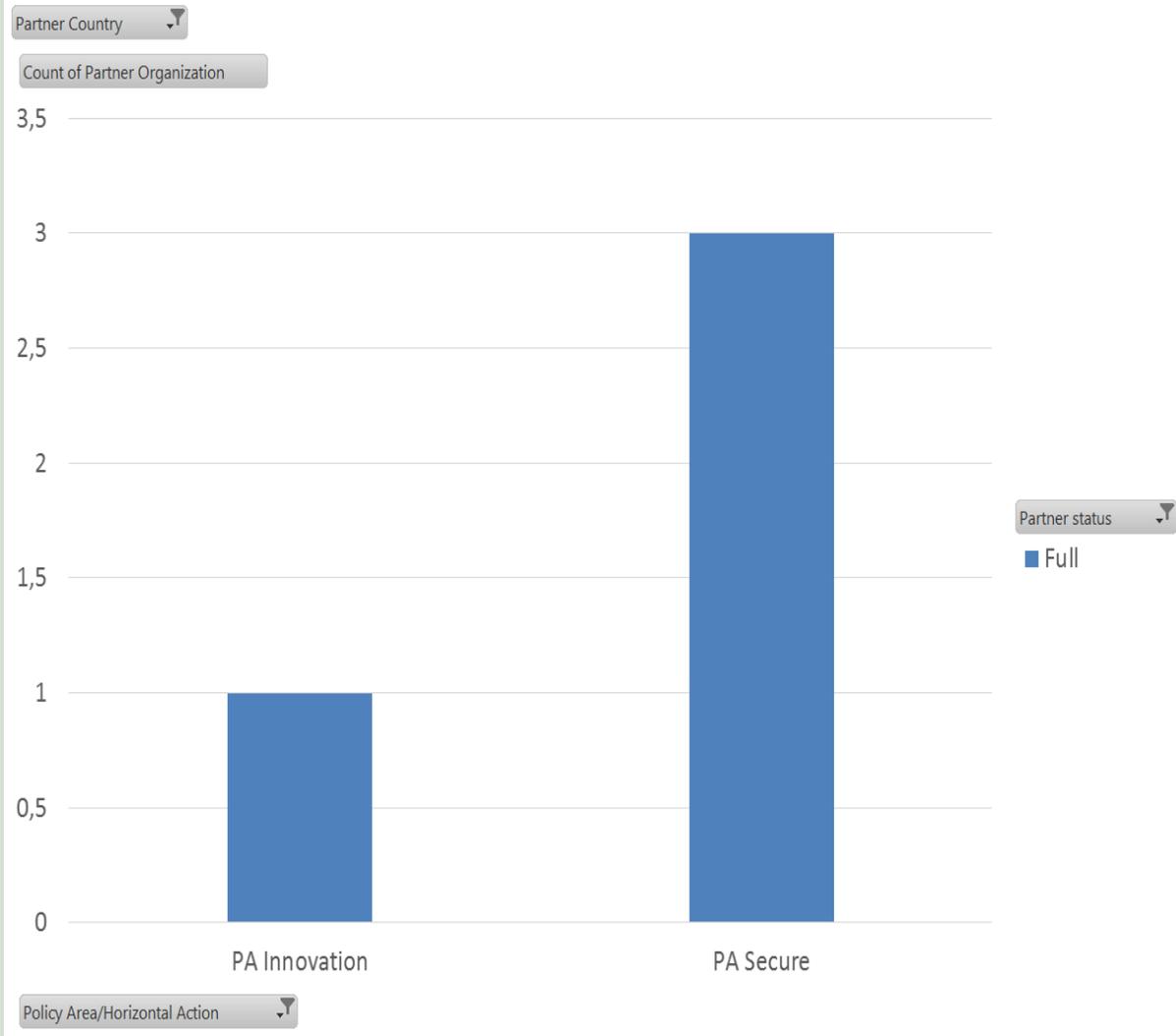


## Interviews

- Flagships
  - 6 Flagships
  - Projects mainly about water management
  - Leaders are either UBC, Germany, Sweden, Finland or Poland
- Partners
  - 8 partners
  - Partners are universities, water management authorities or other environmental organizations
- Coordination level
  - Very little participation
- Issues perceived by PACs and HACs
  - Geographical and cultural distance (language)
  - Need for mapping of joint interests
  - Knowledge about how to cooperate with EUSBSR
  - Few joint funding sources
  - Limited contact with PACs and SGs

# PAC/HAC interviews - Iceland

## Partner data

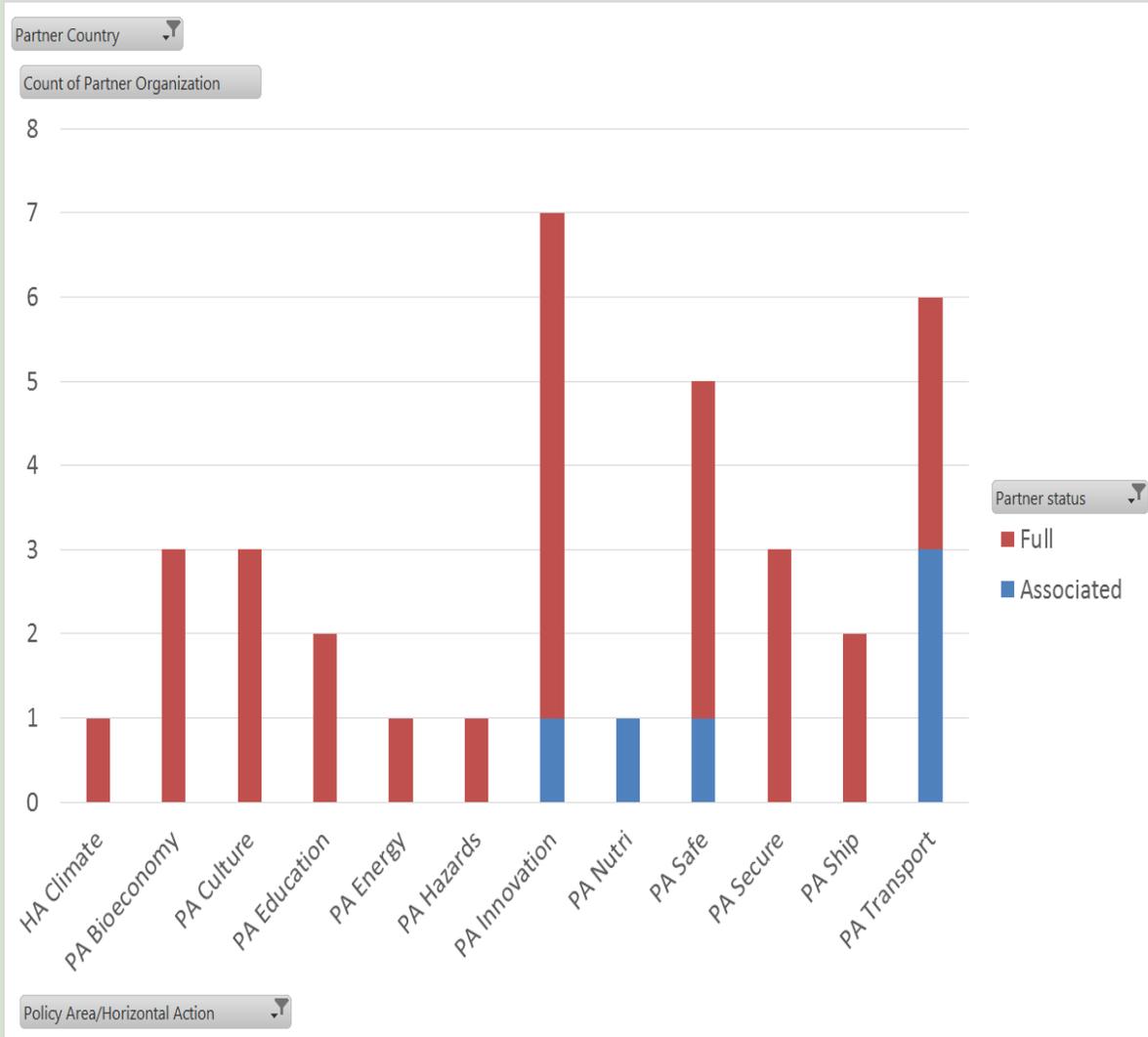


## Interview results

- Flagships
  - 3 Flagships
  - Child protection, Risk management and innovation
  - Leaders are either CBSS, Lithuania or NCM
- Partners
  - 4 partners
  - All from different levels of society
- Coordination level
  - Invited to few SGs, weak participation
- Issues perceived by the PACs and HACs
  - Iceland has low interest and limited information on EUSBSR and its structure
  - Few joint funding sources

# PAC/HAC interviews - Norway

## Partner Data

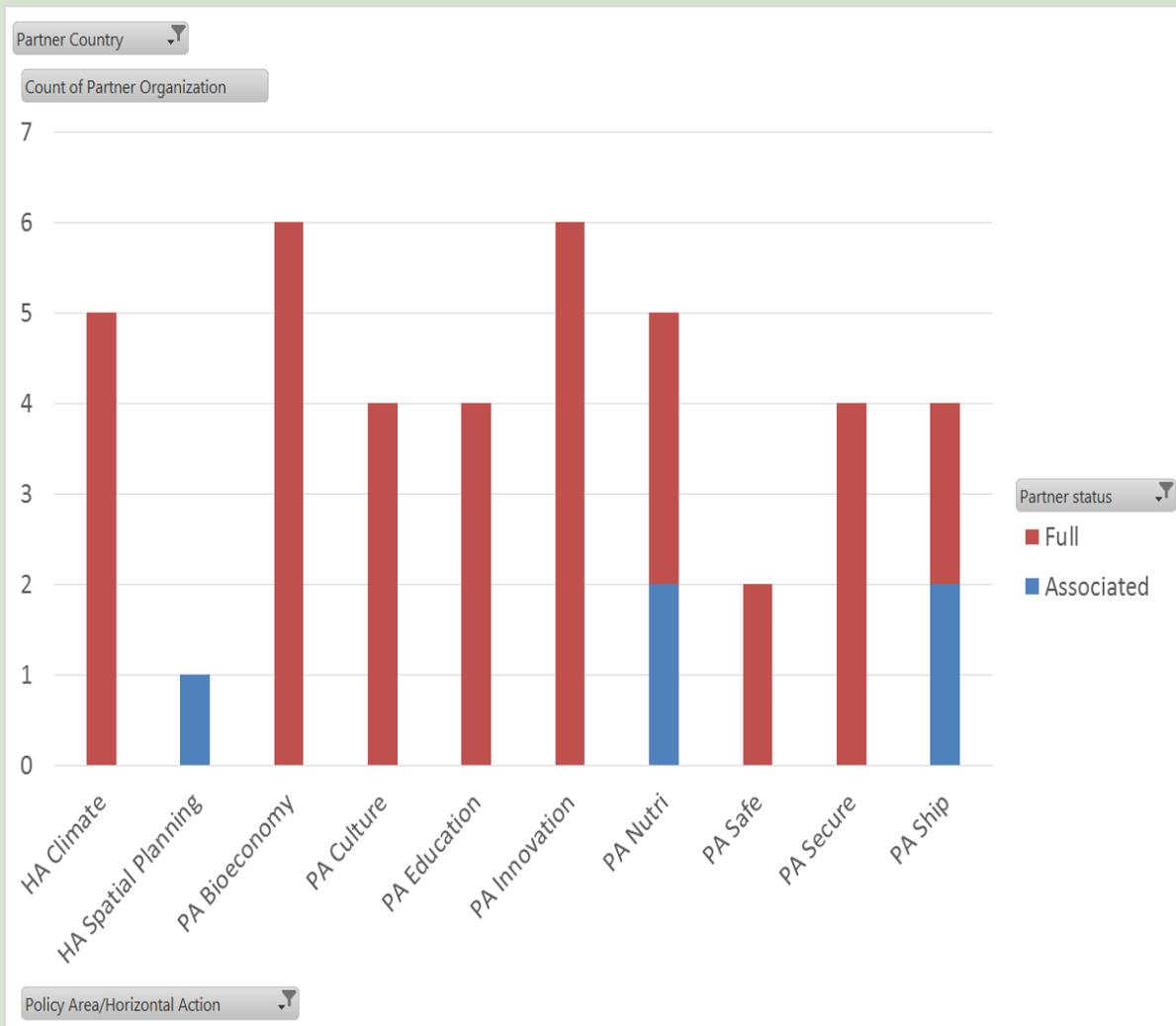


## Interviews

- Flagships
  - 26 flagships
- Partners
  - 35 partners
  - Almost all associated partners are private companies
  - Diverse composition of partnerships
- Coordination
  - Participates in several SGs on adhoc and more regular basis
- Issues perceived by PACs and HACs
  - None.

# PAC/HAC interviews - Russia

## Partner Data



## Interviews

- Flagships
  - 24 flagships
  - Dependant on leadership of a pan-Baltic organization (CBSS, UBC and HELCOM), Finland, Germany or Sweden
  - Most participation is in projects without significant funding (networks and other dialogue platforms)
- Partners
  - 41 partners
  - Wide range of different types of organizations
- Coordination
  - Participates in some SGs on ad hoc basis or as result of membership in the coordinating organization (CBSS/NDPHS for example)
- Issues perceived by PACs and HACs
  - Few joint funding sources
  - Having to settle for "associated partner" status
  - Marshalling jointly decided joint interests in to action
  - Lack of knowledge on current developments in cooperation

# PAC/HAC interviews - Summary

Most active involvement of non-EU countries		Added value	Challenges in cooperation	Way forward
In Steering Groups	In Flagships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is important in order to ensure the coherence</li> <li>- Non-EU countries belong to the region and shall participate in seeking solutions to common challenges</li> <li>- Bring in valuable knowledge, experience and practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- joint funding for cooperation projects</li> <li>- consistent interest and contribution from non-EU countries in activities aside the projects</li> <li>- lack of mapping of interests</li> <li>- Difficulties to establish proper contact with relevant authorities at high-level</li> <li>- The geopolitical situation in the region is complicated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitoring and mapping of joint interests -&gt; Similar questionnaire to the neighboring non-EU member states</li> <li>- Promoting cooperation and match-making activities -&gt; The Joint Strategic Meeting: 30th of October, St. Petersburg, Forum Strategov</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spatial Planning</li> <li>- PA Secure</li> <li>- PA Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Innovation</li> <li>- Secure</li> <li>- Nutri</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NB. We cannot see a clear link between participation in Steering Groups and project/process level cooperation at the moment. Steering groups work very differently across the policy areas. -&gt; HA Capacity's training on SG work</li> </ul>				