



2015

**Celebrating 20 Years
of South Baltic Four Corners
Co-operation**



AGREEMENTS OF CO-OPERATION

The first Letter of Intent documenting the will of the regions' cooperation had been signed in 1995.



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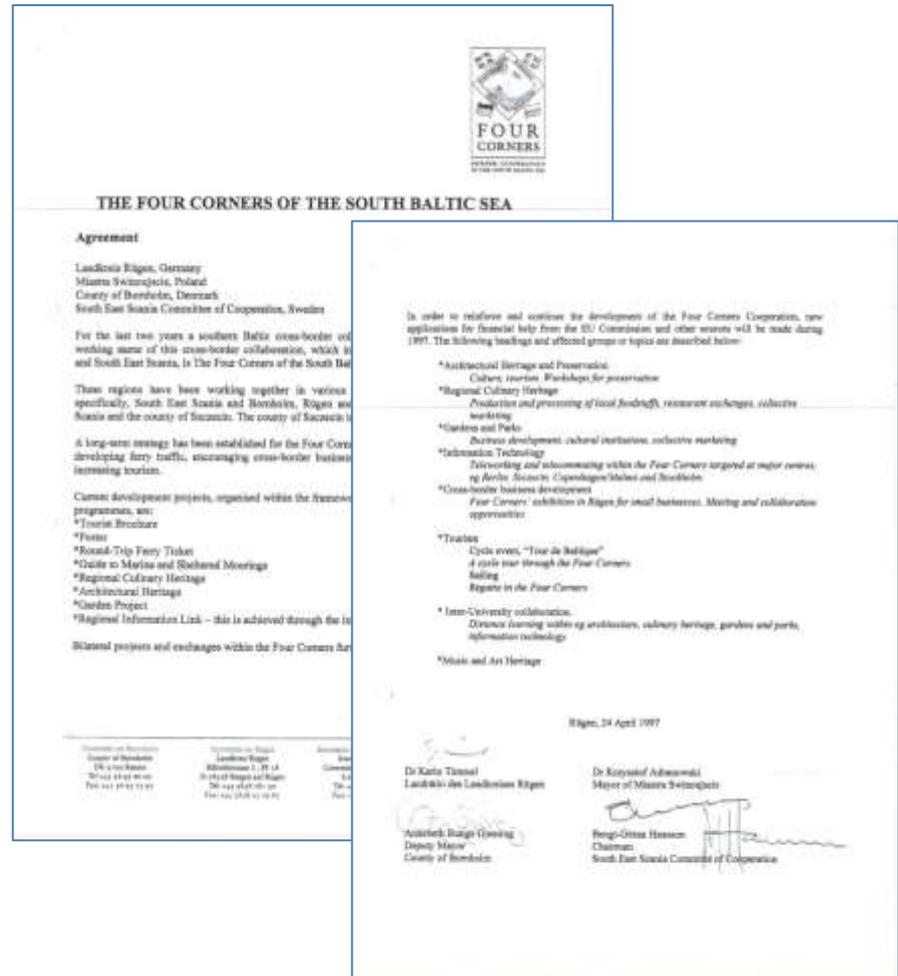


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South Baltic Four Corners 2015

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From time to time new agreements of cooperation had been signed defining fields and concrete tasks of cooperation, so in 1997, ...



AGREEMENTS OF CO-OPERATION

... 2002 and 2003, ...



**Letter of Commitment
from Four Corners Forum on 14-15 November 2002**

County of Szczecin, Denmark
County of Rügen, Germany
Municipality of Brzeźno, Poland
Southwest Baltic Committee of Cooperation, Sweden

At the 2002 Four Corners Forum on 14-15 November 2002, signed on a development of the Four Corners Cooperation. The following was announced:

- The Four Corners Cooperation will continue the high priority:
 - Business connectivity – with an emphasis on SME's
 - Culture and tourism
 - Launch the Four Corners as an "Experience Region" – Co-operation in culture and tourism across the Northern Baltic
 - Communications and infrastructure
- The Four Corners Cooperation will apply for funding to a post development of transnational cultural cooperation, attraction of the influence of young entrepreneurs and will include the diverse Baltic island partnership. Decisions will be taken during spring
- The Four Corners Forum has discussed the possibility of expanding Four Corners. In a few years time the Four Corners Cooperation the Islands Work and Uusika, and perhaps also the coastal area and Rügen, and the north coast of Silesia. This has to be treated

Rome, Stockholm 15 November 2002


 Carl Hult
 Vice County Mayor
 County of Rügen


 Dr. Ulrike Lorenz
 Deputy Governor
 County of Rügen


 Espen Skjerve
 Member of Local Executive Board
 Municipality of Brzeźno


 Thomas Lantz
 Chairman
 Southwest Baltic Committee of Cooperation

Cooperation agreement



Between: The Southwest Baltic
The East Baltic
The Island of Rügen
The Island of Rügen

Since 1988 the four regions have been working together in close cooperation. Historical and cultural ties stretch back over many hundred years and unite these border regions. The four regions make up the

"South Baltic Four Corners"
A network in the South Baltic Sea

The close relations between the four regions are based on the ferry-connections between Rønne, Ystad, Sotkopsjö and Swantow as well as the common interest in the fields of tourism, culture, business and communication.

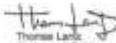
On the forward-looking foundation the four regions agree to strengthen their cooperation with the cooperation agreement and to continue to work close together.

The Four Corners is a political and practical cooperation involving politicians of the regions in several fields of action. The four regions will value their activities on exchange of experience, SME's and implementation of projects in the fields of:

- Tourism
- Culture and sports
- Education
- Influence of young residents
- Transport and communication
- Infrastructure

The "South Baltic Four Corners" Partnership will develop their region as an "Experience Region" – an image of the Four Corners as culture and tourist centre in the South Baltic.

Stockholm 04th, Sweden, 02-10-2003


 Thomas Lantz
 Chairman BOCC


 Arneke Mørn/Carl Jøse
 Member of Regional Council Bornholm


 Dr. Ulrike Lorenz
 Vice Governor Rügen


 Arneke Mørn/Carl Jøse
 Vice President Bornholm

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... and in 2011.

Four Corners Heritage,
CBC Programme South Baltic,
Annual Forum Meeting
Date: 14-15 June 2011



South Baltic Four Corners
Declarations about future Cooperation

At the 2011 South Baltic Four Corners Political Forum the four partner regions

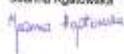
- Regional Municipality of Bornholm
- County District Rügen
- Southeast Skåne Cooperation Committee, SÖSK
- Municipality of Swinoujście

have agreed to continue their cooperation.

Following decision have been taken:

- The cooperation will finalise the two running EU-financed projects, "Four Corners Heritage" and "Four Corners Youth Parliament", in good quality
- The five Partners of the project "Four Corners Heritage" have to keep on their project results and to follow the rules of the EU-Programme's guide lines.
- The Focus of the cooperation until 2014 will be on youth and the project "Youth Parliament" and the realisation of the action plan which is going and based on the result of the Youth Parliament 2011. In spring 2012 the coordinators will prepare a new application for a continuation of the youth cooperation in collaboration with schools in each region.
- The four cooperation partners agree to apply for a new bigger EU-Project in the next EU programme period after 2014.
- 2012 and 2013 regarding the Chairmanship rule of the Four Corners Swinoujście and Rügen will invite for an annual political meeting.
- A coordinator in each region should be appointed to assist in organisation of meetings and projects.

Signed:

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| Bornholm Carl Itze | Rügen Karin Giesel | SÖSK Kristina Jönsson | Swinoujście Joanna Agabowska |
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COOPERATION

- Starting with the first agreement on cooperation signed in March 1995
- the four corners of the South Baltic agreed on permanent cooperation in the fields of business, tourism, culture, youth ...
- The cooperation has been financed by several EU projects:



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Larger EU-projects:

- Start of the cooperation financed by Nordic Council of Ministers
- 1997-1999 Ecos Ouverture project
- 2000-2001 “Cultural Heritage, Business and Commercial Development”
Interreg IIA project (Pomerania)
- July 2003-June 2006 “South Baltic Four Corners – A Developing Region in the Centre of Enlarged Europe”
Interreg IIIB project (BSR)
- Sept 2008-August 2011 “Developing the Four Corners as a sustainable destination based on natural and cultural heritage”
Interreg IVA - CBC South Baltic



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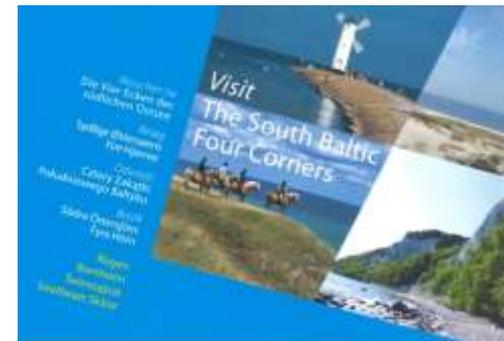
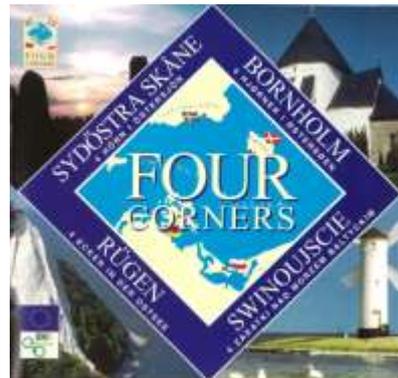
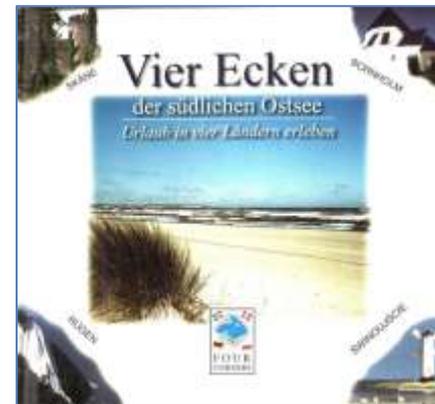
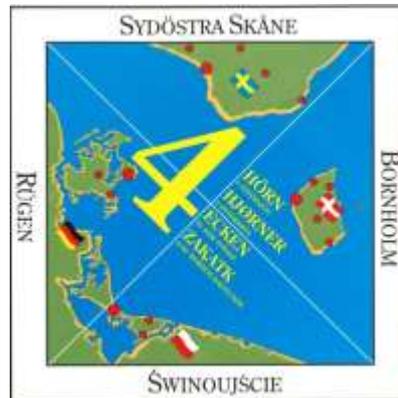
Smaller exchange projects/Youth Projects:

- July 2003 – June 2006 School network started in Interreg IIIB project
- Sept 2008 – Dec 2009 Democratic Youth Work within the South Baltic Four Corners (Youth Parliament)
Youth in Action, Germany
- Sept 2010 – Febr 2012 Four Corners Youth Parliament – Involved in the Baltic Sea Strategy
Youth in Action, Germany
- Sept 2012 – Febr 2014 Four Corners for unity: We stand united!
Youth in Action, Denmark
- April 2015 – Oct 2016 Together 4 Change
Youth in Action, Sweden

COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

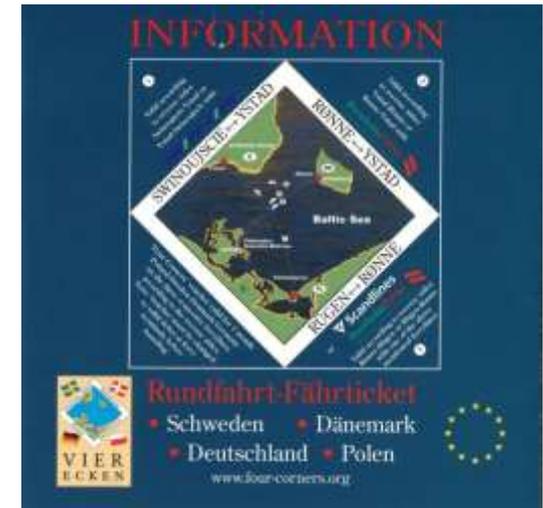
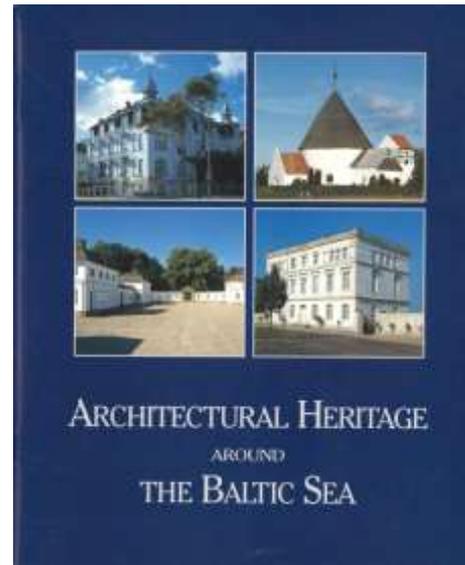
Implementing the EU projects the following events, marketing activities and cooperation activities have been initiated, started, carried through:

Tourism marketing activities – issuing tourism brochures to present the region



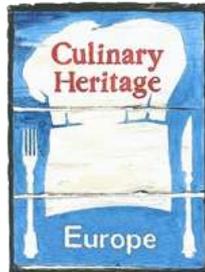
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... and thematical brochures such like Architectural Heritage or Parks and Gardens around the Baltic Sea, a Round trip ferry ticket ... and others



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Regional culinary heritage project

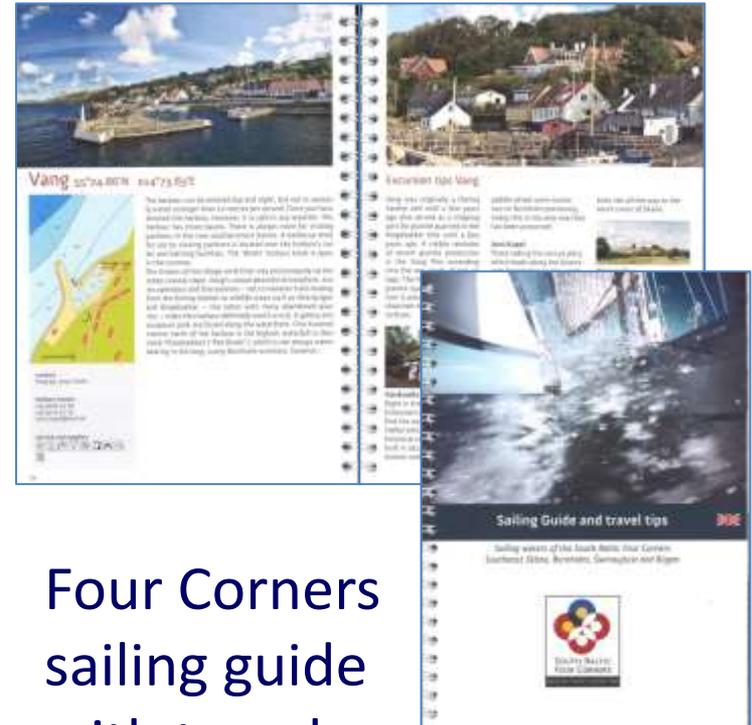


Guests from
Swinoujście
and Skane
to
RÜGANA fair
in 1997,
2007, 2011



COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

Four Corners sailing race
2001 – 2006



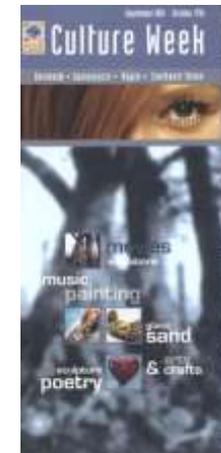
Four Corners
sailing guide
with travel
tips - 2011



COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

International Four Corners culture weeks

Art, culture, museums, history exchange activities



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School network

Four Corners youth
parliament

