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Lessons learned from  
the 1st and 2nd calls for applications

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Priority 3: Well-connected region

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## Priority 3: state of play

- In the 1<sup>st</sup> call in 2015:
  - 14 applications:
    - SO 3.1: Improved transport flows of people and goods → 8 applications → 3 approved projects
    - SO 3.2: Improved services of existing small ports to improve local and regional mobility and contribute to tourism development → 6 applications → 3 approved projects
- Allocated 10,2 million euro ERDF



## Priority 3: state of play

- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> call in 2016:
  - 12 applications:
    - SO 3.1: Improved transport flows of people and goods → 6 applications → 3 approved for 2nd step
    - SO 3.2: Improved services of existing small ports to improve local and regional mobility and contribute to tourism development → 6 applications → 3 approved for 2nd step
- Applying 8,4 million euro ERDF



## Priority 3 funds

Total available for transportation projects in 2014-2020 is 37,4 million € of ERDF

Maximum allocated in 2016: 18,6 million €

Still available in 3rd and 4th call: 18,8 million €



## What projects are doing in SO 3.1?

- Developing innovative IT solutions for cargo movement and management
- Developing smooth traffic regulation systems on Via Baltica
- Developing new and more efficient sea routes in Stockholm and Åland archipelagos



## What projects are doing in SO 3.2?

- Increasing number of places for boats - floating piers
- Increasing IT capacity - wifi
- Developing weather forecast systems
- Leisure areas in the port
- Some improvement (reconstruction) of existing piers
- Joint marketing strategy for the network/area



- Developing IT platform:
  - ports database
  - on-line booking system
  - entrance to the harbour
  - access to the port facilities
- Training voluntary maritime rescue staff
- Well equipped maritime rescue organisations



## For the next calls

- Applications for both specific objectives are waited
- Many small ports along the Baltic Sea coastline can be improved and several transport corridors can be developed to make movement of people and goods more effective, saving the time and reducing the negative impact on environment in same time.



## Main selection criterias

- Clearly defined problem/need/bottleneck
- Innovative solution with cross-border impact
- List of improved ports, transport corridors or nodes
- % of reduced travel time
- Results have impact on traffic/maritime safety
- Value for every partner / Common network
- Organisations representing target groups or responsible for transport management



## Successful applications


- Targets of the projects are in line with SO's result indicators
- Exact ports or transport corridors/nodes are defined and named
- The need for the project is explained in credible way
- Partners are active in the field (not somebody "outside" thinking that the idea could be interesting)
- Projects support Programme's targets





## Weak applications

- Project activities are not in line with SO's result indicators
- Do not support Programme's targets
- Clear need for the target group is missing
- Partnership is not relevant
- Directly responsible organisations or end users are not involved



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