

# BONUS programme and its contribution to the knowledge basis needed to implement the Baltic Sea Action Plan

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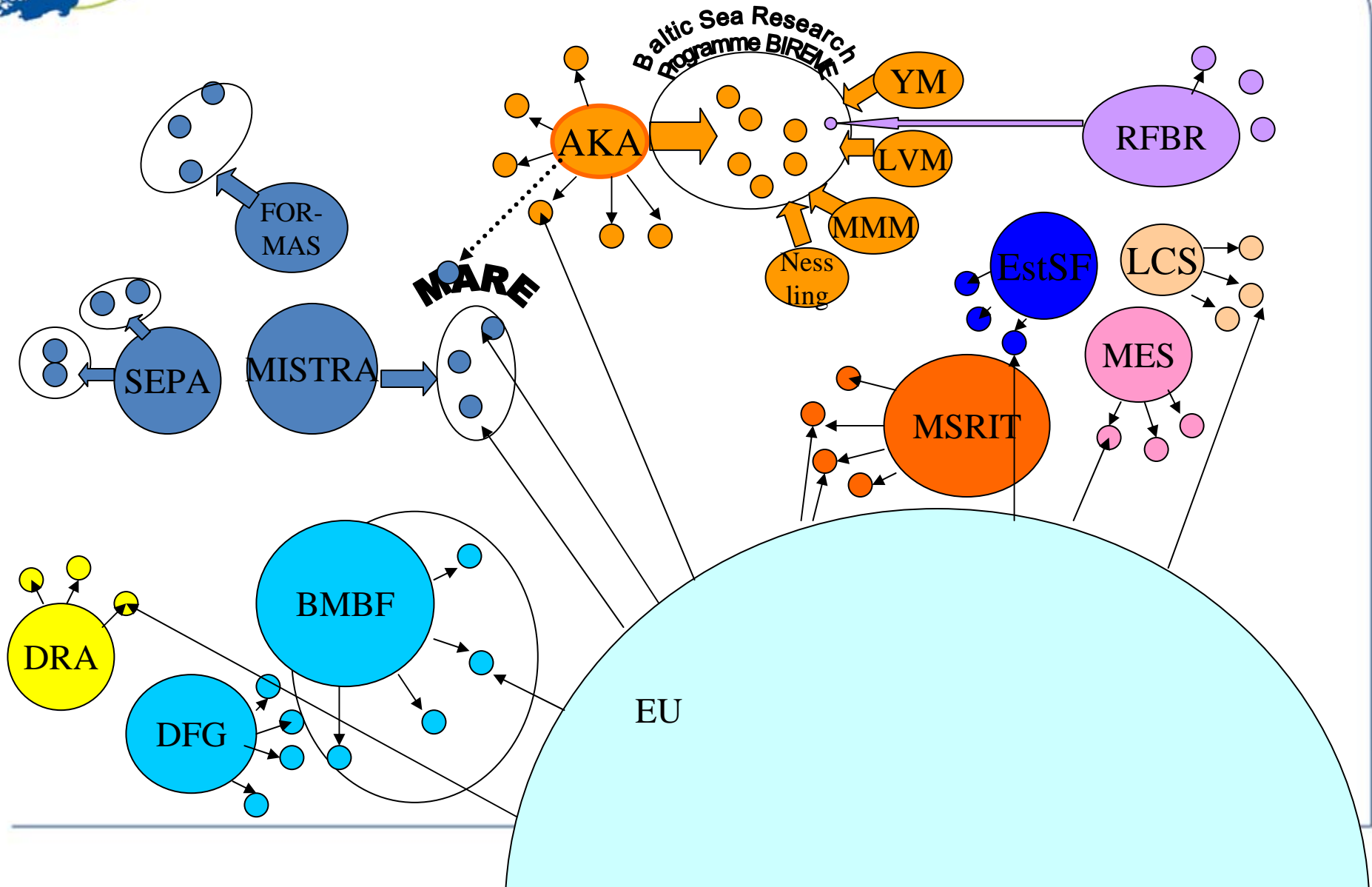
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- The goal is to fund research which supports Baltic Sea environment decision making
- The members are the key research funding organisations mainly from the RTD sector in the nine Baltic sea countries
- In 2008, the BONUS EEIG managed its first call for proposals of ca. 22 milj. Euros
- Planned calls ca. 60 € euros during 2012-2016

- Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation (The Danish Natural Science Research Council)
- Estonian Science Foundation
- Agency for International Science and Technology Development Programmes (Lithuania)
- FiRD Coop (Finland)
- Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
- Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning
- Latvian Academy of Sciences
- Foundation for the Development of Gdansk University (Poland)
- Forschungszentrum Jülich Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH (FZ-GmbH) (Germany)

Separate agreements with the Russian Foundation for Basic Research regarding funding of joint projects

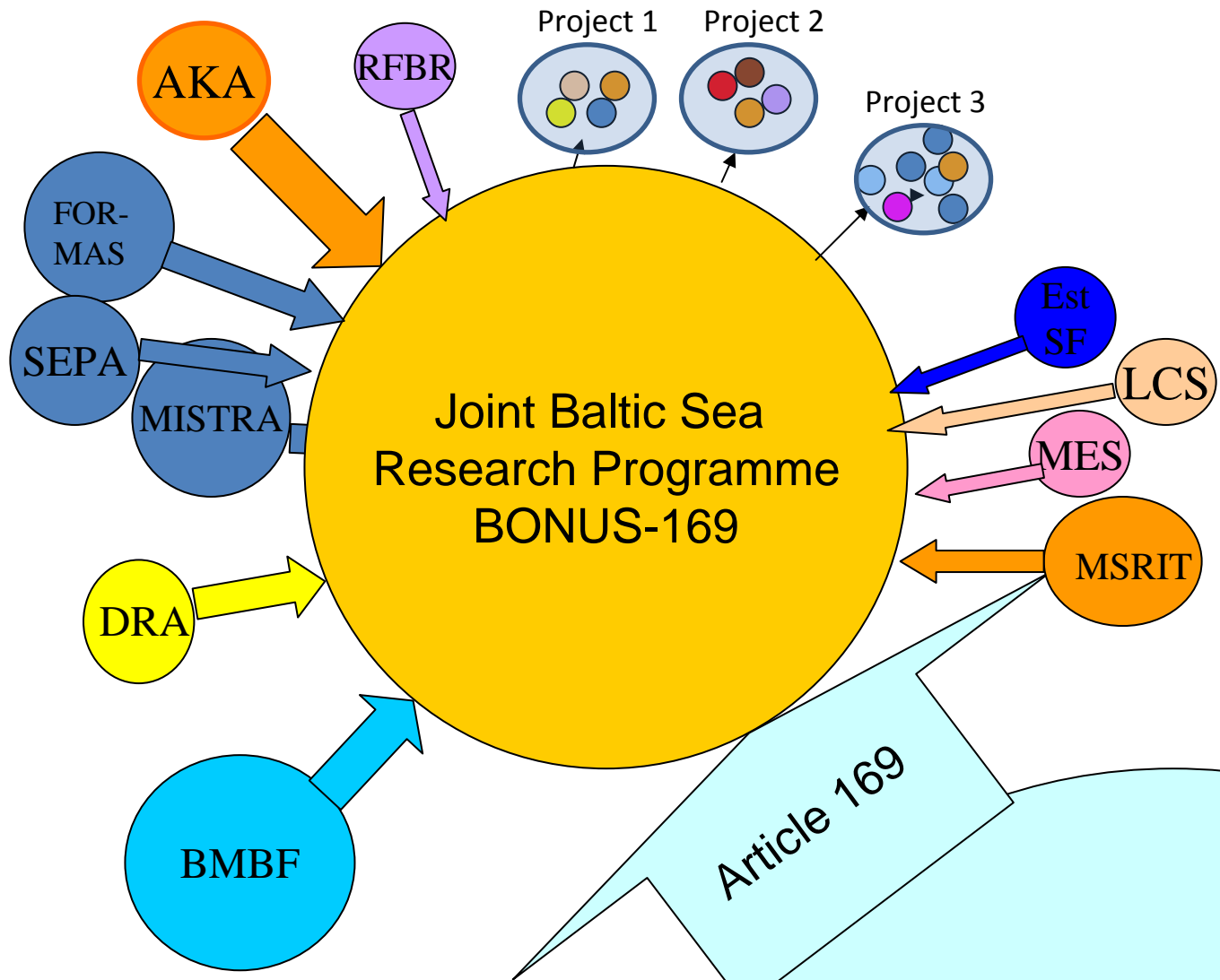
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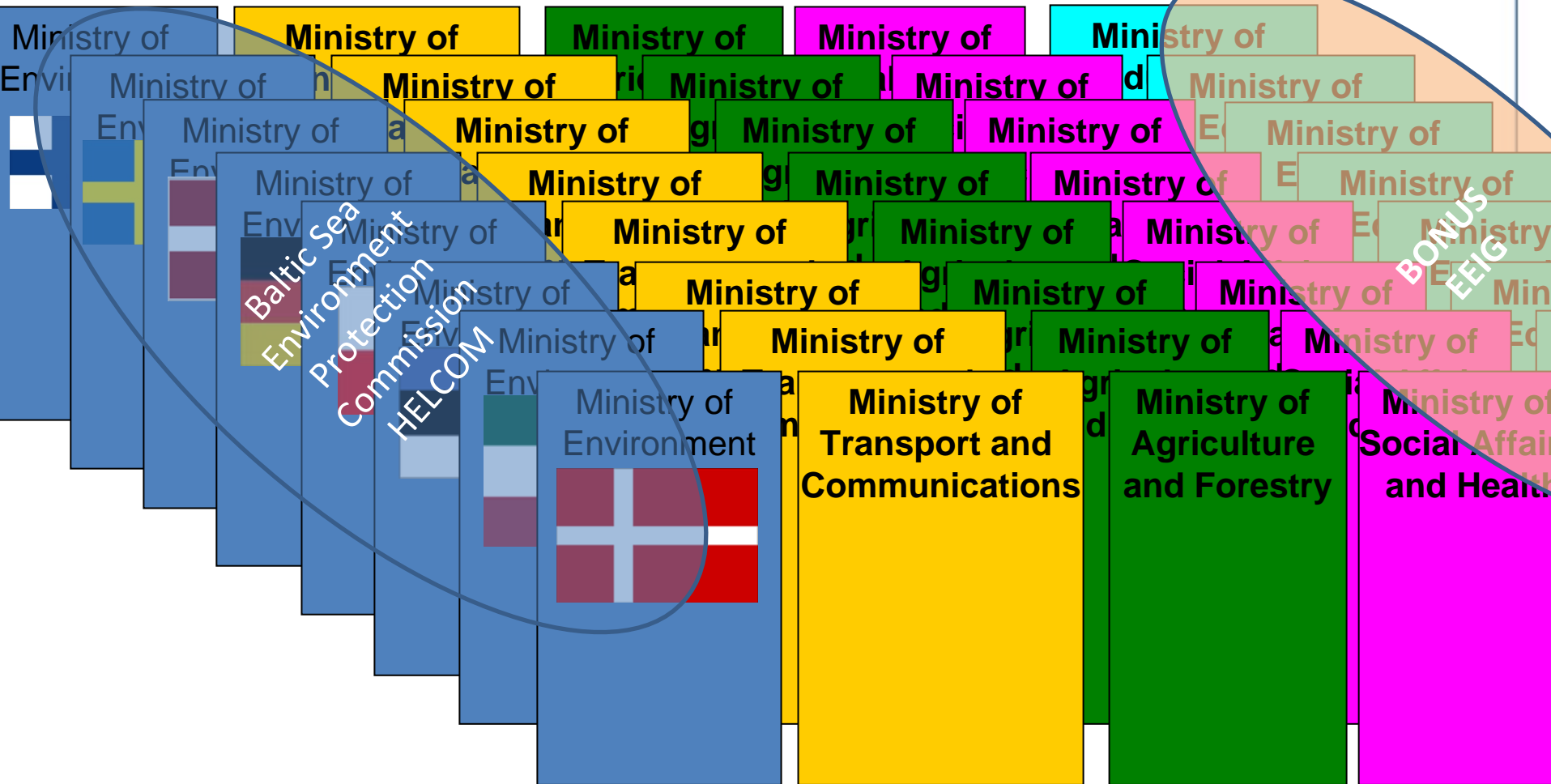
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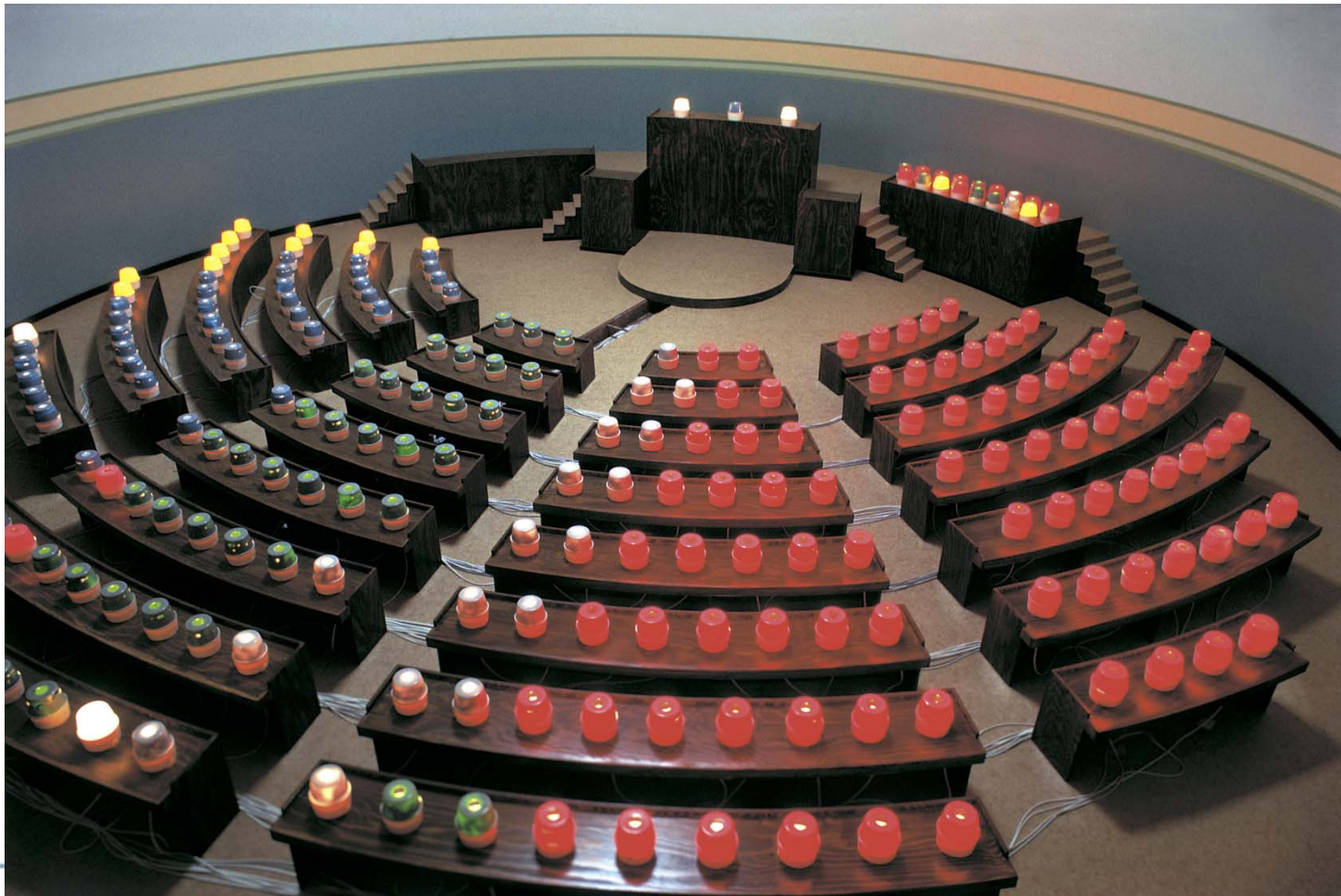
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## Theme 1: LINKING SCIENCE AND POLICY



## **Theme 2: UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE CHANGE AND GEOPHYSICAL FORCING**





# BONUS

for the Baltic Sea Science – Network of Funding Agencies



## Theme 3: COMBATTING EUTROPHICATION



## **Theme 4: ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**



## Theme 5: PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY



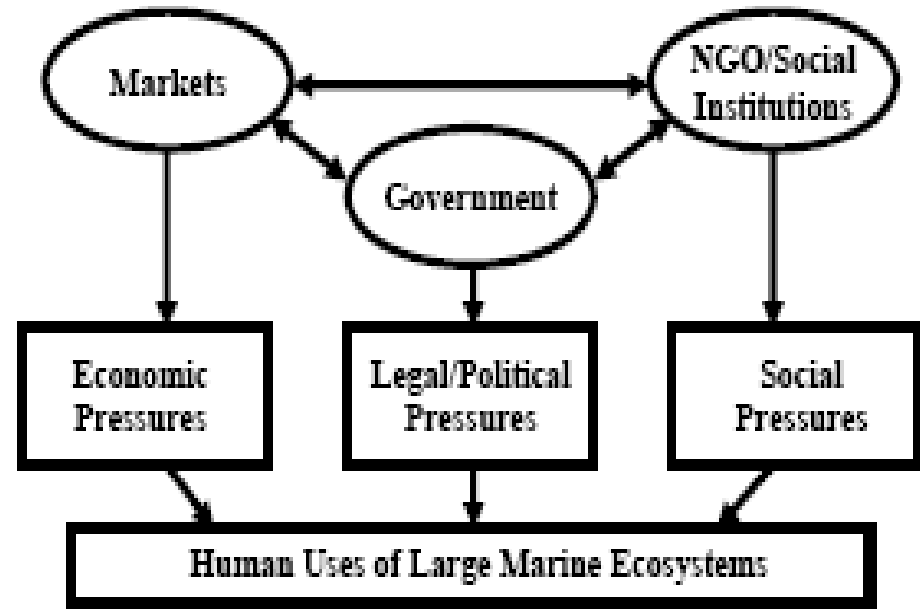
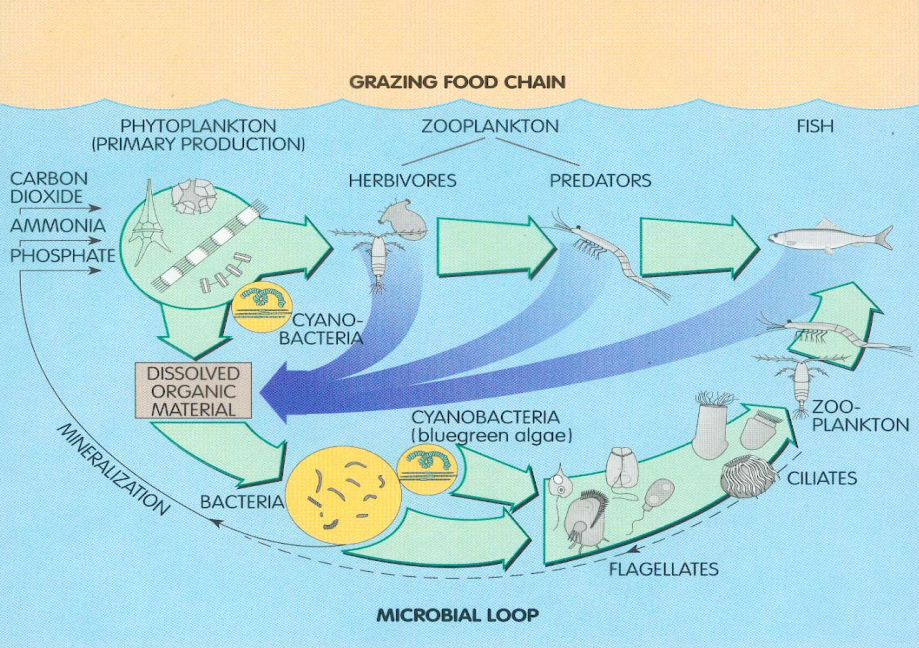
## Theme 6: PREVENTING POLLUTION





# Theme 7: INTEGRATING ECOSYSTEM AND SOCIETY

■ OPEN SEA AND DEEP, SOFT BOTTOM ECOSYSTEMS, B: THE STRUCTURE



## **Theme 8: STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION AND USE OF COMMON RESOURCES**



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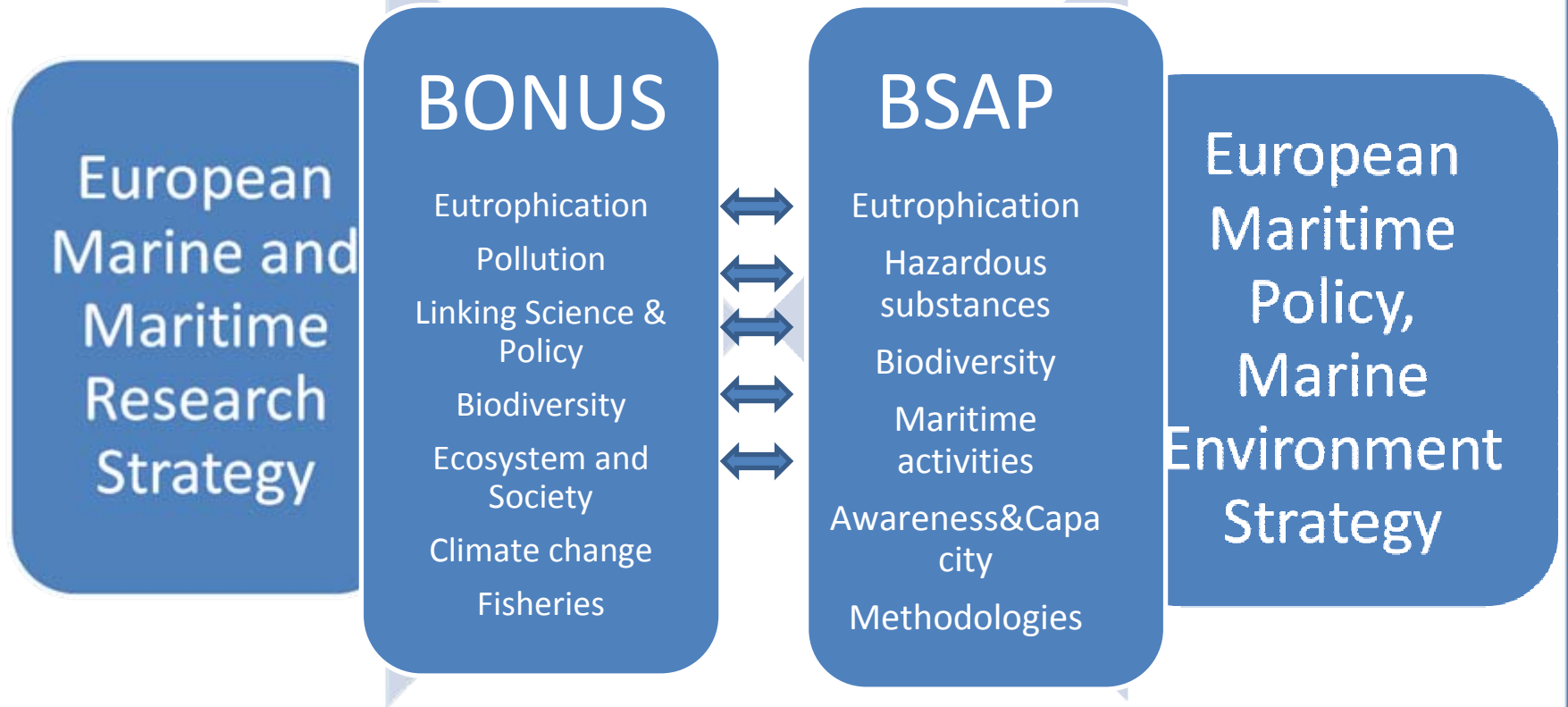


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SCIENCE

POLICY



## Activities of BONUS-169

1. **Calls** to the scientific community that will each refer to specified topics originating strategically from the BONUS-169 Science Plan and Implementation Strategy.
2. **Conferences** and **workshops** linked to networking and coordinating the region's nationally funded research.
3. **Synthesizing** and **disseminating** research outputs for better bridging the gap between science and users.
4. **Educating** and **training** new generations of young scientists.
5. Ensuring the **development, visibility** and **sustainability** of the Joint Baltic Sea Research Programme and promoting the **transfer** of its achievements to other European regional seas.

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- **HELCOM has an advisory role in BONUS EEIG**
  - Contributed to the Science Plan and selection of projects in the first Call, is a member of the Advisory Board
- the challenge and key element of success of the programme is the communication between researchers and policy makers

- The first Call of the BONUS programme
- Total funding ca. 22 M€, 2/3 from national 1/3 from EU
- 16 projects funded with over 100 participating institutes

### Eutrophication

AMBER  
BALTIC-C  
HYPER  
BALTIC GAS  
RECOCA

### Biodiversity

BaltGene  
BAZOOCA  
PREHAB

### Hazardous Substances

BEAST  
BALCOFISH

### Maritime activities

BalticWay

### Decision support

PROBALT  
IBAM  
RISKGOV  
ECOSUPPORT

- joint workshops planned between the key BONUS scientists and HELCOM MONAS, LAND, HABITAT, MARITIME, RESPONSE

*BONUS-169 is for you!*

*Thank you!*