

Statutes of the

***SUBMARINER***

***Network for***

***Blue Growth***

***EEIG***

The members set up a European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) according to EC Regulation 2137/85.

## **§1 Name and Seat of the EEIG**

The name of the EEIG is “SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth EEIG” with the seat in Berlin, Germany.

## **§ 2 Object**

2.1. The objective of the EEIG is to create a permanent SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth with a coordinating institution covering the whole Baltic Sea Region, for a continuous implementation of the SUBMARINER Network Action Plan as laid out in the SUBMARINER Roadmap, after closure of the BSR Programme co-financed SUBMARINER project in December 2013. In the framework of the SUBMARINER Network, the various agents shall also in the future be assisted to cooperate with each other in suitable initiatives which may be (co-)financed through relevant national as well as transnational funding programmes.

The SUBMARINER Roadmap (published in Sept 2013) shall serve as a reference document for the initiatives to be supported and undertaken by the SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth. It is, however, to be understood as a living document that can change as needs evolve.

2.2. The objectives are in particular to:

- create a series of interest groupings along the Strategic Action Fields defined in the SUBMARINER Roadmap to be coordinated by the respective nominated Network coordinators with the purpose of informing each other, identifying, initiating and jointly undertaking relevant measures on regional, national, transnational and – where appropriate – also European level;
- continuously identify, screen and analyse funding options via contacts with relevant funding and financing institutions in order to generate funding for relevant measures;
- continuously inform decision makers in the field of marine biotechnology, marine aquaculture and innovative marine technologies in the Baltic Sea Region in particular and in Europe in general about the creation of the SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth as a flagship project of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and its Network Action Plan;
- inform and promote available results of the SUBMARINER project as well as future activities within the SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth to all relevant stakeholders of the EUSBSR, and continuously fine-tune related activities with the Network partners around the Baltic Sea;

- continuously identify and attract new actors and stakeholders to join relevant SUBMARINER Network activities esp. within the various Strategic Action Fields and respective projects;
- Seek and strengthen cooperation with other networks and organisations in related fields (e.g. project partnerships of related projects, relevant regional (maritime) cluster organisations; transnational organisations in the BSR, EUSBSR coordinators) as well as European, international and other national public institutions, private and non-governmental organizations, associations, federations as well as local and regional public authorities.

2.3. Object of the EEIG is also the international exchange of information and experience; the organization or workshops, seminars, conferences and other events with internal or external objectives; the compilation, editing and publishing of publications of all kinds as well as advertisement for this and relevant distribution of all kind.

2.4. Object of the EEIG is also the European-wide cooperation of its members with regard to joint outsourcing, common purchases and procurement in such areas like common tasks in internal and external communication, marketing and sales, professional training, human resources management as well as consulting, advisory services, project development and management. In this context, the EEIG can charge any party on behalf of the members or thirds by own invoices in the name and for those concerned; the members or thirds can have their operating costs settled via the EEIG as well.

2.5. The EEIG may establish and maintain contractual relations with other enterprises and organizations. It can furthermore open non-independent project offices and / or information offices.

2.6. The EEIG may become a project partner, meaning it can be directly involved in application, administration and implementation of project activities. The members decide on the conditions of the EEIG's involvement in project partnerships.

2.7. The EEIG can also administrate and apply for intellectual property (copyrights, patents, brands, licences etc.) in its own name, for its members or for third parties. The members decide on the exploitation of all relevant acquired rights.

2.8. The EEIG is not oriented to commercial profits.