

**SOUTH BALTIC CROSS-BORDER CO-OPERATION  
PROGRAMME 2007 - 2013  
*MATCH MEETING*  
*EVALUATION REPORT***

**General Information**

The Match Meeting of the South Baltic Cross-Border Cooperation Programme took place on 10-11 September 2008 in Świnoujście/Poland.

The Match Meeting was preceded on 10 September by informal opening on the “Get together” party around the bonfire on the beach.

135 participants, representing 5 countries from the eligible co-operation area took part in the meeting of 11 September. Potential beneficiaries submitted 40 projects ideas of a different stage of development.

All project ideas are available on the Programme website ([www.southbaltic.eu](http://www.southbaltic.eu)).

The morning panel session was opened with welcoming words given by the Managing Authority, Ms. Inga Kramarz, and followed by presentation on the South Baltic Programme objectives and features by Mr Jacek Zaucha (Head of the JTS).

The participants of the meeting were divided into 6 working groups according to their interest or submitted project ideas. The working groups were established in line with the Programme priorities. There was also “ad hoc” additional workshop established for participants interested in projects development in Measure 2.3 of the Programme (Sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage from regional development).

The overall aim of the workshops was to find synergy between different projects’ ideas and stream the project idea into the Programme objectives. The summary of each workshop are presented on the webpage ([www.southbaltic.eu](http://www.southbaltic.eu)). Discussions during the workshops were facilitated by expert in the field of the measure and supported by the Joint Technical Secretariat and Contact Point representatives in regard to Programme objectives.

Each projects ideas owners had opportunity to discuss the project idea further with potential partners during the Projects BAZAR, presenting indicated project idea to interested parties. JTS, CPs and PROJECTS had opportunity to present project ideas, find project’s partners and communicate and get advise from JTS/CPs and discuss open issues.

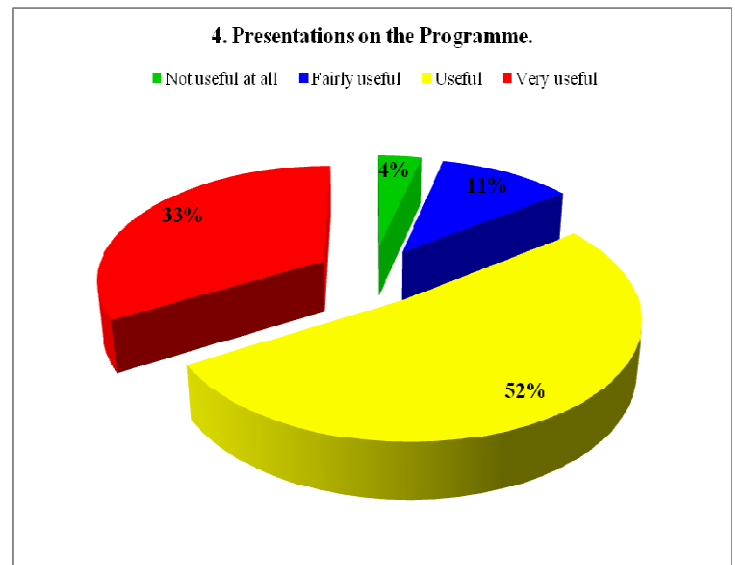
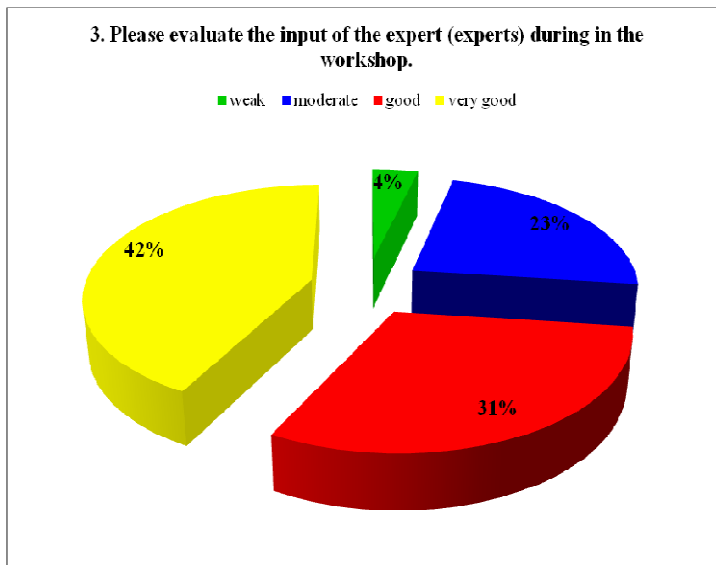
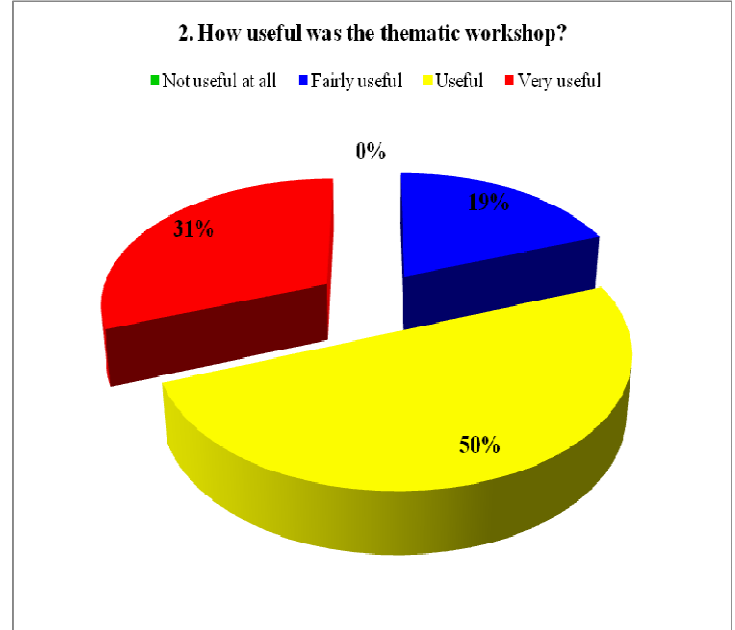
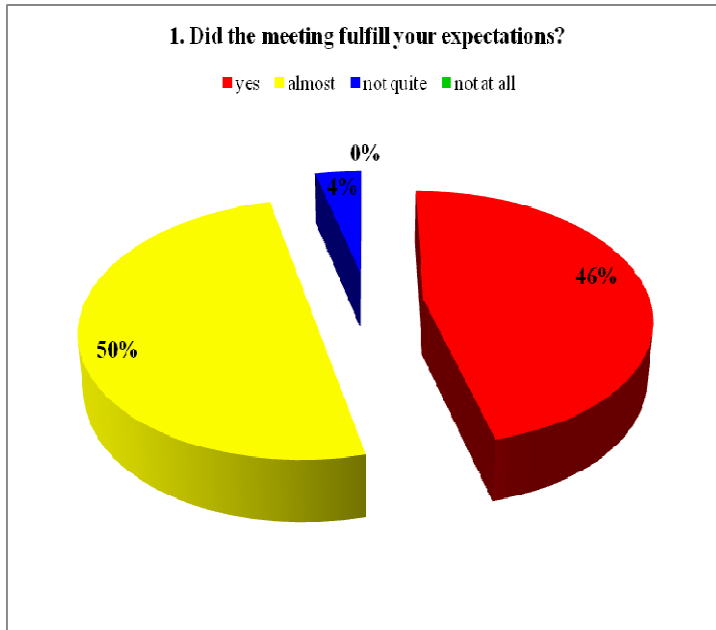
The summary of the project ideas was presented by the experts or Contact Points in the afternoon panel session.

The last session was a presentation on upcoming second call for proposals, application and assessment procedures. Most frequent mistakes, “lesson learned” from the 1<sup>st</sup> call for proposals and Open questions from the participants were presented by Mr Jens Masuch (JTS).

The evaluation sheet was sent to all participants after the meeting in order to receive feedback (comments, remarks and suggestions) which will be used for future events.

## Overview of evaluation results

The evaluation sheet with questions was sent to all participants. JTS received 30 replies ( 25%). Based on the information submitted the followed impression was made:



## What kind of additional input from JTS/CP and or experts would you have wished/expected at the workshop ?

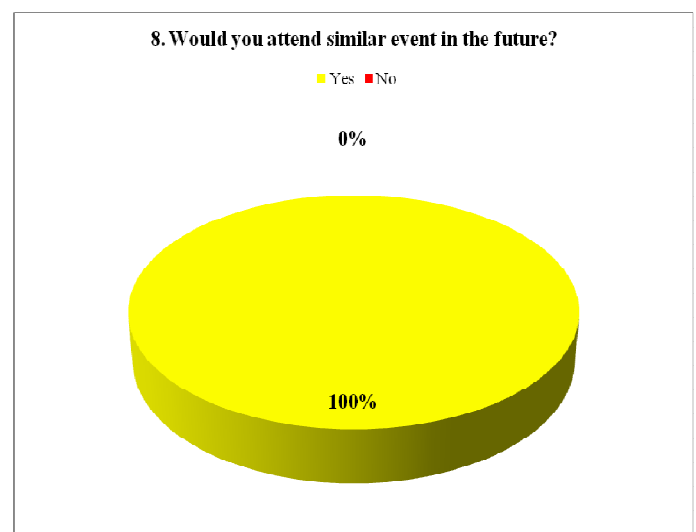
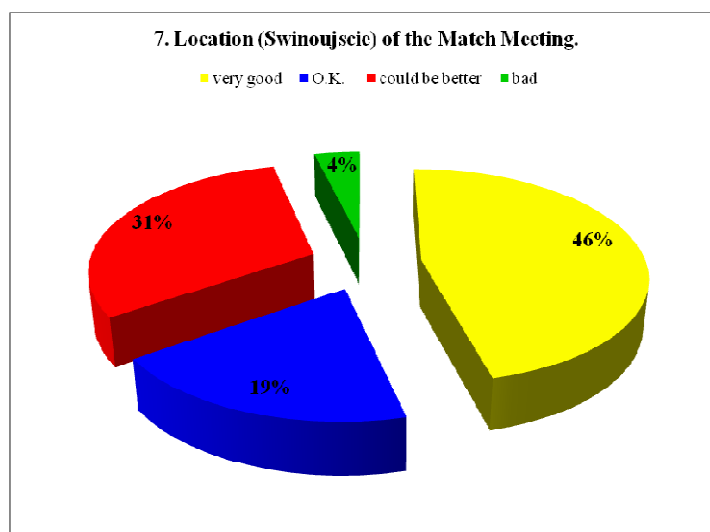
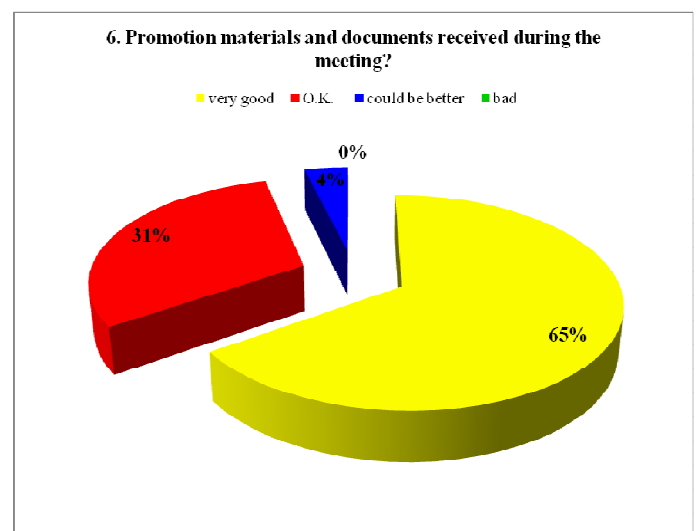
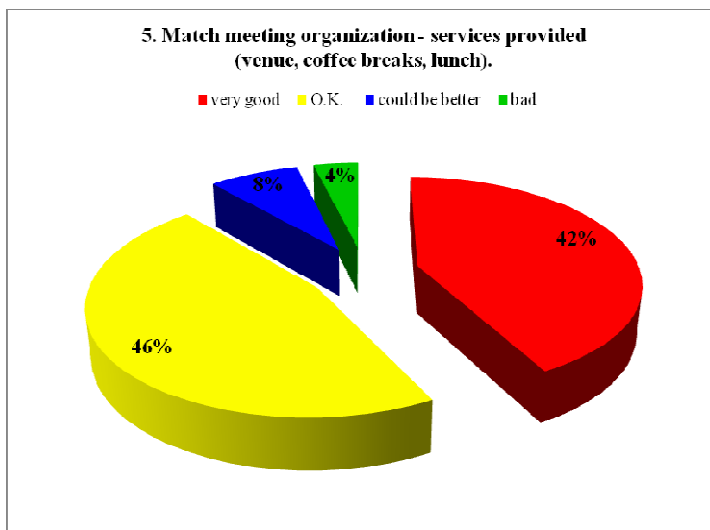
General remarks:

- stronger moderation and more room for discussion;
- grouping similar ideas in order to find a way to work together;
- deeper analysis on the topic (e.g. the energy situation in the SB region);
- more information if a subject follows the Programme objectives and fits to the measure;
- more practical tips how to develop the project ideas.

## What kind of additional information on the Programme would you have wished/expected ?

General remarks:

- Examples of good projects ideas that fit to different measures;
- More facts & figures about the SB area (number of people, universities, farmers, etc) in relation to help developing projects in the fields that are lagging behind.



## 10. General comments, suggestions and ideas for improvement:

### General remarks:

- Choice of location after the criteria “easy to access”;
- Check acoustic facilities of the rooms for workshops;
- Organization of annual match-meetings with focused theme for Lead Beneficiaries (LB) and future LB to spread project results and establish networks;
- More details in the project information sheet (concerning the structure of Application Form) like e.g. problem to be addressed, background etc. to avoid spending time during the workshops for discussion about basic information and talk more about content of project idea and specific solutions for next steps;
- Information and discussion on how the Programme manual shall be interpreted to find common understanding of the needs between partners from different countries;
- Thematic (measure) presentation of the experts in regard what has been done and what need to be done in the Programme co-operation area;
- Information from the COM representatives to give views on the future and priorities for future funding;
- Feedback and comments from the SC/MC members in regard to the importance from national and the South Baltic Programme priorities;
- Development of networking issues;
- Inviting strategic projects from the Baltic Sea Region covering relevant themes (e.g. VASAB, Baltic 21).

Thank you all for your contribution to the Match Meeting! We hope that your comments will improve our performance in upcoming events of that kind.

All information regarding the meeting is available on the Programme webpage [www.southbaltic.eu](http://www.southbaltic.eu)

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