EU strategy for the Baltic Sea region

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The Council held an **exchange of views** on the EU's strategy for the Baltic Sea region and associated action plan.

The proposed strategy is aimed at creating a sustainable environment for the Baltic Sea, enhancing prosperity in the region and making it an accessible, attractive, safe and secure place.

The Commission's communication comes in response to a request from the European Council last December. Preparatory work has already started with a view to enabling the Council to adopt conclusions at its meeting on 26 and 27 October.