

BaltMet Promo

Branding the Baltic Sea Region with three Baltic Sea Regional products:

Live like locals 'travel package BSR-Japan Coproduction Forum Investor's Guide

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Why to do regional branding?

- Nation branding and city-branding still prevail in place branding
 - Added value of widening the scope into regional place branding
 - Cooperation first, competition second
- Baltic Sea Region branding based on concrete BSR product building
 - Tourism
 - Film Talent
 - Investments
- Building on wide transnational stakeholder cooperation: synergies with existing actors and frameworks in BSR
 - BaltMet Network & Baltic Development Forum
- Strengthening the feeling of regional identity = strengthening the BSR brand
 → setting the BSR on global agenda of place branding





How to do regional branding?

- BSR product building based on core strengths of BSR and on thorough research and expert opinions
- Three fields of excellence
 - Tourism
 - One of the most demanding target groups: Japanese; if we make it there, we can make it anywhere
 - Live like locals theme
 - Film talent
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 - Film coproduction forum
 - Investment attraction and business cooperation
 - Two trade fairs MIPIM in Cannes and Hannover as pilot cases
 - Raising awareness of BSR's possibilities to international investors
 - Putting BSR on the map of investors





BaltMet Promo

- Promoting the entire Baltic Sea Region globally and strengthening the BSR identity both at home and abroad
- Combining forces in common marketing designing of joint BSR services and products for tourists, talents and investors
- Co-operation with colleagues and the best subject matter experts from across the BSR (best practices, experience, contacts and networks, less risk, shared aims)
 - Funding: European Union, Baltic Sea Region Programme
 - **Duration:** Pilot Phase two years (1/2010 12/2011)
 - Budget: 2,8 MEUR (2010-2011)
- New project initiative: BaltMet Brand-ID
 - Continuing the efforts in regional branding and identity building
 - Tourism (prolonging seasonality into winter, maritime city profile development)
 - Investment attraction and business cooperation (sector-specific business delegation visits)
 - International talent to knowledge centers (improving international student services)





Promo Logic

Branding is based on intensive product building of BSR products.

Product building based on thorough research (11 metropoles of the region; Berlin, Helsinki, Riga, Warsaw, Vilnius, Stockholm, Tallinn, Copenhagen, Oslo, Malmo and St. Petersburg)

•Demand research (desk study and interviews)

- Tourism: mapping the interest of Japanese tourists towards a life style experience in BSR
- Talent: mapping the Japanese film ecosystem and coproduction field, identifying the will to co-productions
- Investment: mapping the reasons why firms invest in the Baltic Sea Region
- •Supply research (desk study and interviews)
 - Tourism: mapping the existing supply of services targeted to Japanese tourists
 - Talent: mapping the BSR coproduction field, identifying the interest to co-productions
 - Investment: Analysis of the investment drivers in 11 cities of the Baltic Sea Region + field study at World Expo in Shanghai, how do the BSR cities present themselves

•Marketing communications

- Packaging the services and products into an attractive form
- Dissemination the information









Tourism Pilot

- 'Live like locals' travel experience for Japanese in the BSR
 - Little information on the lifestyles of the Baltic Sea Region
 - Conception of the BSR according to three sub-themes
 - Nature, design \rightarrow Scandinavian Cities
 - The Historic Centre (World Heritage) \rightarrow Three Baltic Cities
 - History (e.g. war, architecture) \rightarrow Berlin and Warsaw
 - Individuals, especially Japanese young women trend-setters in travelling
- Three ten day 'Live like locals' trips
 - Existing supply scarce; programmes tailored in cooperation with Project partners and Local experts
 - Helsinki + St.Petersburg
 - Riga + Vilnius + Tallinn 'Baltic Cities'
 - Berlin + Warsaw 'Cultural Power Spots'
- Competition for individual bloggers:
 - Win a trip to Baltic Sea Region area, travel under "Live like locals theme"



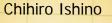








Baltic Sea Region





Tourism Pilot

• Baltic Cities – Riga, Vilnius, Tallinn "これから10日間、バルト三国に行きます !!!"

[Going for the Baltics for ten days!!]

- Programme
 - Included both traditional sights and ´living like local´, quite tight but very much liked
- What was interesting?
 - Differences in food culture, new tastes
 - Details, use of colors, setting, design, cuteness
 - Atmosphere
 - Shopping
 - Nature; wood as material, sea, fishing
- → Baltic cities offer a lot for Japanese tourists, the key is to spread to message























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Tourism Pilot

• Dissemination of information and presenting the experiences of trips

- Local press conferences during blogger visits
- Brochure 'Live like locals'
- Seminar at JATA Travel showcase, Tokyo
 - (29th Sep 2nd Oct)
 - Presentations by cities + talk show with the bloggers
 - JATA Travel showcase participants, press
- Seminar & Marketing event (4th Oct)
 - Presentations by cities + talk show with the bloggers
 - Reception for networking
 - Around 80 key planners, sales persons in agents, whole sellers, tour operators and press
- Local stakeholder meetings in Partner Cities & www.baltmetpromo.net











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Baltic Sea Region–Japan COPRODUCTIONFORUM

COPRODUCTION FORUMTalent PilotGOPRODUCTION FORUM日本・バルト海沿岸国 共同制作フォーラム

- BSR Japan Coproduction Forum at Scanorama European Film Forum, 11th – 13th November 2011
 - Possibilities for collaboration and joint film production between Japan and the Baltic Sea Region countries
 - Three-day event for promising filmmakers; 10 from BSR and 10 from Japan
 - Lectures, seminars, discussions with well-known producers and filmmakers
 - Presentation and pitching of selected projects
 - Special film programme including films from all partner countries
- Pre-event field trip
 - Organized to partner cities (Berlin, Helsinki, Riga, Vilnius, Warsaw) for two Japanese and two local film talents; hosted by the local expert, meeting with stakeholders and visiting film schools etc.
- Virtual Guidebook
 - Compilation of information from the demand and supply research









Hiroomi Fukuzawa Director, scriptwriter



Marcel Lozinski Director, producer, musician



Dagmar Jakobsen Director, musician, actress, stunt, producer



Investment Pilot

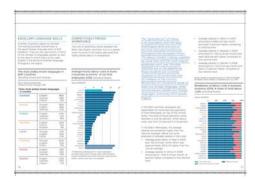
- BSR Investor's Guide unique marketing tool for the entire BSR
 - Promotes the region and offers valuable information for investors
 - Introduces and highlights business and investment opportunities
- Divided into two sections:
 - Introduces and describes the Baltic Sea Region and the 11
 Metropoles Each Baltic Metropolis is presented by an image with the city's headline (black section)
 - Describes the BSR through seven key investment drivers (white section)
 - 89 pages, in English
 - Disseminated at MIPIM and Hannover Messe at Baltic Sea Region Investment Promotion Stand, five city stands and to stakeholders and partners
 - Available online http://www.baltmetpromo.net/publications













Investment Pilot

- BSR Investors' Panels
 - Organized at selected trade fairs of MIPIM Cannes (Real estate) and Hannover Messe (Industrial technology)
 - Presenting the BSR Investors' Guide and promoting the Baltic Sea Region
 - Promoting concrete investment projects (best practice)
 - Renew and maintain street lightning in Vilnius, Reinventing the Helsinki Waterfront, Create underground parking in Warsaw, Berlin Adlershof Germany's biggest Science and Technology Park
 - Informing about investment opportunities in general
 - Participants appr. 40 in both panels
- BSR Investors' Meeting (Matchmaking Event)
 - Online tool to meet potential business partners
 - 92 participants from the BSR, all countries represented
 - 500 meetings in total, average 5.5 meetings per participant















BaltMet Promo Consortium

- City of Helsinki (Lead Partner)
- Aalto University School of Economics CEMAT (Coordinator)
- Baltic Development Forum
- City of Berlin
- City of Warsaw
- Greater Helsinki Promotion Ltd
- The Research Institute of Finnish Economy
- City of Riga
- City of Vilnius

Associated Organisations

- City of Malmö
- Oslo Teknopol
- City of St. Petersburg
- City of Tallinn
- Wonderful Copenhagen
- Baltic Sea Region networks
- National institutions:
 - investment promotion agencies
 - national tourism promotion agencies
 - cultural agencies







Key message

Creation of tangible products and services,

and people themselves acting as buyers, sellers or end-users, *enable* for a conception of a common regional identity and brand be born in the minds of people.





Thank you!

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