COASTAL BIOGAS

Cluster On Anaerobic digestion environmental Services and nuTrients removAL

Introduction to the project

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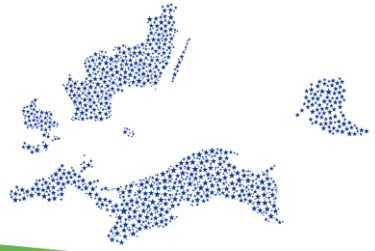

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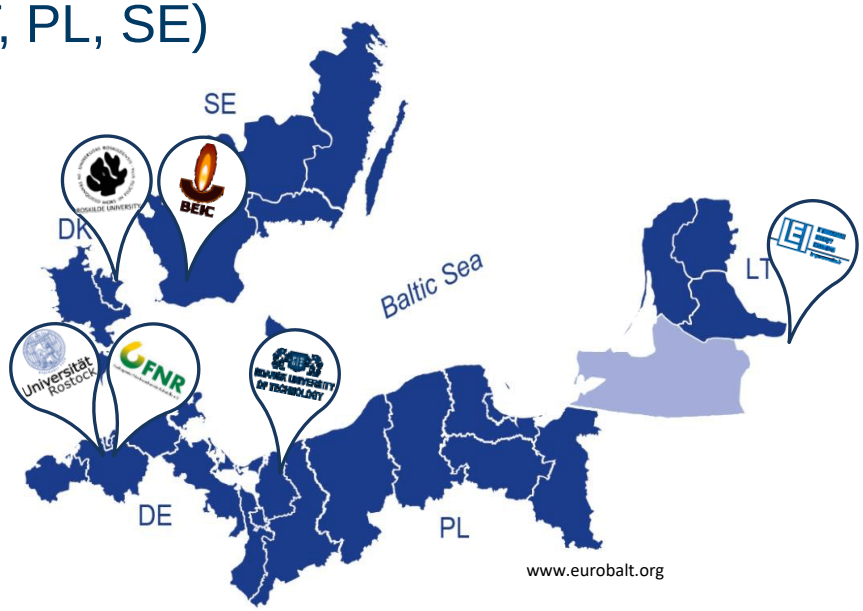
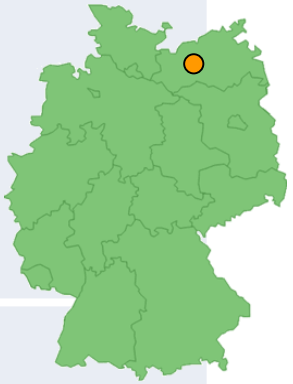
Overview

- Funding programme: Interreg South Baltic
- Funding volume: 1.575.378 €
- Duration: 36 months (07/2018 – 07/2021)
- Participation: 6 partners from 5 countries (DE, DK, LT, PL, SE)



FNR – who we are

Foundation:	1993
Main office:	18276 Gülzow-Prüzen
Support:	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) and State of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
Employees:	115
Legal status:	Registered association with 85 members (7 voting members)
Tasks:	• Promotion of research, development and demonstration (project management) • Information & advice • Public relations • International and EU activities
Target groups:	Industry, SME, public and private research institutes, universities, government agencies



FNR – what we do

Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e.V.

- Is a competent partner for renewable resources on European and international level on behalf of Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture
  - Analysis of political developments and framework conditions in the European Union
  - Information and advice about European funding opportunities for German applicants
  - Development of EU projects (Interreg, H2020, BBI-JU, ERA-NET)
  - Coordinator/partner of around 15 ongoing EU projects
  - Member of international and EU expert panels

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What the project is about…

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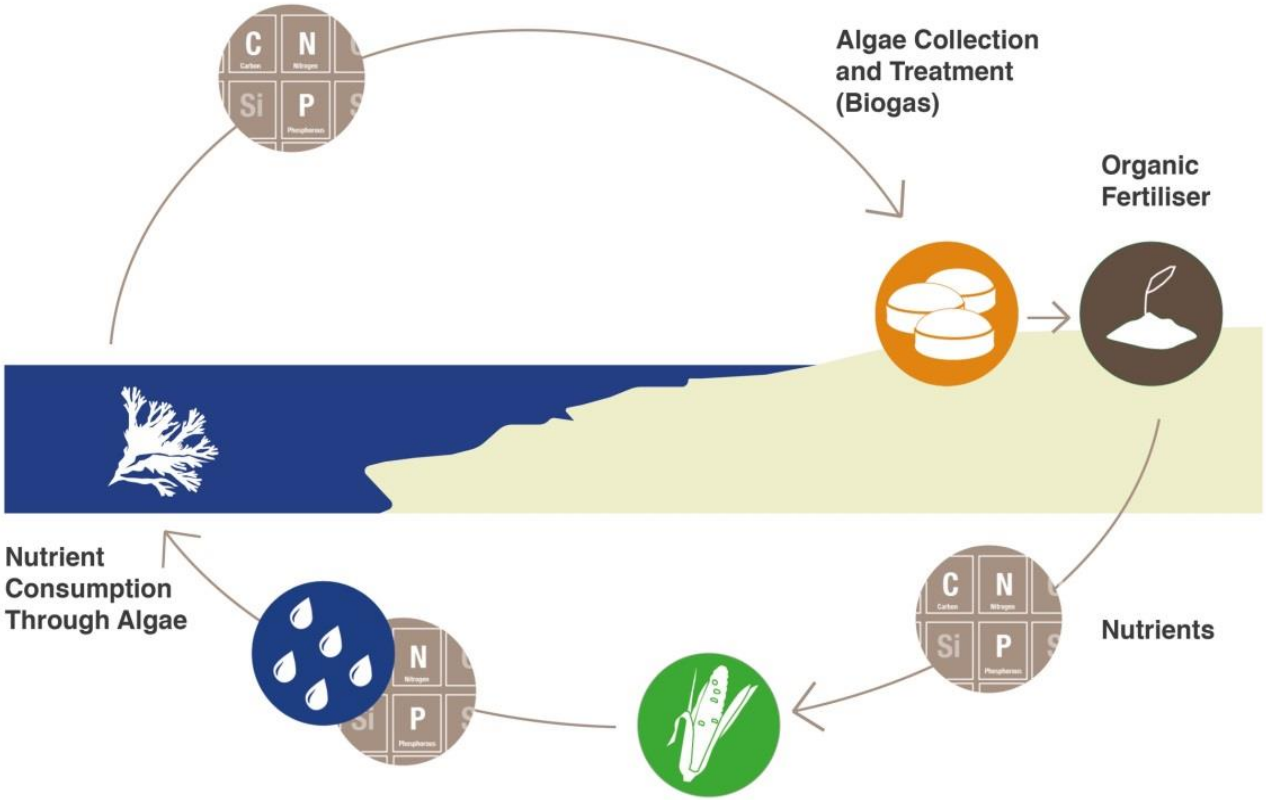

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Objectives

- Removing nutrients from the Baltic Sea by collecting cast seaweed and using it as co-substrate for anaerobic digestion to counteract eutrophication
- Closing nutrient cycles by utilising the digestate as alternative to artificial fertilisers and therefore, contribute to the transition to a circular bio-economy
- Supporting cross border technology guidance and transfer in seaweed co-digestion
- Developing a decision support tool and training kit

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Collection techniques

- Different seaweed collection techniques are tested and evaluated by LEI and RUC regarding sand content and environmental impact

Solrød Strandrens, Facebook post (23.06.2016)

Collection on the beach

Fredenslund et al. (2012)

Collection in shallow water

http://www.aquarius-systems.com/Pages/53/aquatic_weed_harvesters.aspx

Collection in deep water

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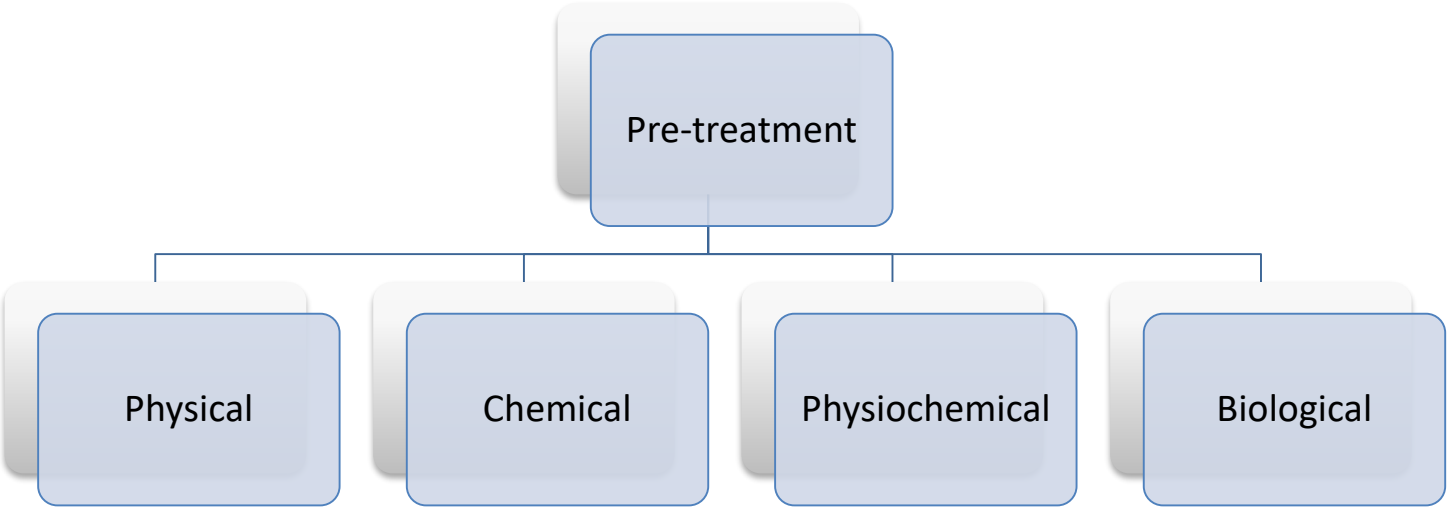
Pre-treatment

- Technologies of biomass pre-treatment are tested by GUT to improve anaerobic digestion process and methane yield



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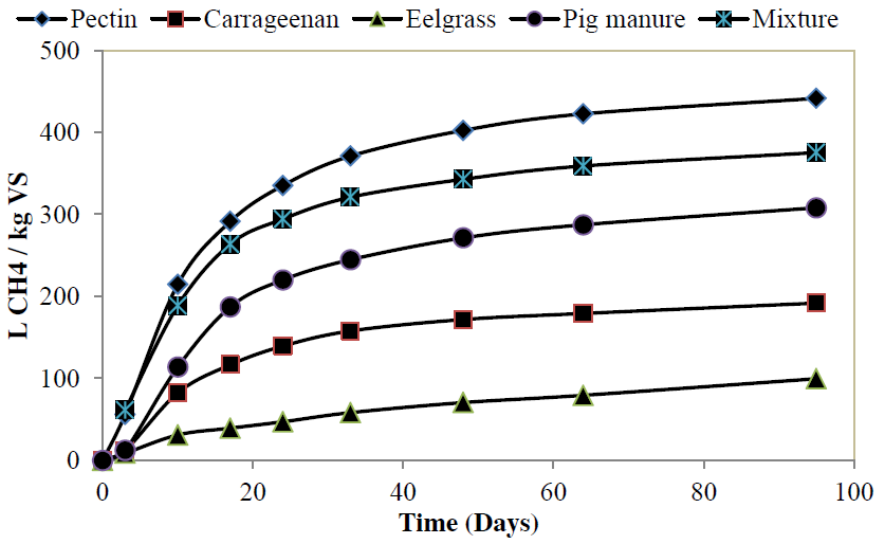
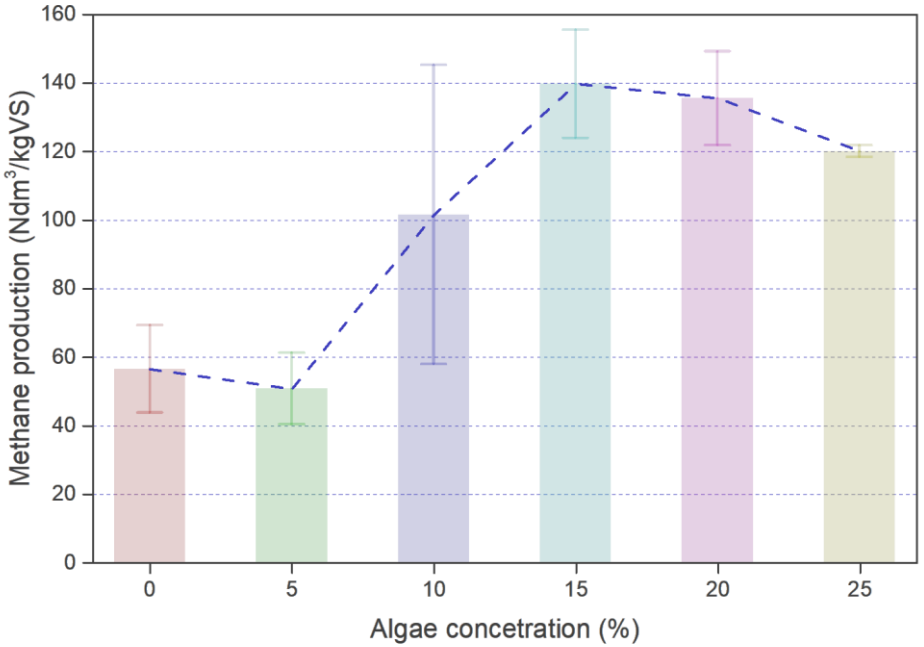
Methane production potential

- Investigations on co-digestion of cast seaweed



Methane production observed for the materials and a mix of materials tested in batch experiments

Fredenslund et al. (2012)



Methane production observed for different seaweed concentrations (co-digested with manure) tested in batch experiments

Experiments at GUT

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Seaweed potential and policy frameworks

- The potential of cast seaweed in the South Baltic area is assessed
- Policy frameworks in the partner countries regarding the collection and utilisation of cast seaweed are reviewed and evaluated

How much seaweed is being washed ashore each year?

How long is the coast line that has to be cleaned from seaweed and are those beaches accessible?

Which regulations apply for using seaweed for AD?

Which regulations apply for the utilisation of digestate as fertilisers?

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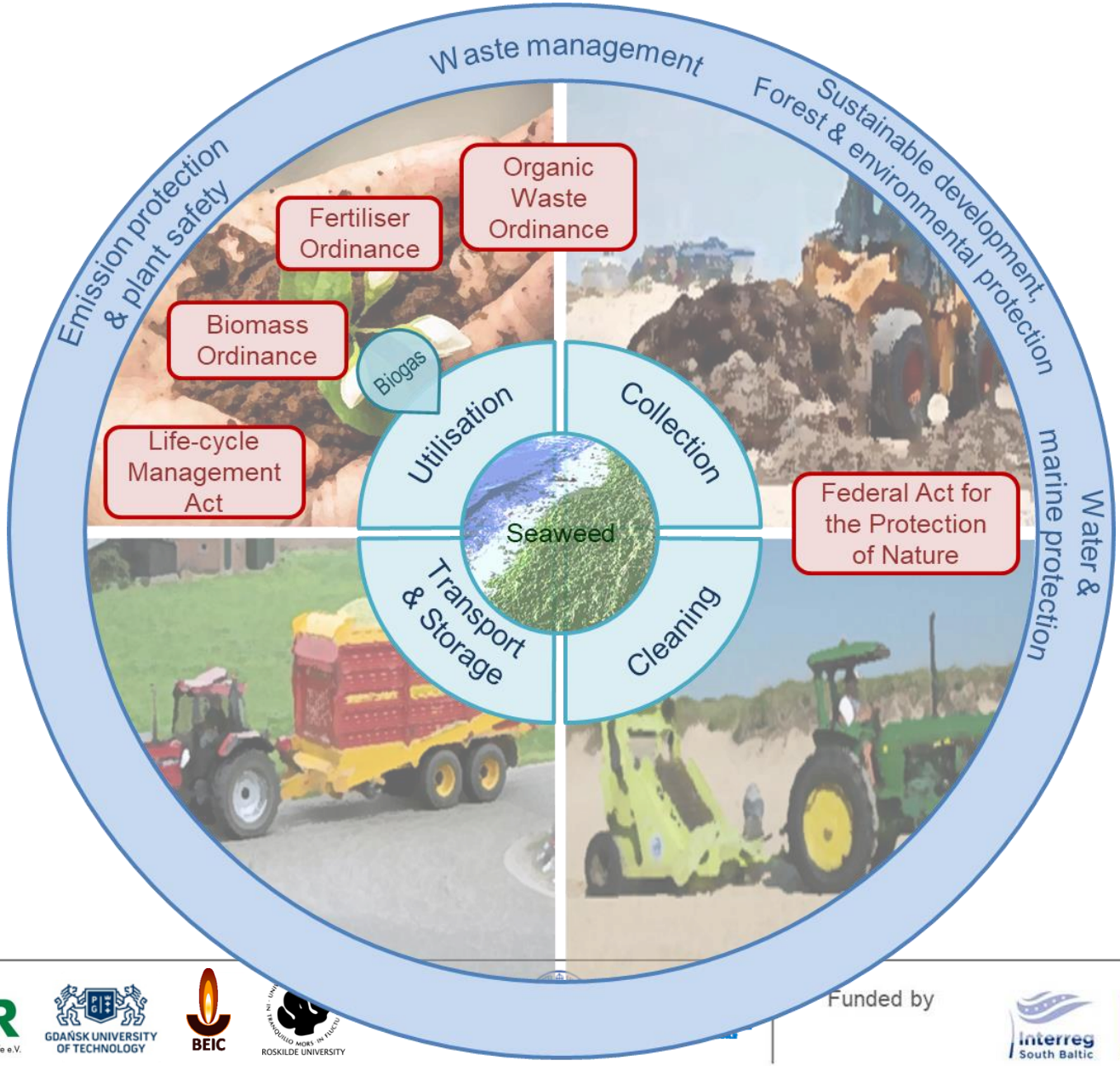
Legal framework



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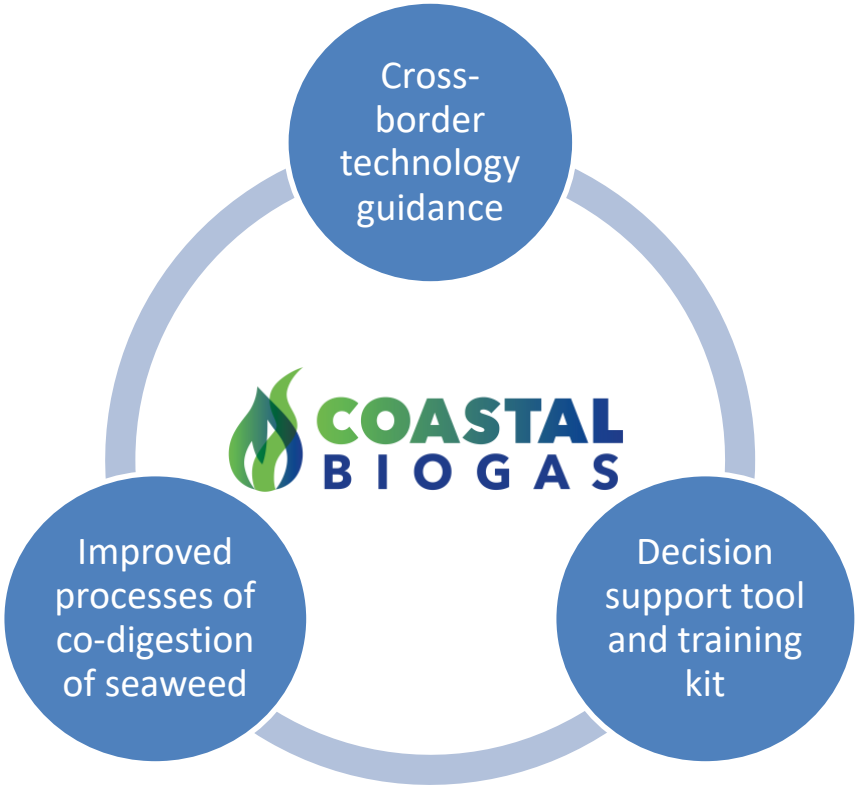
Project outputs



Target Groups

- Biogas plant operators
- Municipalities
- Local authorities
- Waste management companies
- Farmers
- Cleaning companies

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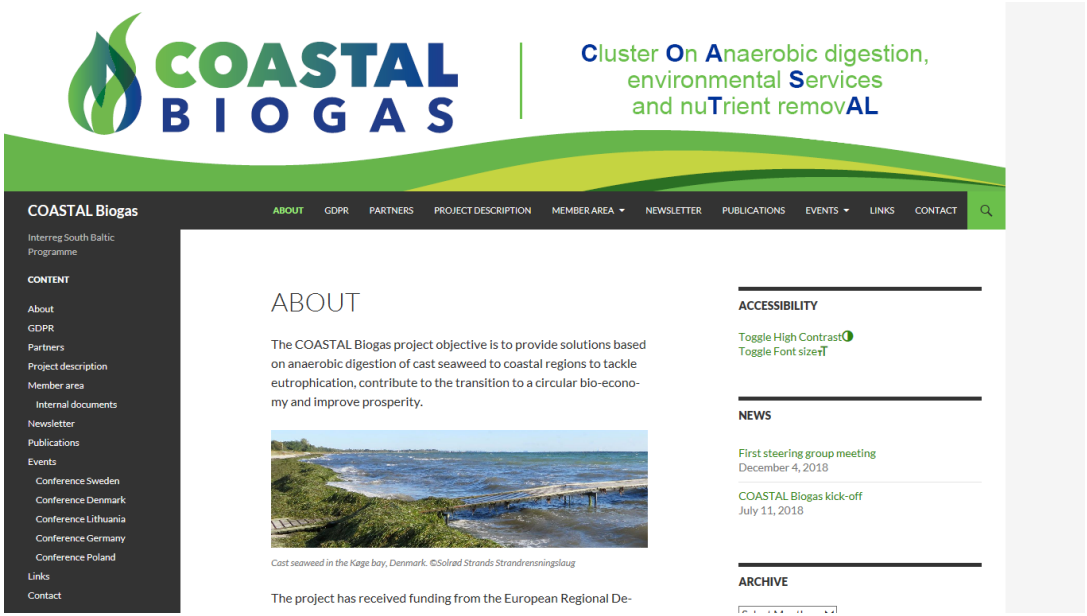

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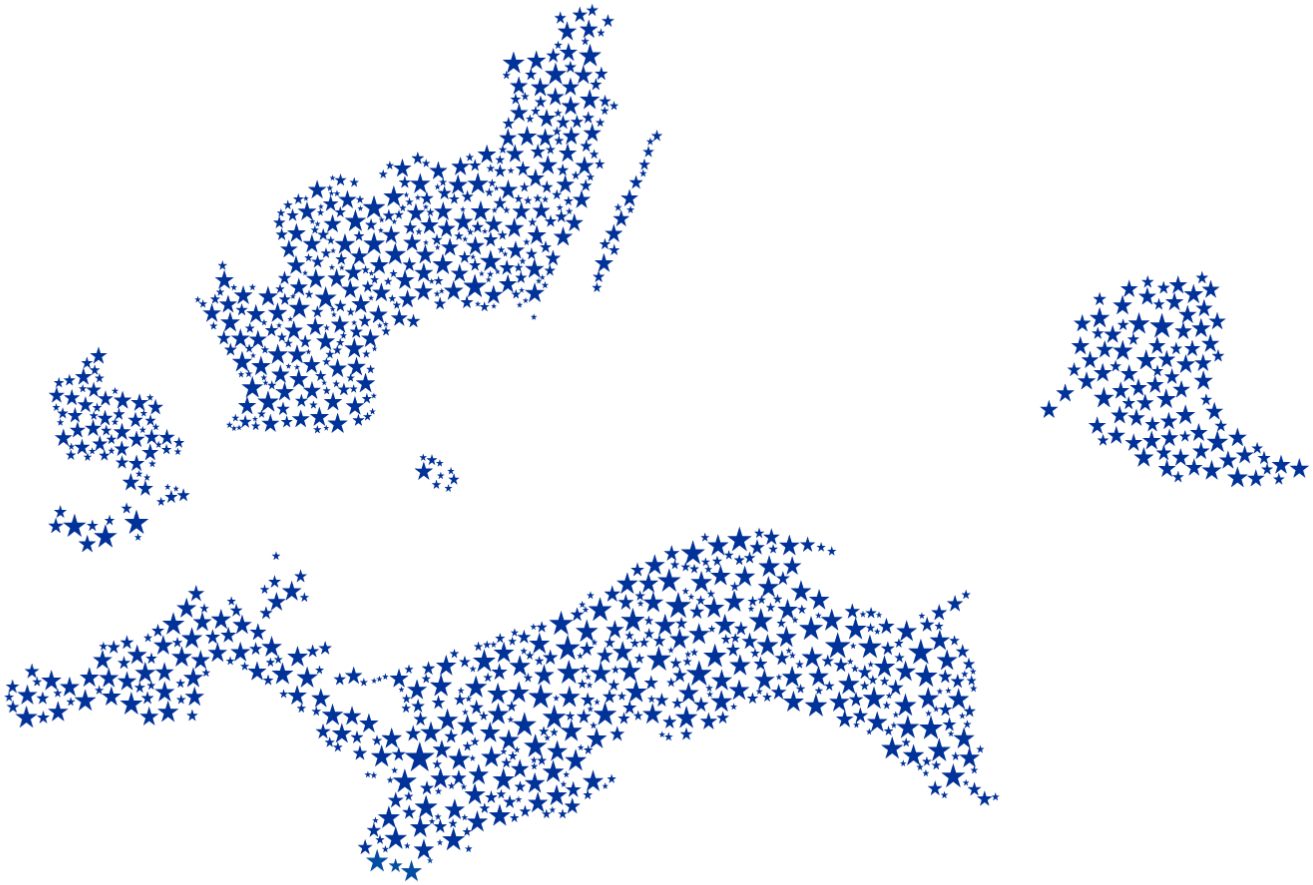

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