



HELCOM ICES and their Baltic Sea Regional Project, BSRP

BSRP

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Baltic Sea: Main Characteristics

- Semi-enclosed brackish water area
- Persistent vertical layers
- Residence time of water : 25yrs
- Renewal of bottom-water: unpredictable - often stagnation periods
- Plants/animals: low numbers - stressed
- Large catchment area with land use activities strong effect on water quality - population - 85 million

International Managing Bodies



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International Baltic Sea
Fishery Commission



Scientific Advice



350 scientists



**5 eastern countries requested support from
GEF** *1995-1997*

HELCOM - IBSFC – ICES *1998-2001*

National consultations *1998-2001*

BS LME Workshop *2001*

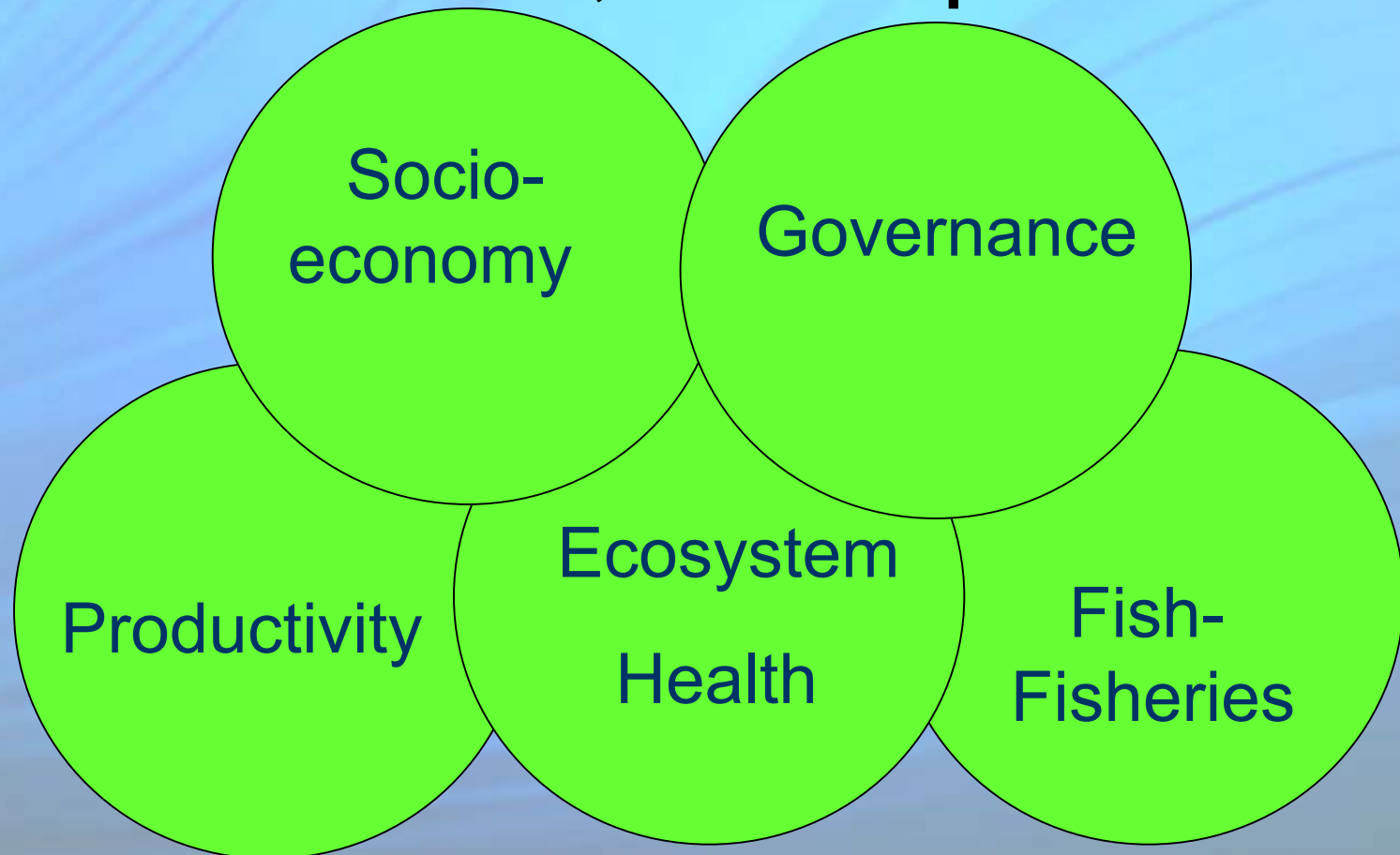
Draft Project Implementation Plan *2000-2001*

BSRP approved/launched *2003*

BSRP running 1st phase *2003-now*

Budget: 40 mill US\$ 2003-2008

The Large Marine Ecosystem, LME, concept





BSRP is managed by HELCOM

in full cooperation with ICES

Aims

- * Facilitate ecosystem-based assessments to strengthen the management of Baltic Sea***
- * Strengthening of regional institutions through capacity building efforts***
- * Inform and engage stakeholders and decision-makers on the project approach and objectives***
- * Assess and evaluate the socio-economic effects of the ecosystem-based management for farming, fishing and coastal communities***

The Baltic LME concept

Strengthening technical capacity

Land

Training farmers

Grant/Credit on-farm investments. Salmon river rest.

Modeling water quality and nutrient transport

Coastal

CZM

Fish/envionm.

Toxins/impact

COMBINE

Marine

Ships of Opportunity

Joint integrated ass. surveys

Ecosystem Health parameters

Strengthening technical capacity, WS.s

Upgrade laboratories and ships

Improve scientific/and political coordination

The Large Marine Ecosystem Activities

C1

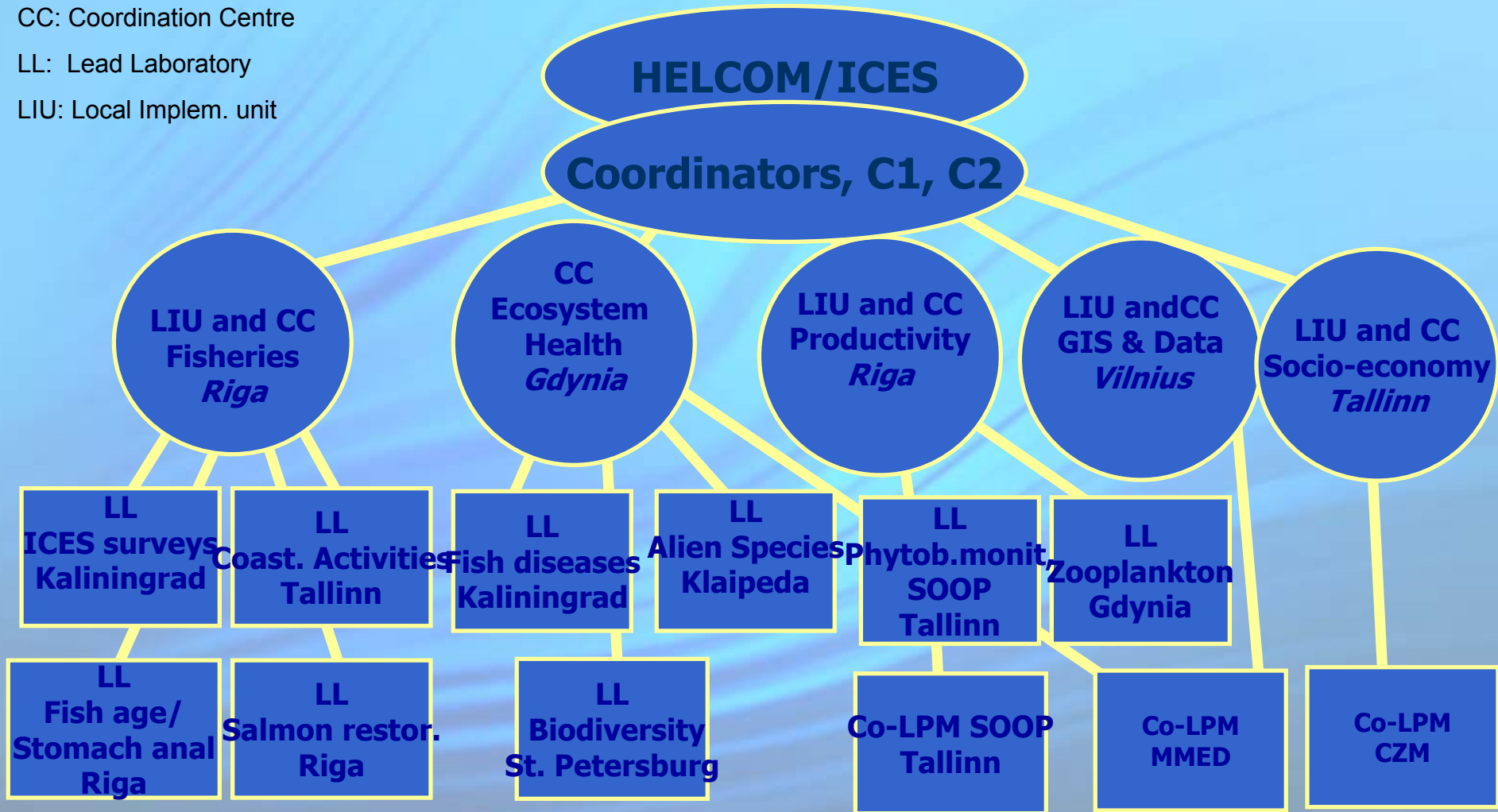
The Land Coastal Management Activities C2

BSRP Working Structure

CC: Coordination Centre

LL: Lead Laboratory

LIU: Local Implem. unit



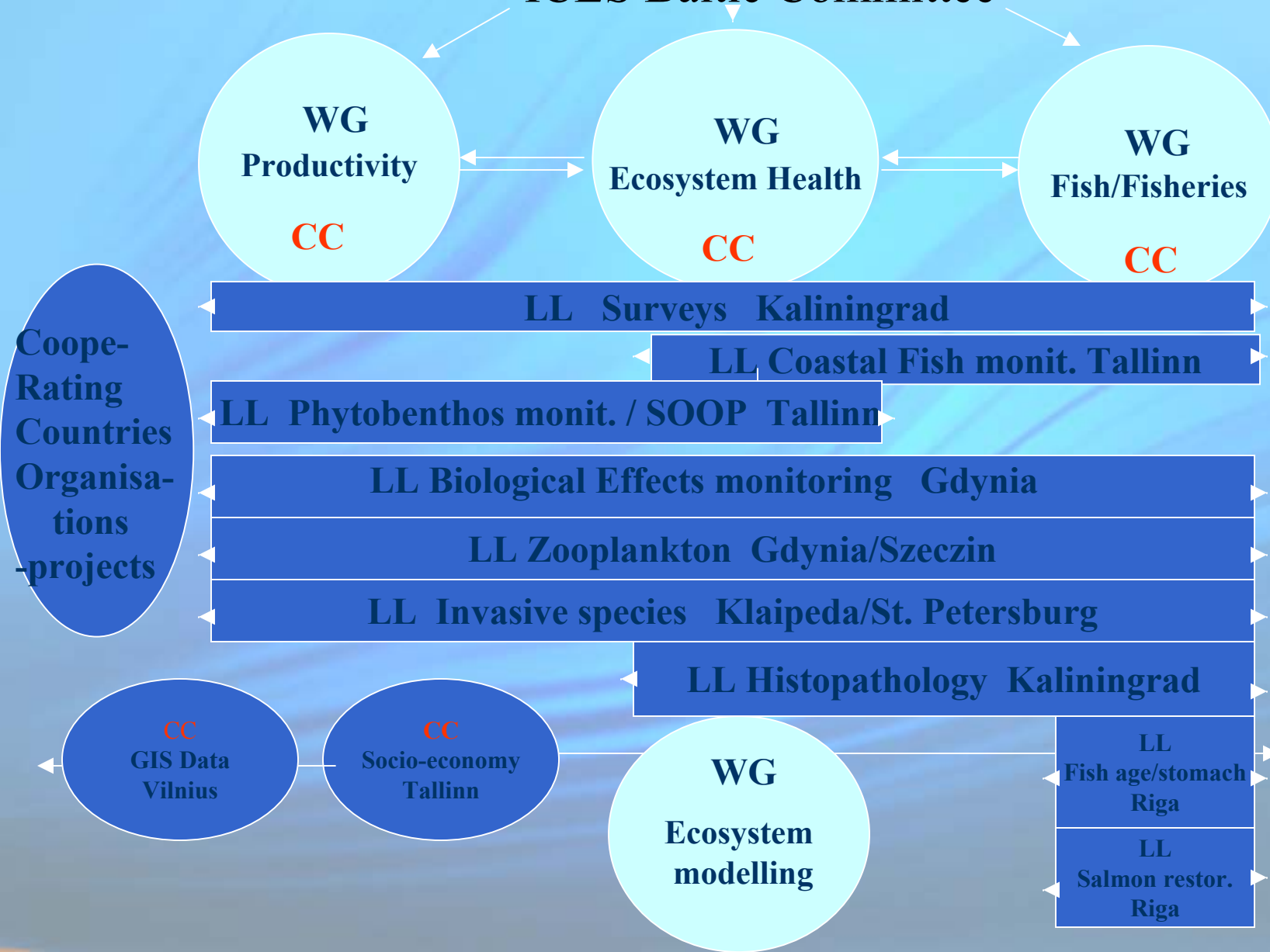
Total staff 60

ICES

ICES Baltic Committee

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BSRP

Actors:

Bergen Seminar 16th-17th January 2006



- Scientists/farmers **++** Cooperation, coordination
- Politicians **- - +** Too much nationalists
- Conventions **- +** Strengthened
- International organizations **- +** MoU , LoA , + network
EU , EEA, US EPA NOAA
- Cooperators **+** Regional Program, Institutions



Major strength: Organization + Money

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SAFMAMS SIDA NEFCO

Cooperating with western key Institutes

Highly qualified staff

Achieving high technical capacity

Major challenge: POLITICIANS (national owners)



Key-words for the future:

INTEGRATION (internal and external) and
OUTREACH

GEF/BSRP: has been a Catalyser in facilitating
the ecosystem approach to management of the
Baltic Sea