The Maritime Cluster of Västra Götaland

Maritime Stakeholder Platform in the Baltic Sea region
Kiel 26-27 March, 2015

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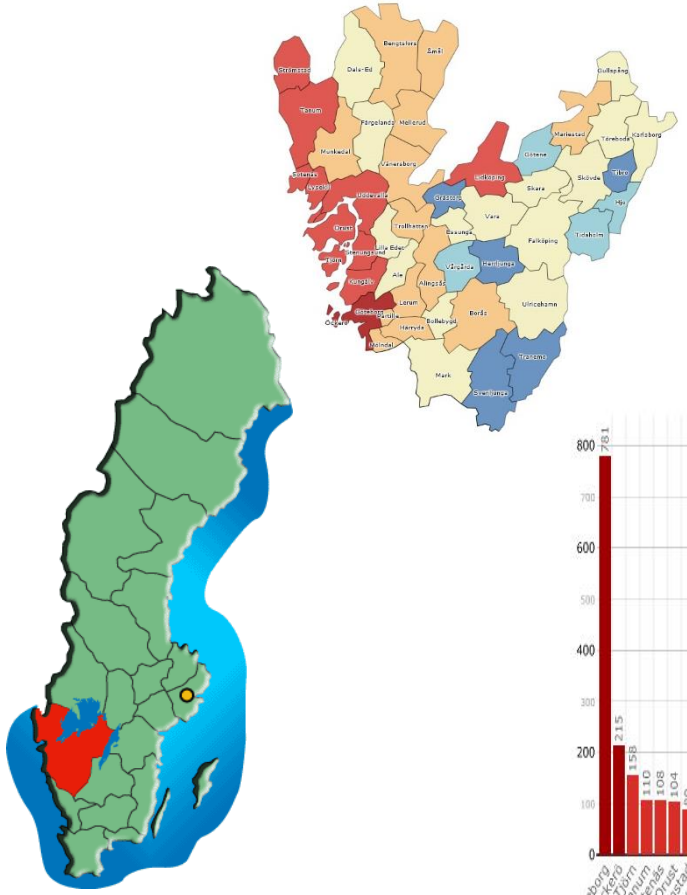
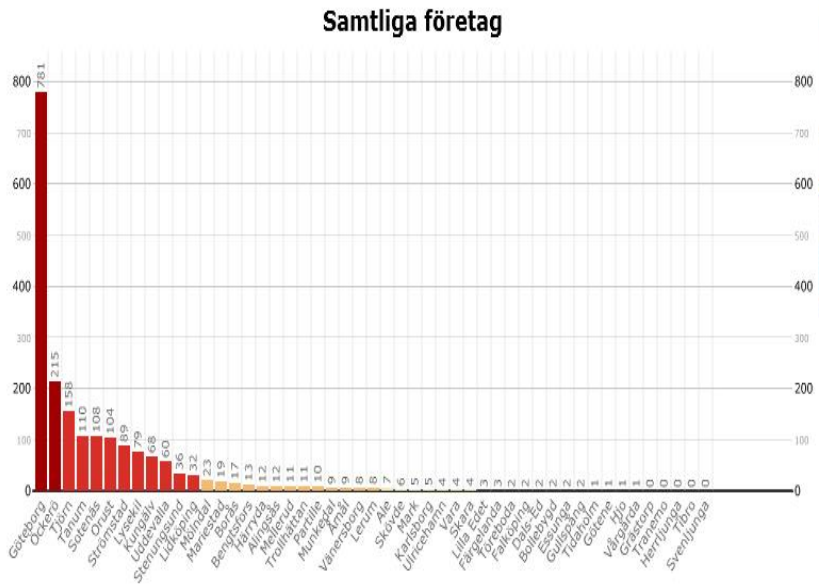
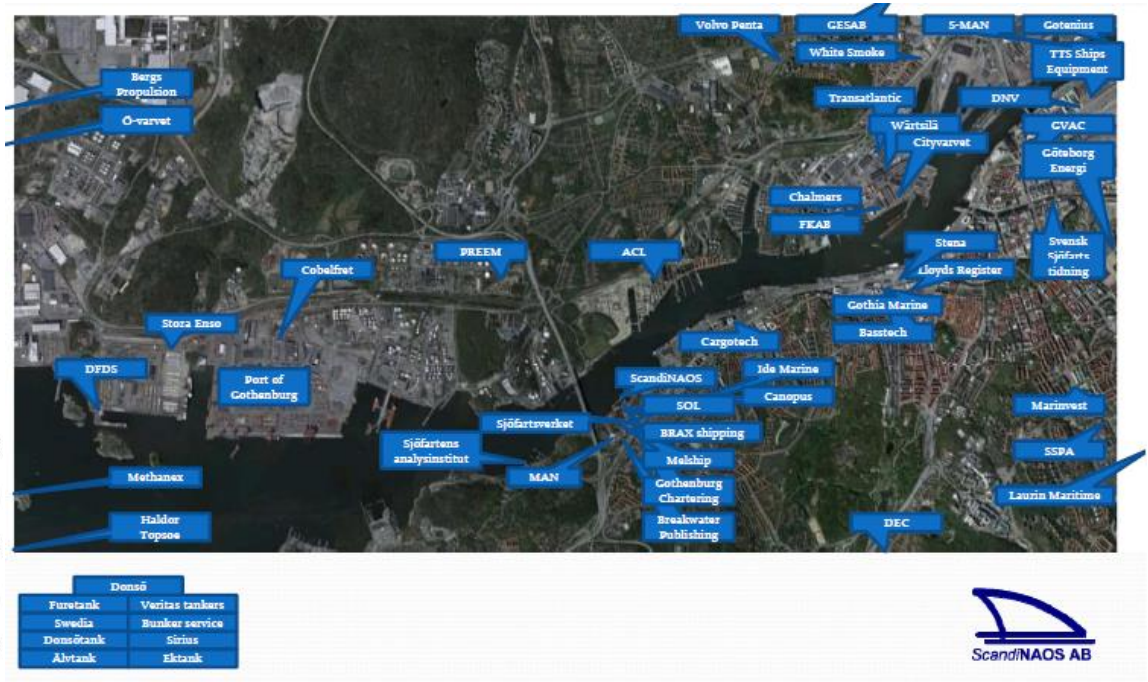
At least 15 000 personer working in the maritime sector in West Sweden. Total more than 35 000 in Sweden. > 2059 companies i Västra Götaland







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Maritime strategy of Västra Götaland based on the ”Integrated maritime policy for the Europan Union”, 2007

“The seas are Europe's lifeblood. Europe's maritime spaces and its coasts are central to its well-being and prosperity – they are Europe's trade routes, climate regulator, sources of food, energy and resources, and a favoured site for its citizens' residence and recreation”.

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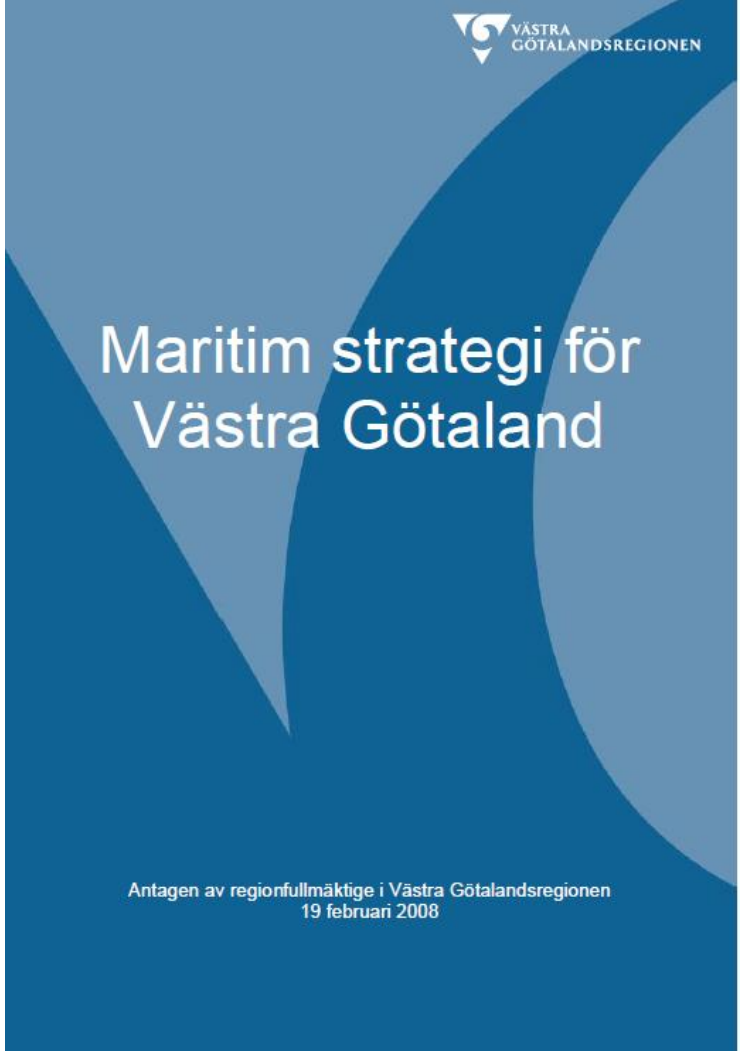


- First maritime strategy, 2008:

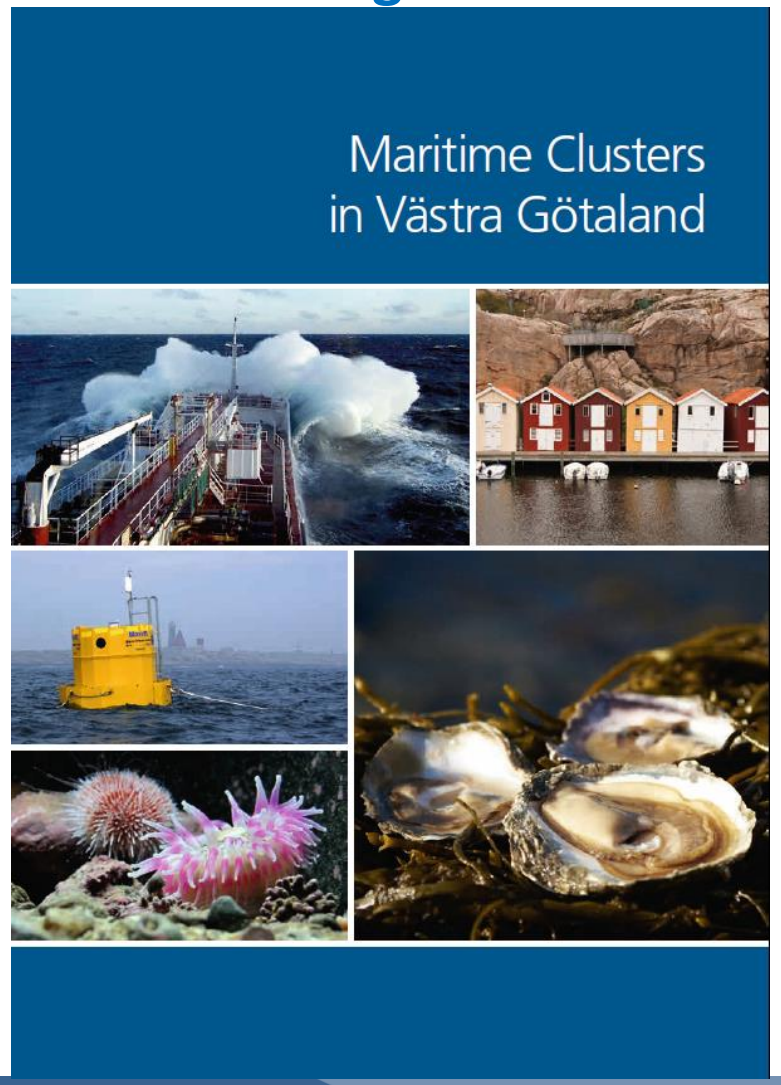
Description of the maritime sector - history, benchmarking and status.

- The future prospect, objectives and vision

2012-09-13: **Blue Growth**: ” Seas and oceans are drivers for the European economy and have great potential for innovation and growth. It is the maritime contribution to achieving the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth”.

Maritime sector an area of strength: *Five Clusters in West Sweden*, 2011:
”The purpose is that the clusters should cooperate.”

Analysis of the maritime sector in Västra Götaland by the Region, University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology, 2012



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Blue Growth in West Sweden – the building of the cluster

”The goal is to strengthen the maritime cluster in Västra Götaland through increased opportunities for innovations and knowledge-based growth in the maritime sector”

maritime operations

seafood

marine renewable energy

marine biotechnology

maritime tourism

marine management

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- **Vision** for Västra Götaland as a maritime region
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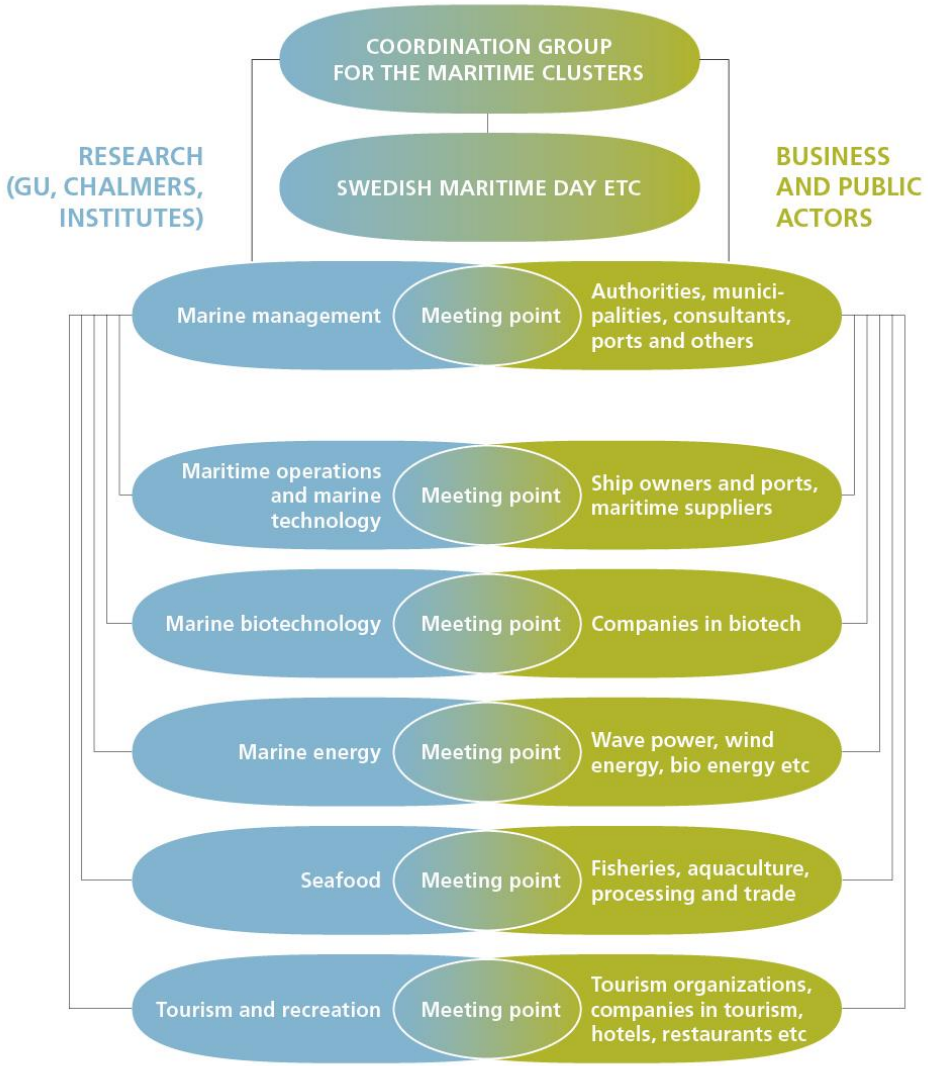
Maritime clusters in Västra Götaland



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