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## THE GERMAN CITY OF KIEL ENTERS THE STRING MEGAREGION

After just over a year as an observing member, the Kiel City Council voted in November 2022 to apply for full membership in the Baltic Sea network STRING. This application was unanimously approved by the Political Forum – consisting of leading representatives of STRING members – at its meeting in Kiel's Science Center on February the 9th. Kiel is now a full member of the STRING cooperation. "I am truly delighted to welcome the German City of Kiel as a full member of the STRING cooperation. With the city's vast knowledge with tech and green transition Kiel is a very valuable addition to STRING. We all look forward to the collaboration with Kiel, which will enable us to further advance the very important agenda of connecting the northern green megaregion and contributing to the growth of our region", says Katrine Kildgaard, member of the City Council of Copenhagen and Chair of the STRING cooperation.

Kiel has several strengths when it comes to the technological input for the green transition, one of them being the development and deployment of hydrogen technology. The inclusion of the city will add to the collective strength of the megaregion, where regions and cities form an alliance to develop a competitive, sustainable growth corridor, a green hub, between Oslo and the metropolitan region of Hamburg. A strategy that is moving forward in close collaboration with the OECD.

The government of Kiel joins STRING with the aim to increase Kiel's influence in Germany, and to become a European and internationally oriented partner in the areas of sustainable mobility, green growth, and hydrogen. Kiel's Lord Mayor Ulf Kämpfer is convinced: "With membership in the international STRING megaregion, we have the opportunity to position ourselves even more strongly as a business and innovation location in the region. In the STRING megaregion, we work together on solutions for the great challenges of our time. We want to show how we can organize our societies in a cosmopolitan, climate-friendly, and economically successful way and align them for the future. We see many points of contact for Kiel, especially in the area of green growth."



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