



PORT MATE NEWS

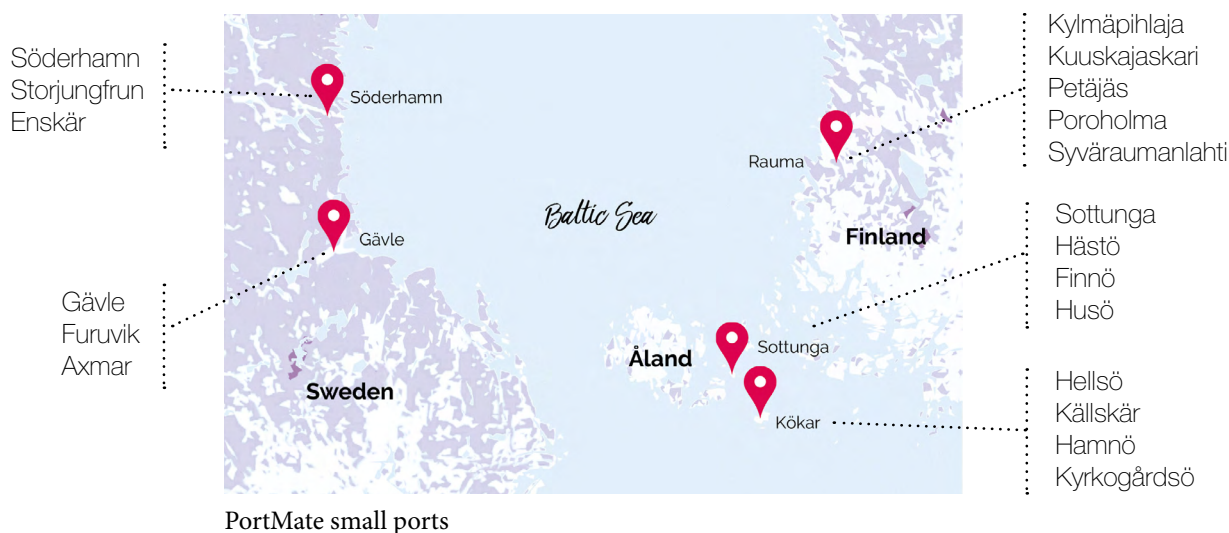
INVESTMENTS IN SAFETY AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND PORTMATE WEB APP

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PORTMATE INVESTMENTS

The PortMate project is approaching its closing period which means that it is time to sum up the achievements of the project. The most tangible result of the project are the investments made in

the PortMate small ports. All the enhancements concentrate on improving the safety and resource efficiency of the ports, for boaters and small port managers alike.



Some of the investments in each of the PortMate small port areas:

RAUMA

- transportable septic wastewater emptying system in Kuuskajaskari
- led lighting in Syväraumanlahti
- safety set (ladders, life belt, lifeline, rescue hook) in Syväraumanlahti, Kuuskajaskari and Kylmäpihlaja
- installation of desalination system for water in Kylmäpihlaja
- service house with solar panels in Kylmäpihlaja has been procured
- waste water pipe in Kylmäpihlaja is under procurement process



Transportable septic wastewater emptying system in Kuuskajaskari island in Rauma. Photo by Minna Keinänen-Toivola.



Solar panels in Sottunga port. Photo by Kristiina Kortelainen.

SOTTUNGA

- service house with sauna
- solar energy system
- floating pontoon bridges with buoys, concrete weights and chains
- electrical planning and renovation of electricity system
- blackwater sewer line connected to municipal infrastructure

GÄVLE

- service building with showers, toilets and laundry room
- septic wastewater station
- hazardous waste collection
- payment station
- information station
- wireless internet connection
- lighted poles for electricity and water on the pier
- led-lighting under the railings on the pier



Poles for electricity and water in Gävle city port. Photo by Kristiina Kortelainen.



New led lights along the path in Fyrhamn port in Storjungfrun island. Photo by Alberto Lanzanova.

SÖDERHAMN

- guest piers in city port
- extension of service building in city port
- solar panels in Storjungfrun
- led lights in Storjungfrun
- well for fresh water in Enskär
- wheelchair access ramp in city port
- safety sets (ladders, life belt, lifeline, rescue hook) in city port
- electric information stations to city port and Enskär

KÖKAR

- service house with kitchen, showers and laundry possibility
- solar panels on the roof of the service house for water heating
- pier to harbour
- sewage pump station for connecting the sewage line to the municipality sewage network



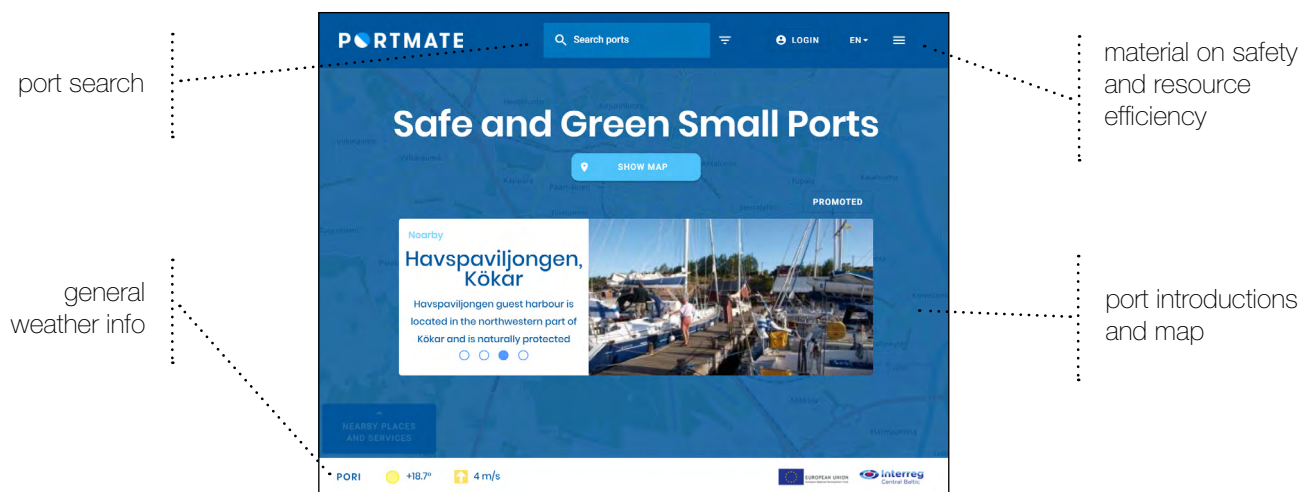
New service house under construction in Kökar Havspaviljongen. Photo by Alberto Lanzanova.

PORTMATE.EU WEB APP

Among other achievements, PortMate has published a free web application for boaters and small port owners. The portmate.eu web app offers up-to-date content focused especially on safe sailing and green actions. The site has sections for safety and resource efficiency with lots of useful material produced in the PortMate project. The content consists of e.g. videos showing how to safely approach small ports, video tips for environment-friendly boaters and ports as well as short video courses on safety matters. The videos and text materials focusing on safety and resource efficiency are in English, but all videos have subtitles in Finnish and Swedish, too.

Boaters can search the site for suitable ports when planning a boat trip, for example. Ports can be searched on the map or in the port search by name or by port characteristics such as depth, mooring type and port services. The port-specific pages offer e.g. local maps, arrival info, images, videos, and a comprehensive weather service with real-time wind information.

At the moment the app covers the project's pilot ports in Finland, Åland and Sweden and 14 other ports from Sweden and Finland. The aim is that in the future as many small ports as possible would add their information to the site.

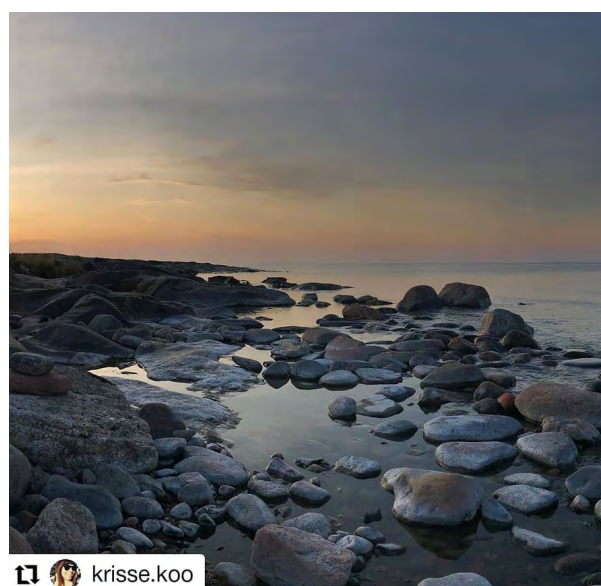


Main page of the portmate.eu site.

PORTMATE SAILING ROCKS THE BALTIC SEA

Already for the second time, PortMate joined forces with the initiative Rock the Baltic Sea to raise awareness about the condition of the Baltic Sea. A social media campaign was launched asking people to give promises to the Baltic Sea concerning behaviours and actions they would start to follow in order to take care of the sea. Different proposals were made, from eating less meat to waste recycling.

A winner was drawn for both, Rock the Baltic Sea Facebook and Instagram. The winners were awarded a gift card to the ticket service lippu.fi. Congratulations, let's keep rocking the Baltic Sea!



Winner photo of the campaign on Instagram.

PORTMATE FINAL CONFERENCE

The PortMate final conference was held in Rauma, Finland, on the 12th of September 2019. The event gathered together the partners of the project, small port managers, administratives of boating associations as well as representatives of other Central Baltic small port projects.

The keynote speech was given by Mirja Rosenberg from the Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation. PortMate project partners presented the results of the project and the investments implemented in their area. The portmate.eu web tool was also introduced and launched at the event.



Keynote speech by Mirja Rosenberg, Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation.

In addition, other Central Baltic funded projects got the opportunity to give an insight to their aims and achievements within the field of small port development. Finally, Ivo Volt, the Interreg Central Baltic representative gave a presentation on the cross-border cooperation in the field of small ports.



Program of the day.



Project leader Minna Keinänen-Toivola giving an overview of the PortMate project.

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