

Baltic Science Network.

Connecting Through Science

Baltic Science Network (BSN) serves as a transnational forum for higher education, science and research cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR).

BSN is a policy network gathering relevant transnational, national and regional policy actors from the BSR countries. The Network is a springboard for targeted multilateral activities in the frame of research and innovation excellence, mobility of scientists and expanded participation. These joint activities are modelled with an overall aim to ensure that the BSR remains a hub of cutting-edge scientific solutions with the capacity to exploit the region's full innovation and scientific potential. The activities are envisaged to serve as examples of best practice and as basis for the policy recommendations drafted by the Network.

The platform is tailored to provide advice on how to enhance a macro-regional dimension in higher education, science and research cooperation. Recommendations jointly formulated by the Network members address the European, national and regional policy-making levels.

BSN is a flagship of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region under the Policy Area Education, Research and Employability, as well as one of two cornerstones of the Science, Research and Innovation Agenda of the Council of the Baltic Sea States.



EUROPEAN UNION

EUROPEAN
REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
FUND



BSN website: www.baltic-science.org

For further enquiries please contact:

Ms Katariina Röbbelen-Voigt
Project Manager

Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
Ministry of Science, Research and Equalities
Hamburger Straße 37, D – 22083 Hamburg

Phone: +49-40-42863-2004

Mobile: +49-172-4009072

Email: katariina.roebbelen-voigt@bwfg.hamburg.de

Baltic Science Network.

Connecting Through Science



BACKGROUND

The Baltic Sea Region (BSR) is not only an important economic region but also one of the most competitive and most innovative science regions in the world. The BSR has a first class higher education and research infrastructure.

The national higher education and research systems face similar challenges, e.g., demographic change. At the same time society expects that scientific advancement will effectively respond to Societal Challenges, such as climate change and increased need for advanced medical services. Due to the transboundary character of these challenges, national and regional answers are no longer sufficient. Close cooperation among stakeholders across the BSR is the solution.

The main actions of Baltic Science Network (BSN):

- enhanced BSR-wide mobility;
- research & innovation excellence;
- widening participation;
- exchange & learning of best practices;
- joint targeted dissemination of results.

NETWORK MEMBERS

Denmark:

- Ministry of Higher Education and Science / Agency for Science and Higher Education

Estonia:

- Ministry of Education and Research

Finland:

- Ministry of Education and Culture
- University of Turku (nominated by the Ministry of Education and Culture)
- Åbo Akademi University (as representative of the Baltic University Programme)

Germany:

- Ministry of Science, Research and Equalities, City of Hamburg
- Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Science and Equality, Land of Schleswig-Holstein
- Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, Land of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- Senate Chancellery Hamburg

Latvia:

- Ministry of Education and Science

Lithuania:

- Ministry of Education and Science
- Research and Higher Education Monitoring and Analysis Centre (MOSTA)

Norway:

- Ministry of Education and Research

Poland:

- Ministry of Science and Higher Education
- University of Gdańsk (nominated by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education)

Russian Federation:

- St. Petersburg State University of Economics (UNECON – nominated by the Ministry of Education and Science)

Sweden:

- Swedish Research Council

International:

- Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Secretariat
- Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM) – NordForsk
- Baltic University Programme (BUP)
- Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN)
- BONUS – Baltic Organisations' Network for Funding Science EEIG
- STRING – political crossborder partnership

ADDED VALUE

Communication platform for policy cooperation. Synergetic approach which incorporates and builds on:

- already existing structures in the BSR;
- on-going initiatives related to higher education, science, and research policy.

FUNDING

BSN is funded by the EU programme Interreg Vb Baltic Sea Region.

The total project budget: 2.994.500 EUR. The project duration: March 2016 – February 2019.