



## BALTIC SCIENCE NETWORK FINAL CONFERENCE

and

### CBSS Annual BALTIC SEA SCIENCE DAY

*held on the occasion of the centenary of the University of Latvia*

Venue: Academic Centre of the University of Latvia, Jelgavas iela 1, Riga

Dates: **22 – 23 February 2019**

#### **Friday, 22 February 2019:**

- 11.30 Registration
- 12:00 – 13:00 *Light welcome lunch for the Baltic Science Network representatives & registration for the Baltic Science Network Final Conference*

#### **BALTIC SCIENCE NETWORK FINAL CONFERENCE**

- 13:00 – 13:20 Welcome:  
**Eva Gümbel**, Deputy Minister of Science,  
Research and Equalities, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
- 13:20 – 13:30 Film “Baltic Sea Region – A Powerhouse of Science”
- 13:30 – 14:10 High Level Opening Remarks:  
**Līga Lejiņa**, State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Science,  
Latvia  
**Valdemaras Razumas**, Vice-Minister of Education, Science and  
Sport, Lithuania  
**Eva Gümbel**, Deputy Minister of Science, Research and Equalities,  
Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Germany  
**Anders Ødegaard**, Head of Office, Danish Agency for Higher  
Education and Science, Denmark  
**Boris Zhelezov**, Deputy Director, Department of the International  
Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Russian  
Federation



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**Sebastian Skuza**, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland

Moderator: Charlotte Geerdink, Charly Speaks

14:15 – 15:15

**Session 1: Mobility in Higher Education and Research in the Baltic Sea Region: New Concepts and Ideas**

Keynote Baltic Science Network results: **Riitta Mustonen**, Director of Development, University of Turku

Panellists:

**Gintaras Valinčius**, Director of the Life Sciences Centre, Vilnius University

**Sandra Kraze**, Council Member, European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE)

**Christian Müller**, Deputy Secretary General, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

**Eneli Kindsiko**, Lecturer, University of Tartu

15:15 – 15:30

*Coffee break*

15:30 – 16:30

**Session 2: Joint Areas of Research Excellence in the Baltic Sea Region: Our Answer to the Future**

Keynote Baltic Science Network results: **Klaus von Lepel**, Baltic Science Network Project Director, Ministry of Science, Research and Equalities of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

Panellists:

**Kalervo Väänänen**, Rector, University of Turku

**Kazimierz Musiał**, Associate Professor, University of Gdańsk and Programme Director, Norden Centrum Scientific Foundation

**Gunnel Gustafsson**, Former Director of NordForsk

16:30 – 16:45

*Coffee break*

16:45 – 17:45

**Session 3: Widening Participation in the European Research Area**

Keynote Baltic Science Network results: **Kadri Ukrainski**, Head of Chair, Professor in Research and Innovation Policy, University of Tartu

Panellists:

**Josephine Them Parnas**, Senior Advisor, Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science

**Alexander Dańda**, Director, Department of Science, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland



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17:45 – 18:00	<b>Closing Remarks: The Way Forward</b>
19:00 – 22:00	Culture programme: Guided Tour of the House of the Blackheads, Dinner, Ceremony of the Baltic Sea Science Day 2019 Award

### **Saturday, 23 February 2019**

09:00 – 09:30	Registration & morning coffee
09:30 – 10:30	<p><b>Plenary “Prospects for Smart Specialisation Strategies”: Rectors’ Debates</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Indriķis Muižnieks</b>, Rector, University of Latvia</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><b>Tiit Land</b>, Rector, Tallinn University</p> <p><b>Kalervo Väänänen</b>, Rector, University of Turku</p> <p><b>Rimantas Jankauskas</b>, Vice-Rector &amp; Pro-Rector for Research, Vilnius University</p> <p><b>Igor A. Maksimtsev</b>, Rector, Saint Petersburg State University of Economics (UNECON)</p> <p><b>Tālis Juhna</b>, Vice-Rector for Research, Riga Technical University</p> <p><b>Wolfgang Schareck</b>, Rector, University of Rostock</p>
10:30– 12:00	<i>Parallel sessions:</i>
Session 1	<p><b>Baltic Science Network and EUSBSR HA Neighbours: Researcher Mobility in the Baltic Sea Region</b></p> <p>Thematic outline:</p> <p>In the frame of the Baltic Science Network project, the transnational mobility patterns of scientists and students in the Baltic Sea Region were analysed. The results show that most mobility flow is from the East to the West, and that mobility among young scientists is generally low. So far, no comprehensive mobility instruments exist that target the Baltic Sea Region specifically. In order to foster researcher mobility in the region, a concept for a mobility tool box – summer schools for large-scale research infrastructures, research internships for students within the Baltic Sea Region and short-term scholarships for doctoral students – was designed by the Baltic Science Network. Three listed types of selected activities will be presented during the session.</p> <p>The panellists will discuss the need and benefits of the presented programmes for research excellence and usage of the research infrastructure in the Baltic Sea Region.</p>



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Moderators:

**Daria Akhutina**, Senior Adviser, CBSS Secretariat

**Juhani Ailio**, Planner, Centrum Balticum

Speakers:

“The BSN Mobility Tool Box” by **Mari Leino**, Planning Officer, University of Turku

“Reflections on the BSN mobility toolbox: Challenges, needs and benefits” by **Krista Varantola**, Chancellor Emerita, University of Tampere, Former Board Member of NordForsk

Discussion:

“User View of Mobility Tools” by **Kristaps Kovalonoks**, Student Ambassador of the University of Turku, University of Turku

“International Academic Mobility: General Trends from Russian Perspective and Experience of Saint-Petersburg Chemical-Pharmaceutical University” by **Maria Povydysh**, Head of R&D, St Petersburg State Chemical Pharmaceutical University (SPCPU)

“The Role and Possibilities of a Mobility Agency” by **Christian Schäfer**, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

“Interuniversity cooperation and researcher mobility in the Baltic Sea Region. The Case of Belarus” by **Elena Pilgun**, Senior Lecturer, Belarusian State University

## Session 2

### **Baltic TRAM: Science for Business in the Baltic Sea Region**

Thematic outline:

Baltic TRAM was endorsed by the CBSS during the 1st CBSS Science Ministerial held on 16 June 2016 in Kraków. Since then, this notable macro-regional project of research-business cooperation has spurred further reflections not only on the transnational smart specialisation trends, but also research performance dynamics transnationally extending ties between various analytical research facilities and EU-based SMEs during three consecutive open calls.

The Latvian project partner, University of Latvia, and the Estonian project partner, University of Tartu, analysed various matters of great interest to the business sector. The parallel session will offer an insight in various Baltic TRAM facilitated collaboration cases and place them in a broader context of the results generated by the Baltic TRAM open calls and the national, transnational and European policy framework.

The session is envisaged to be a highly interactive encounter, where attendants are invited to present questions during the presentations.



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Speakers:

“Baltic TRAM in Brief” by **Uwe Sassenberg**, Baltic TRAM Project Manager

“Kraków – Stockholm – Brussels – Riga: What Does the Baltic TRAM Science-Business Cooperation Bring to the Discussions on Smart Specialisation?” by **Zane Šime**, Communication & Research Coordinator, CBSS Secretariat

“Transnational Outreach of an Industrial Research Centre – University of Latvia” by **Justs Dimants**, Director, Science Department, University of Latvia

“Transnational Outreach of an Industrial Research Centre – University of Tartu” by **Ott Rebane**, Industrial Liaison Officer, Faculty of Science and Technology, Institute of Physics of the University of Tartu

“European XFEL: Enlightening Science – and accelerator in science for business cases” **Nicole Elleuche**, Managing and Administrative Director, European XFEL

12:15 – 12:45

**Plenary: Conclusions of the Parallel Sessions**

Moderator: **Daria Akhutina**, Senior Adviser, CBSS Secretariat & the **CBSS Baltic Sea Science Day 2020 Welcome Remarks** by **Kalervo Väänänen**, Rector, University of Turku

13:00 – 14:00

Farewell lunch

\*TBC – to be confirmed



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