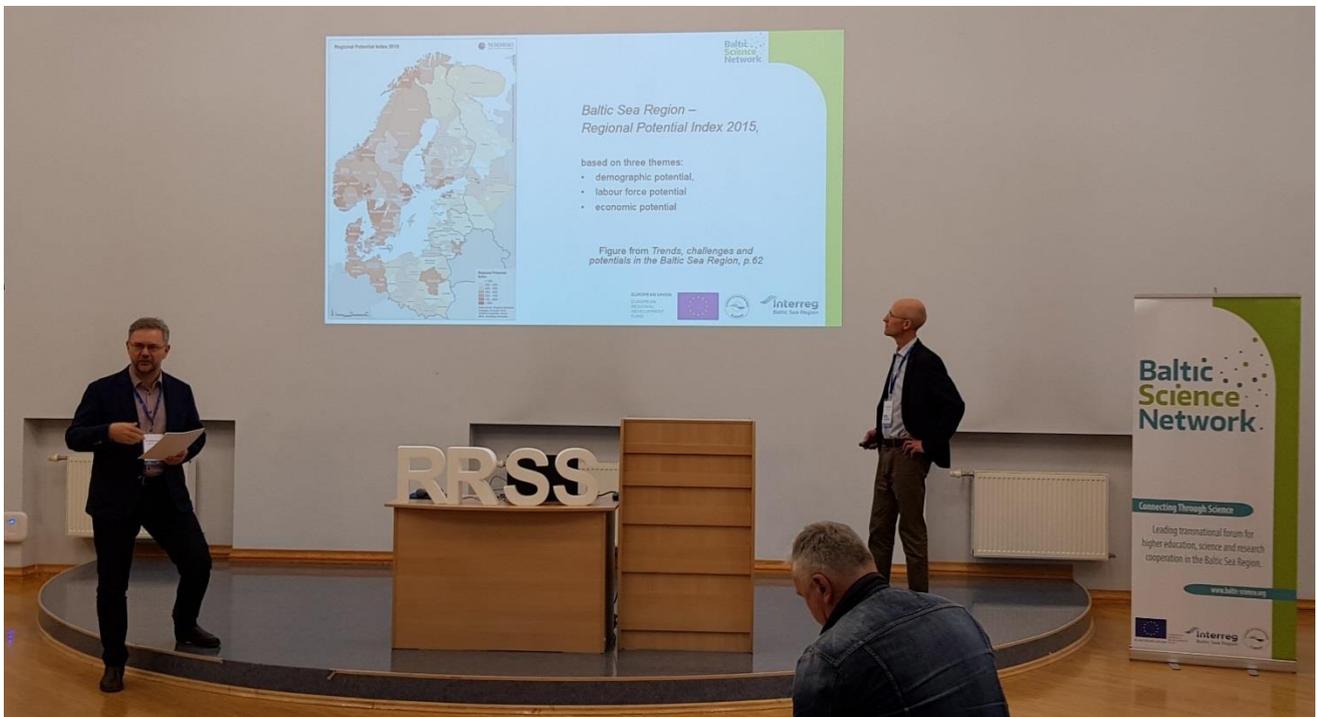


## Baltic Science Network: Press Release for the BSN Website

### Baltic Science Network Shapes the Next Hundred Years of the Baltic Sea Region



**Baltic Science Network supported research shapes the discussions on the next hundred years of the Baltic Sea Region. Baltic Science Network earlier findings are revisited in order to keep in mind some of the initial points of departure of the overall debates facilitated by the Baltic Science Network.**

On 23 November 2018, **Tom Schumacher** and **Kazimierz Musiał** shared with the attendants of the Riga Readings in Social Sciences 2018 “Baltic Sea Region: One Hundred Years On” some insights from their research prepared for the Baltic Science Network (BSN). Both researchers delivered joint farewell remarks of the conference.

Since the 8<sup>th</sup> EUSBSR Forum held in Berlin a lot of dynamics have shaped BSN. Riga Readings in Social Sciences 2018 was a good timing to look back at the earlier crafted findings and explain to a wider circle of researchers interested in the future of the Baltic Sea Region how the findings enriching the BSN discussions have been shaped and produced.

Tom Schumacher presented insights in the mobility patterns characterising the Baltic Sea Region, which are captured in one of the first BSN commissioned analysis – the Working Paper “International Mobility of Researchers in the Baltic Sea Region”. He offered a more nuanced look at certain country profiles of incoming and outgoing doctoral students, namely, Sweden, Finland, Latvia and Poland. This was a good way how to brief researchers less familiar with the BSN findings discussed across the Baltic Sea Region on such earlier occasions as Fehmarnbelt Days 2016 (BSN follow-up), 7<sup>th</sup> Strategy Forum of the EUSBSR held

in Stockholm and 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) held in Berlin. Since the stated public engagements, two presented BSN publications form a rather important core of the overall understanding among various stakeholders of the Baltic Sea Region what is the current status of researcher mobility and directions of brain flows.



Kazimierz Musiał explained the hurdles and considerations behind defining scientific excellence, as well as the process of honing the thematic areas proposed for joint research strategies captured in the explorative study “Scientific Excellence: Joint Potentials in the Baltic Sea Region”.





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The farewell remarks was a timely presentation aimed at spurring further interest among broader public in reading the BSN commissioned findings before the BSN Closing Conference and the Baltic Sea Science Day (BSSD) 2019 of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS).

Riga Readings in Social Sciences 2018 offered a valuable passage between an annual conference organised by the Advanced Social and Political Research Institute and the University of Latvia, as well as a continuous sequence of the BSN public engagements, such as the forthcoming BSN Closing Conference and the CBSS BSSD 2019. To further this comprehensive engagement among various foras of the Baltic Sea Region, Kazimierz Musiał invited attendants of the Riga Readings in Social Sciences 2018 to explore the details on the forthcoming 13<sup>th</sup> Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe 2019: Baltic Solidarity.