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Welfare State Expert Group Meets in Tallinn



Baltic Science Network expert group dedicated to the welfare state met for the first time right after the 9TH Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region held in Tallinn. National and transnational welfare state research agendas offer plenty of opportunities to advance multilateral research cooperation for the overall prosperity of the Baltic Sea Region.

On 6 June 2018, Baltic Science Network expert group dedicated to the welfare state met in Tallinn right after the [9th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region](#) (EUSBSR). This was the first occasion when the vibrant work, which thus far organised in a virtually distributed network, was complemented with a meeting in person. Experts from across the Baltic Sea Region shared a wealth of insights from various collaborative initiatives, which have contributed to a better understanding of the welfare state evolution and factors influencing the current set-up of the social systems across the Baltic Sea Region and Europe.



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Insights from such initiatives and occasions as the [CBSS High-Level Meeting of the Representatives of the Labour Ministries](#), [Welfare State Futures: Our Children's Europe](#) (WelfSOC), [Network for European Social Policy Analysis](#) (ESPAnet Baltics) were some of the sources of insight presented during the meeting for further work towards finalising a Working Paper of the expert group, which will be submitted for further consideration among the Baltic Science Network members next Fall.

The Tallinn conclusions and agreed work schedule paved a promising way forward for the [second gathering of the group](#) scheduled on 29 August 2018 in Riga.