

Baltic Science Network: Press Release for the BSN Website

Baltic Science Network Discussed during the CBSS High Level Meeting on Science



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Baltic Science Network was presented during the high level discussions on research cooperation held under the auspices of the Latvian CBSS Presidency. The project received an appraisal from several CBSS Member States in terms of the progress achieved in raising awareness about the current traits and challenges of research collaboration in the Baltic Sea Region.

On 22 February 2019, the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) with Baltic Science Network organised the [High Level Meeting on Science](#), hosted by the University of Latvia.

The rather recently built Nature House of the Academic Centre of the University of Latvia was a perfect place for forward looking discussions on research cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region.

Baltic Science Network was presented by Dr. **Eva Gümbel**, Deputy Minister of Science, Research and Equalities of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg to the attendants of the CBSS High Level Group on Science. She stressed the multi-level governance character as one of the key valuable angles of the Baltic Science Network. Promising science remains

underrepresented in the international collaboration. She drew to the attention of the delegates the science potential housed by the Baltic Sea Region, which remains to be better integrated in the cooperative structures.



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Among attendants of the High Level Meeting were also Baltic Science Network members, such as the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of Lithuania, the Swedish Research Council, Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education, the joint Baltic Sea research and development programme BONUS, Baltic Sea Region University Network, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and others.

The Riga gathering was an occasion to take a look back at the CBSS high level consultations which took place during the [Kraków Ministerial](#) held on 16 June 2016 to follow-up on the Chair´s Conclusions “Baltic Science: Renewing the Commitment to Science/Research Joint Actions in the Baltic Sea Region” produced during the Polish CBSS Presidency.



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The [mobility tools](#) developed by the Baltic Science Network were among the topics covered by the remarks expressed by the heads of delegations.

The meeting was concluded by an endorsement of the [Joint Statement of the High-Level Meeting of the Representatives of the Ministries for Science of the Council of Baltic Sea States](#) which is by a large based on the findings and conclusions drawn during the implementation of Baltic Science Network.



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The closed meeting was followed by the public programme – Baltic Science Network Final Conference on the same day and the [CBSS Baltic Sea Science Day 2019](#) on 23 February 2019. Photo album of the meeting is available [here](#).