

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



The last working level meeting of the Baltic Science Network was held in Oslo. During two intensive days the participants were dwelling into the details of the subsequent joint activities and the programme of the upcoming gathering in Riga.

On 16 – 17 January 2019, Baltic Science Network (BSN) held its concluding Steering Committee and Partner meeting in Oslo, the [European Green Capital 2019](#). This was the last working level meeting before the high level discussions to be held in Riga during the CBSS meeting on Science, [BSN Final Conference and the CBSS Baltic Sea Science Day 2019](#) next month.

BSN discussed in-depth the recently published Working Paper from the expert group on photon and neutron science, the roadmap for research infrastructures and the BSN selected mobility tools.

The second part of the meeting was dedicated to the overview of the project implementation. Major events and milestones were presented by **Klaus von Lepel**, the Baltic Science Network Project Director. BSN Tallinn seminar and Brussels conference “[The Baltic Sea Region – A Science Powerhouse](#)” were among the key most vivid examples of BSN achievements of putting science and research not only in the spotlight of the Baltic Sea Region, but also a wider European context.

Among the spin-off actions of BSN is the Hanseatic League of Science ([HALOS](#)). The project was brought to the attention of readers of the BSN website in an overview of the BSN presentation to the [Fehmarnbelt Days 2018](#) audiences interested in HALOS. The Oslo meeting was a timely opportunity to explain the HALOS project in greater detail to the BSN members, especially the prominent role the University of Hamburg plays in co-coordinating (together with the University of Lund) the project funded by an Interreg programme (the area Öresund–Kattegat–Skagerak), which does not geographically entail Hamburg.

Discussions on the long-term operation of the Baltic Science Network were enriched by a concise update about the recent developments of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR). **Anders Bergström**, Policy Area Education, Research and Employability Coordinator of the EUSBSR, informed about the review of the flagships which is part of a wider exercise aimed at updating the Action Plan of the EUSBSR. BSN will be invited to inform how its activities have served in the overall implementation of the current edition of the EUSBSR Action Plan.



The overall working level meeting was enriched by an inspiring guided tour around the [Norwegian National Opera & Ballet](#). This was one of the most impressive highlights of the overall BSN cultural programme experienced throughout the three years.