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Towards a sustainable BSR: the role of science and research

Workshop of the EUSBSR Virtual Annual Forum 2020

30.09.2020, online

Title of the workshop:

Macro-regional research cooperation - a crucial factor for implementing the Green Deal in the Baltic Sea Region

Issue to be addressed:

How science and research cooperation can contribute to a sustainable transition in the BSR.

Responsible organisers:

- Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Ministry of Science, Research and Equalities, lead partner Baltic Science Network (BSN)
- University of Turku
- Ministry of Science and Higher Education Republic of Poland

Short description of the planned workshop:

Research, Science and Innovation can play an important role in fostering sustainable development. In recent years networks, joint programmes and initiatives for cooperation in research and innovation have emerged in the BSR. The EU increasingly highlights the need to foster a more inclusive, innovation based, ecological transformation of the society and economy while the newly emerged “Fridays for Future” movement calls for a direct transfer of scientific results into political and societal action.

In this workshop we want to have a closer look at [how science and research cooperation can contribute to a Green Deal for the BSR](#).

Registration

- Date: Wednesday, 30.9.2020, 14:30 – 16:00 CET
- Venue: Online, via Zoom, link will be provided after registration
- To register please send an email to Ms. Sarah Owusu sarah.owusu@bwfgb.hamburg.de

Agenda

14:30	Welcome by Klaus v. Lepel, Director of BSN Network
14:35	Session 1: Science and sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Note by EU Commission • Panel Discussion
15:30	Session 2: Ecological Footprint
16:00	Wrap-up and Closing



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Session 1: Science and sustainability (14:35 – 15:30 CET)

1. Science-policy-society interface: How can science and research contribute to a sustainable transformation in politics, society and economy? What is the role of science towards a sustainable transformation? What are framework conditions to foster innovative approaches to sustainability science?
2. Cooperation and communication: Role of cross-border and inter-disciplinary collaboration in sustainability research. How can science and research be more inclusive (including youth and citizens)? How can we improve science communication?

Keynote Speaker:

Mr. Eoghan Kinirons, EU Commission, DG Research & Innovation, Directorate Healthy Planet

Panelists:

- Mr. Eoghan Kinirons, EU Commission, DG Research & Innovation, Directorate Healthy Planet
- NN, Scientist/Friday for Future (tbc)
- Mr. Andris Andrusaitis, Acting Executive Director BONUS, Science for a better future of the Baltic Sea region
- Mr. Kalle-Antti Suominen, Vice-rector for Research, University of Turku
- Ms. Agata Goździk, Polish Academy of Sciences, Project coordinator Edu-Arctic

Moderation:

Ms. Charlotte van Velthoven

Session 2: Reducing Carbon Footprint of Science Cooperation (15:30 – 16:00 CET)

Carbon footprint: What are concrete steps from the Research Community to reduce its own ecological footprint.

Speakers:

- Mr. Kalle-Antti Suominen, Vice-rector for research, University of Turku
- Ms. Kajsa Paulsson, Project Manager, University of Lund, HALOS project

Moderation:

Ms. Charlotte van Velthoven