



Interreg Baltic Science Network project “BSN Powerhouse” LaunchPad 3-steps approach

Call for draft proposals for collaboration projects in the field of Photon and Neutron Science in the Baltic Sea Region

Why submit the drafted proposal?

1. Gain **valuable feedback** and suggestions to the draft proposals from the international Expert Panel (serves as the “filter for excellence”, peer consultation)
2. Funds in total of **15 000 EUR available for LaunchPad Coaching** to the selected projects to support the further development of the drafted project (without the upper limit per project)
3. Chance to be involved in something innovative and **contribute to testing and evaluation** of the LaunchPad approach. This feedback is valuable for the policymakers and funding agencies for their future activities in the field of RD&I and research cooperation.

Information required for the project idea draft

The **online template on the LaunchPad webpage** www.baltic-science.org/launchpad-3steps/ must be used for submission but the estimated volume of text would be up to 4 pages A4 in text size 12 p. The draft proposal would include the following parts:

Title of the proposal for the project

I. Motivation for the proposal

II. The scientific or engineering background of the proposal

III. Method(s), experimental and technical requirements

IV. Expected results and their impact

V. Collaboration aspects

VI. Preliminary action plan for further development of the project, including LaunchPad Coaching activities

VII. Contact information

DEADLINE for submission is November 16, 2020!

NB! Participation in the LaunchPad conference or hackathon is not required in order to submit the draft proposal!

General evaluation criteria for the draft proposals

1. Scientific/engineering excellence and relevance

2. Collaboration aspects

- A. International collaboration (partners involved from different Baltic Sea Region countries or other countries collaborating with Baltic Sea Region partners*)



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- B. Different fields of research involved/combined (inter-/multidisciplinary collaboration)
- C. Different research facilities involved/connected (e.g. connecting smaller-scale research facilities with large-scale facilities)
- D. Areas “outside” the typical fields (i.e. materials science, physics, chemistry) applying photon and neutron methods, e.g. history, arts, geology, archaeology etc involved

The more aspects covered, the higher priority will be given to the project.

**Enhancing research collaboration in the Baltic Sea Region is the main focus of the project but we are also open to proposals for collaboration involving other countries outside the Baltic Sea Region as long as it contributes to the development of the Baltic Sea Region.*

3. Wider importance and (potential) impact of the project

Relevance of the project to the society and wider community (e.g. relevance for the industry, contribution to sustainable development, solving regional or global challenges, importance for Baltic Sea Region’s research and cooperation)

4. Potential for further development of the project idea and continuation of collaboration

Evaluated based on the preliminary action plan for further development of the project (only some ideas for cooperation versus realistic plan for the next steps, a longer-term perspective for the collaboration). Longer-term perspective for collaboration in this context would mean that there is a potential of continuing collaboration and developing the project idea after the LaunchPad events and end of the “BSN Powerhouse” project (July 2021).

What will happen after the submission of draft proposals?

Activity	Timeline
1. Expert Panel meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the draft proposals • Meeting with the project teams • Feedback to every draft proposal • Selection of draft proposals for LaunchPad Coaching 	December 2020
2. Negotiating and confirming LaunchPad Coaching activities and costs to be cover for every selected project	December 2020 – January 2021
3. Coaching activities take place	January – May 2021

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