



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

Guidelines for awarding and financing Coaching activities

In general

The Coaching will take place within the framework of the INTERREG Baltic Science Network project „BSN_Powerhouse“ as the 3rd step of an innovative 3-step approach called LaunchPad designed to facilitate research cooperation in the field of Photon and Neutron Science.

After the Symposium (1st step of LaunchPad), drafted proposals for the project ideas will be submitted to the international Expert Panel for evaluation and feedback (2nd step of LaunchPad). The Expert Panel will give feedback to every drafted proposal and will select some for Coaching (3rd step of LaunchPad). The selected project proposals will receive the support in terms of guidance and funds for Coaching activities in order to transform the drafted concept into a concrete proposal, which will give a better chance of getting access to research facilities or funding.

Principles for awarding LaunchPad Coaching

- The supported Coaching activities must directly contribute to the development of the draft proposal of the project idea and meet the aims of the “BSN Powerhouse” project.
- Coaching will be carried out in the form of supporting development of “soft skills”, team-building and partnership (support for further development of the project proposal).
- There will be **no guarantee for funding to the project or getting “measurement time”** at the research facility.
- The funds for Coaching will not be awarded to the selected proposals in the form of a research grant or co-funding to a research grant.
- Activities that are related to the active participation and contribution of individuals are supported only (e.g. in the role of a speaker, panelist, partner representative at the project meetings, etc), i.e. the participation in an event as a passive participant or “listener” is not supported.
- In case of collaboration with partners outside the Baltic Sea Region it is required that there is at least one partner from the Baltic Sea Region involved in the partnership. It must be clear how the Baltic Sea Region will benefit from the involvement of the partners outside the Baltic Sea Region.
- In case of partnership with industry state aid rules must be followed.
- A research team/institution can receive financial support for more than one Coaching activity.
- **The exact format and specific aim of Coaching and its budget (what kind of activities will be supported and on what terms) will be tailor-made and negotiated for each of the selected project proposal.**
- The budget for the Coaching activities for all selected project proposals is in total of **15 000 EUR**. There are no limits set for the awarded budget per a project proposal. The exact budget



for each of the selected projects will be negotiated with the teams of the selected project proposals.

- Coaching activities can take place within a period of **January to May 2021**.

Supported Coaching activities

- Organising project team-building and project partners meetings/events
- Supporting project partner search/widening partnership
- Identification of suitable funding opportunities, meeting with potential funders and stakeholders
- Study trips (e.g. to research facilities)
- Training
- Expert exchange visits
- Travel to research facility for guidance
- Consultations (e.g. for writing (grant) application)
- Other activities needed for further development of the drafted project (negotiated case-by-case with the teams of the selected projects).

Costs not compensated

- Costs not connected to the project activities or not contributing to the development of the Baltic Sea Region
- Staff costs
- Administration costs
- Costs for buying chemicals or equipment
- Publication of articles, textbook, manual, brochure etc.
- Daily allowances in case of travelling
- Basic courses (e.g. languages, accounting, MS Office)
- Costs related to the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates
- Costs of gifts
- Service fees
- Possibly other costs which are difficult to foresee due to the tailor-made approach to Coaching

Please note that the list for supported Coaching activities and costs not compensated is not final due to the tailor-made approach to Coaching. **The exact format and specific aim of Coaching and its budget (what kind of activities will be supported and on what terms) will be negotiated for each of the selected project proposal case-by-case.**

All costs covered for the LaunchPad Coaching activities have to be directly linked to the confirmed Coaching activities. **The costs need to be covered beforehand by the institution(s) involved in the drafted projects and reimbursed afterwards.** Please note that if all required cost and payment documents cannot be provided, the funding can be declined.



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