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## BALTIC STATES R&I COLLABORATION



# S2E event in Lithuania 2015.10.28

Key issues identified:

1. Lack of collaborative governance
2. Lack of coordination between H2020, ESIF and national/regional authorities
3. The career system does not motivate researchers from public organisations to participate in H2020
4. PROs projects are less oriented towards marketable results, spin-off or prototype/product creation
5. Low motivation for SMEs to participate in H2020 projects

## Future Baltic States R&I collaboration: why?

- Shared geographical location
- Small markets
- Limited global presence
- Shared values
- Geopolitical reality
- ESIF reduction

# Future Baltic States R&I collaboration: preconditions

- Knowledge „how to“
  - Success and failure cases of collaboration in macro regions
  - Particular cultural environment
- Existing networks
  - Identification of strong R&I networks (Baltic, global)
  - Other areas of good collaboration practice
- Support from EC
  - Existing support from JRC
  - Involvement of other DGs
- Resources
  - Macro regional financial instruments
  - Benefit through better resource allocation
- Political support
  - Level of Prime Ministers
  - Level of Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Embassies
  - Level of academia/business
  - Level of society in general



# Future Baltic States R&I collaboration: WIIFM?

- Better allocation of resources:
  - Less support for weak projects
  - Less competition for strong projects
- Better disposition of infrastructure:
  - Coordinated approach to new Baltic research infrastructure development
  - Better employment of existing infrastructure
- Better circulation of social and financial capital:
  - Easier access to finance for innovation
  - More convenient support for researchers/research teams
- Better global appearance:
  - Stronger visibility through collaboration
  - Wider list of what to offer



# Future Baltic States R&I collaboration: meeting

**Meeting:** 2015, May 6th, Tallinn

**Goal:** To gain higher value added in economies through increased collaboration in the field of innovation (studies, research) among Baltic countries



## Future Baltic States R&I collaboration: ideas after meeting

- Thematic collaboration (Vanguard Initiative)
- Infrastructural collaboration (i.e. Science Link)
- International marketing of Baltic region
- Mobility measures for students/professors (there are measures available, would be important to collect them to one site)
- Common database for Baltic R&D&I
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Analytical capacity building at ministerial and university level and experience exchange
- What is the next step towards collaboration with Nordic countries (Nordforsk)?

## Future Baltic States R&I collaboration: what's next?

- Is collaboration possible?
  - How to proceed?
  - How to stay pragmatic but still visionary?
- Interreg BSR
  - Development of the assessment methodology and plan for evaluation of implementation of the smart specialisation strategies in Baltic Sea region
- Strategy after RIS3





Thank you!