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Baltic Research Programme EEA/Norway Grants

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EEA/Norway Grants in Estonia

- EEA/Norway Grants 2004-2009 (total financing 534 461 EUR, 31 proposals, 10 financed)
- Norway Grants 2009-2014 (total financing 3,3 mill EUR, 170 proposals, 13 financed)
- Aim of the cooperation projects: knowledge transfer, sharing experiences and best practices, building sustainable cooperation for future activities. Internationally refereed publications, developing scientific methodology, active involvement of PhD students in the Project, preparation of joint proposals to be submitted to other financing initiatives
- Presentations of the projects from period 2009-2014:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfcLOshkp-Q>



Baltic joint activities

- Baltic Bonus Programme (supporting cooperation among researchers from Baltic States)
- Interreg Project
- Baltic Science Network
- Nordforsk (funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers)
- Baltic Research Programme (will ensure critical mass in research in areas where BS individually do not have sufficient resources, increase competence and achieve research excellence)
- Programme will give Baltic Added Value, to create a platform for research cooperation based on excellence and will aid the development of networks of researchers



- Programme will improve Baltic internationalization in RD&I
- Create research consortia of excellent researchers with potential for further cooperation in other research programmes



Towards the Joint Baltic Research programme

- All Baltic states have research activities under the new period of EEA/Norway Grants (2014-2021)
- Main aim and added value: strengthen the Nordic-Baltic regional cooperation within research
- Similar conditions in EE, LV and LT calls, mutual openness, same applicants' guide, same principles: quality of research
- Open approach – not thematically restrictive, focus on Nordic-Baltic added value
- Harmonise with Horizon 2020 rules



Ambitions for the programme

New programme should be:

- With simple implementation structure
- Low administration costs
- Easy to apply for applicants
- Not much bureaucracy
- Follow the rules of existing programmes (not to invent a bicycle)
- No coverage with programmes financed by EU funds



Baltic Research Programme (EEA/Norway Grants)

Programme Committee

Common objectives, procedures and evaluation standards. Project follow-up. Joint events

Programme operators, implementing agencies

EE call

Project coordinator: EE

Poss. Partners: LV, LT, donors + Poss. 3rd countries

LV call

Project coordinator: LV

Poss. Partners: EE, LT, donors + Poss. 3rd countries

LT call

Project coordinator: LT

Poss. Partners: EE, LV, donors + Poss. 3rd countries

- Programs are **mutually open** and with similar principles
- Project consortium: Coordinator + at least 1 Partner from the Baltics and at least 1 from donor countries. Nr of partners not limited
- Timing of the calls: Can be organised at different times (EE 2018, LV 2019, LT 2020)

Baltic Research programme

- **Project budget** min. 300 000 € up to 800 000 € (for partnerships with three partners) and 1 mill € for partnerships with more than three partners
- Project length min. 3 years max up to 2024
- **Target group:** positively evaluated research and development institutions
- **Eligible partners:** positively evaluated research and development institutions from EE, LV, LT and donor countries
- EE open call in autumn 2018, LV in 2019, LT in 2020
- EE call through Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) - <https://www.etis.ee/>



Progress of Estonian Programme development

- Match-making event for Project Promoters and Project partners in late August/September 2018
- Opening the call in September 2018
- Deadline for submission of projects 31.december 2018
- Planned start of the selection period 02.01.2019
- Planned end of the selection period March 2019
- Planned start of the projects March/April 2019
- Planned end of the projects 31.12.2023
- End of the programme 30 April 2024





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Iceland
Liechtenstein
Norway grants



The line graph shows the relative grant amounts for three countries over time. The x-axis represents time, and the y-axis represents the grant amount. Iceland's grants (represented by a line with square markers) show a general upward trend. Liechtenstein's grants (represented by a line with square markers) show a general downward trend. Norway's grants (represented by a line with square markers) show a general upward trend.

Thank you!

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