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# **Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN)**

**BSRUN Forum in St. Petersburg  
5 May 2014**

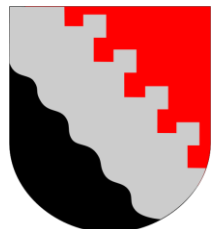
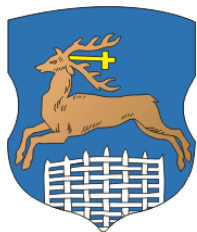
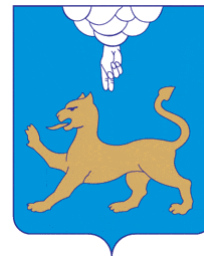
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# [www.bsrun.ru](http://www.bsrun.ru)

- Established in 2000 with 16 universities in Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russia;
- Coordinators:
  - University of Turku 2000-10,
  - University of Latvia 2010-2013 and
  - UNECON and UWM 2014-2016;
- Currently about 30 universities in Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russia.





- Kuopio/Joensuu,
- Turku,
- St. Petersburg,
- Novgorod,
- Tartu,
- Pskov,
- Riga,
- Jelgava,
- Klaipeda,
- Kaunas,
- Vilnius,
- Kaliningrad,
- Gdansk,
- Minsk,
- Olsztyn,
- Grodno,
- Warsaw

# OBJECTIVES

- Strengthening collaboration in University Governance, Management and Administration;
- Developing a platform for new ideas, projects and activities;
- Facilitating and promoting contacts and exchanges of information and experience;
- Enhancing cooperation with the networks associations agreed upon separately.

# PARTNERS



BSPC



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UArctic

- NUAS, EAIR, ESMU, NDI, BUP and the University of the Arctic;
- Strategic partner of CBSS (Council of the Baltic Sea States);
- Observer at BSPC (Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference);



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# PARTNERS



- Associate member of Triple I, Aurora, BMU-MID, MID (EMA2);
- EU-Drivers and MODERN (ESMU);
- Tempus projects.



# FRAMEWORK

- Is cross-border university cooperation in the Baltic Sea region important?
- Do we need special mechanisms for it?
- Are the existing mechanisms used to the full?
- Globalisation/europeanisation of higher education (demise of CBUR);
- Enthusiasm of the 1990's;
- Enlargement of the EU.





# FRAMEWORK

- BSRUN is not a network for world class teaching and research nor for EU only;
- Members are encouraged to find partners for projects/ programmes/research;
- Guarantees for a future: ownership and commitment of the senior management of members;
- An extra effort is needed, not just forwarding information.





# FRAMEWORK

- Universities primarily from the Baltic Sea region drainage area;
- Some exceptions already;
- Universities of applied sciences?
- Based on agreement between members.



# ACTIVITIES

- Enhanced cooperation in teaching and research (not another BUP);
- University-business partnerships;
- Innovation and development;
- Reform of higher education (legislation, governance, mergers);
- Project and financial management

# ACTIVITIES

- Increased interest in joint projects (Tempus, CBSS/EuroFaculty, EMA2, NCM);
- BSRUN as a facilitator for EU/Russia/Belarus/Ukraine cooperation;
- EuroFaculties (Riga, Tartu, Vilnius, Kaliningrad, Pskov and Turku, FINEC/UNECON) and future links between partners (e.g. BDPro);
- Strategic partnerships for BSRUN and members



# ACTIVITIES/CBSS

- University networking for quality and development, Kaliningrad, 7 June 2013;
- The future of EuroFaculties (follow-up study) frameworks for university cooperation in the Baltic Sea region, Turku, 26 October 2013;
- Experiences of EuroFaculties for Belarus, Minsk, 4 March 2014;
- CBSS Summer University, Södertörn University, 4-14 August 2014





# ACTIVITIES

- Annual BSRUN Forum;
- Annual contacts' meeting;
- Baltic Sea Days in Turku, 2-5 June 2014;
- History, Culture and Nature of the Baltic Sea Region, UWM, 23-24 October 2014



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**THANK YOU!**