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**BALTIC SEA
LABOUR FORUM**

Working together
through Social
Dialogue



BALTIC SEA LABOUR FORUM

- ❑ **Established 2012** as a platform for the Social Dialogue between trade unions and employer organisations.
- ❑ **Members - 28 member organizations** are trade unions and employer organisations from BSR countries
- ❑ **Observers** - wide range of the stakeholders' organisations in BSR – cooperation platforms as BASTUN, BSPC, Central Baltic INTERREG, Euroregion Baltic, Council of Nordic Trade Unions, academia/universities, etc.

Working on subjects of common concern for the labour market development and for the sustainable economic growth in the Baltic Sea Region



CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- ESF Project “**BSLF for Sustainable Working Life**” – APPROVED
- Joint meeting: BSLF and BASTUN – **March 18-19, 2019, Hamburg**
- 10th ANNUAL FORUM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION, 12-13 June 2019, GDANSK – Seminar together with PA Educatio, HA Neighbours on “**Sustainable Working Life in the Baltic Sea Region**”, focusing on demographic change, labour market and future work
- **High-level Meeting on Social Policies/back-to-back with BSPC, August 2019, Oslo** (*Policy Recommendations on behalf of BSLF*)



Activities 2018, related to BSLF

- **Study carried out by Max Planck Institute** on "Increasing the Labour Force Participation of Older People in the Baltic Sea States: Challenges and Chances" in the framework of the CBSS supported project "Ageing Workforce, Social Cohesion and Sustainable Development – Political Challenges within the Baltic Sea Region" based on the outcomes from researchers with profound expertise of the national situation of the workforce participation of older adults from all CBSS member states, will become published at the end of September.
- **Working Group on Welfare State** established in the framework of the Interreg Project and EUS BSR Flagship "Baltic Science Network" where CBSS is a full partner – worked out the Working Paper: "Fostering sustainable, inclusive and attractive labour markets in the Baltic Sea Region: A life course perspective", where the topics of Future work, demographic challenges and inclusive labour market are prioritized.

“BSLF for Sustainable Working Life”

- **Knowledge platform aiming on:** to improve working life conditions and Life-long learning provisions, systems and policies for elderly in order to promote active ageing and employability.
- **Thematic Working Groups (TWGs):**
 - (1) Lifelong learning and knowledge transfer between generations/ mutual knowledge transfer between younger and elder professionals;
 - (2) Working conditions/age management;
 - (3) Job opportunities for ageing labour force, including Entrepreneurship;
 - (4) Research and comprehensive Labour Market
- **Steering Group:** up to 10 persons (TWG leaders, experts, TNC partners)



BSLF for Sustainable Working Life (BSLF – SWL)

- Preparation: 1 december 2018 – 1 maj 2019
- Implementation: 2 May 2019 – 31 December 2021
- BUDGET: approx. 8 mln SEK (7 992 188)
- Transnational cooperation partners:
 - **State Employment Agency of Latvia**, ESF project "Support for longer working life"
 - **Turku University of Applied Sciences, University of Helsinki** upcoming **Finnish ESF**, Project "EntreFox"
 - Possibility to involve Russian partners through Swedish Institute additional funding



EUS BSR ANNUAL FORUM

12-13 June, Gdansk

—● **BSLF, PA Education SEMINAR “Sustainable Working Life”**

—● **Focusing on demographic change, labour market and future work**

- **Social innovation:** bringing together Lifelong Learning and better linkage between education/knowledge supply and demands of labour market
- Seminar is aiming to provide the holistic cross sectoral overview of the current challenges in the labour market
- Respond to ageing workforces and pressures on pension systems

“BSLF for Sustainable Working Life” 2018 December – 2021 December

—● **CBSS/BSLF Coordination Group on Labour and Employment – Reference Group in the Project**

—● **BSLF members (social partners)**, involved into Project, will provide direct access to decision-policy makers of BSR. It will allow to reach the immediate policy impact and contribute to the long-term holistic approach in strategic planning process in future

—● **Stakeholders engagement – NDPHS, Max Planck, Population Europe**





Thank you for your attention!
