

10th EUSBSR Annual Forum, Gdansk

SEMINAR “Sustainable Working Life in the Baltic Sea Region”, focusing on demographic change, labour market and future work”

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The Seminar is aiming to provide a holistic, cross sectoral overview of the current challenges in the labour market. The countries in the Baltic Sea region face considerable challenges related to an ageing population, also a need to adjust to a changing labour market, often requiring new skills and qualifications.

The challenges need to be addressed with for example educational systems better to respond to the needs of the labour markets’, also to respond to the needs of an ageing workforce. Other challenges are related to the pension systems that needs to be more flexible and sustainable when people stay live longer. Since the ageing population will have strong impacts both on economic growth, social cohesion (between social groups) and social sustainability (between generations) within the Baltic Sea region it is essential to learn more about how effectively use the resources at hand by fostering active and healthy ageing and increasing the labour force participation of older people.

We live longer, and we stay healthier longer. At the same time labour markets are changing, less stable where the workforce needs to frequently upgrade their competences to be able to keep the present job or to meet the requirements of a new one.

The Seminar has a direct linkage to the EU Strategy on the Baltic Sea Region, PA Education and the Action on a “Society for Longer Lives” as well as to the concepts of social innovation bringing together Lifelong Learning and better linkage between education/knowledge supply and demands of the labour market. Since labour mobility affects not only the EU countries and more cooperation within the field would be very beneficial for the whole region the topic is also very much linked to the objectives of HA Neighbours.

The European Pillar on Social Rights outlines that everyone has the right to a qualitative and inclusive education, training and lifelong learning in order to maintain and acquire skills that enable us to participate fully in society and manage successfully transitions in the labour market.

In this seminar we would like to particularly find **interdependencies between demographic challenge and labour market, as well as timely provisions of skills and qualifications upgrade.**

This session provides an occasion for a fruitful exchange of views on cooperation and experience exchange towards sustainable working life in the Baltic Sea region in view of expected demographic change.

PROGRAM

- **Welcome words by co-organisers:**
Daria Akhutina, CBSS and Anders Bergström, EUSBSR Policy Area Education
- **Introductory remarks by the moderator, Anders Bergström**
- **Daria Akhutina, CBSS, Baltic Sea Labour Forum (BSLF), EUSBSR Flagship, “BSLF for Sustainable Working Life”, an ESF-funded project**
- **Irena E. Kotowska, prof., Institute of Statistics and Demography, SGH Warsaw School of Economics**
- **Pyry Niemi, Member of the Swedish Parliament and the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference**
- **Olga Korchemkina, Federal Service for Labour and Employment of the Russian Federation**
- **Sonia Buchholtz, Confederation of Employers Lewiatan, Poland**
- **Joanna Pankowska, EU Life Long Learning Platform**

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