

Conference Statement

Participants of the Saint Petersburg Conference “Enhancement of Cross-border Cooperation between Research Infrastructures – a conference for scientific and industrial stakeholders in the Baltic Sea Region” assembling in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, 10-11 June 2013, discussed the advantage for social welfare and economic development in the Baltic Sea Region by enhanced cooperation in innovation and science.

Based on the discussion the participants express their wish to political leaders and the governments in the Baltic Sea Region, the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) and the European Union (EU), as well as other organisations, civil society, private sector, communities and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO),

Regarding Co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region

1. to promote interaction and cooperation in the implementation of overall policies of the Baltic Sea Region, such as the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and the Northern Dimension.
2. to provide continued support to cooperation in science and innovation between the regions in the Baltic Sea area
3. to spend more than 3 per cent of the gross national product (GDP) for science and innovation
4. to support the key research and innovation areas particularly relevant for Baltic region, such as ship manufacturing, sea traffic optimization, technologies relating to transfer of natural gas and oil, sea and shore based regenerative energy sources etc.

Regarding Structures of Co-operation

5. to discuss and support better structures for transnational cooperation especially in innovation and services for commercial users
6. to avoid double spending by common activities in establishing and supporting centers of excellence
7. to create a network of world-leading large-scale research infrastructures, Regional Partner Facilities and regional centres of excellence

Regarding Service to Industry

8. to enhance the service for commercial users at research infrastructure (RI) and to support the access of small and medium size enterprises (SME) to RIs by financial support and knowledge transfer
9. to enhance the usage of existing instrumentation by creating regional networks of universities, RIs and private companies offering measurement and scientific consulting services

10. to support by venture capital the establishment of private-public organizations that provide services in science to industry

Regarding Education and lifelong Learning

11. to create an open university scheme in modern methods in science and innovation to transfer knowledge to enterprises and public

12. to offer special courses to industry by RIs to transfer knowledge in modern methods in science

13. To create course programs on innovation business development and entrepreneurship for the RI partners and students.



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