

## **Horizon 2020 proposal**

### **General Policy Area/key words**

regional policy, macroregion, Baltic Sea Region, EU Strategy, macroregional strategy, multilevel governance (MLG)

### **EU Programme**

HORIZON 2020

WORK PROGRAMME 2014 – 2015

### **Call for proposals**

Mail Pillar: Societal Challenges

Call no: OJ C361 of 11 December 2013

H2020- REFLECTIVE-SOCIETY-2015

**Sub call of: H2020-REFLECTIVE-2014-2015**

**Topic: European cohesion, regional and urban policies and the perceptions of Europe**

### **Application deadline**

Deadline - 28/05/2015 at 17.00.00 Brussels time

### **Lead partner**

We are looking for an experienced lead partner

### **Searched partners**

Universities, research institutes, international and regional organizations interested in regional policy; GO and NGO's related to Baltic Sea Region activities and EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region (BSR)

### **Project title**

To be announced

### **Project idea**

Goal: to propose comprehensive and multidisciplinary (political sciences, sociology, management) research in 9 EU states surrounding Baltic Sea and Russian Federation (as an crucial actor in the BSR region) on level of understanding

of regional policy, mostly: EU Strategy for BSR by local administration, authorities and society and level of cohesion between regional strategies and policies with EU Strategy for BSR document.

#### Proposed research topics:

- scope of cohesion between macroregional EU strategy for BSR and regional policies and strategies in regions around Baltic Sea;
- level of understanding between local administration and macroregional BSR strategy and application of EU Strategy for BSR goals in regional policies/strategies and everyday actions
- perception of local administration and local authorities regarding EU macroregional policy as a whole and in particular: BSR macroregional policy

#### Research team experience

We represent the Gdansk University of Technology (GUT) with 110 years of tradition and project experiences such as: 300 inventions ready for implementation; 200 research and development projects currently carried out; 700 agreements with entrepreneurs concluded in the last 3 years; currently carrying out 26 projects under international research programmes (21 projects in EU's Seventh Framework Programme and 2 financed by HORIZON 2020); Projects carried out under the MAESTRO programme, the Applied Research Programme, the LIDER programme, the INNOTECH programme and the new GRAF-TECH programme; Prestigious grant financed under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme under the IDEAS programme, which is compared to European Nobel prize in science. The Regional Contact Point is situated in Gdansk University of Technology.

Social Sciences Department research team (based at the Economy and Management Faculty) consist of 5 academic researchers: one Professor and 4 Phd's. Overall we have more than 170 thematic publications in four languages (Russian, English, Belarusian, Polish), including 7 books and 10 monographs edited and published in 5 countries. Most of the publications tackle political, economic and societal challenges in Russian Federation, development of Eastern Partnership, political and social issues related to the Baltic Sea Region and others. We have broad experience in qualitative and quantitative research, especially with regards to the Eastern Partnership countries, cross-border cooperation in Eastern Europe, Eastern dimension of the EU's and Poland's foreign policy, transformation in Eastern countries, migration, cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region, youth perception of societal changes and challenges in Baltic Sea Region and others. We also participate yearly in research aimed at GUT Graduates Professional Situation.

Members of our team also represent (as a board member) Baltic Institute of European and Regional Concern (BISER), an NGO clustering the representatives of science, public sector and business parts willing to co-operate in the field of European integration, sustainable development and strengthening cooperation links within the Baltic Sea Region. BISER has wide experience in Baltic Sea Region projects on sustainable society in BSR (founded by Interreg and BSR programme).

We also have broad experience in international science projects, as well as various projects concerning cooperation between academia, local administration and NGO's. Projects we participated in:

1. Transfer of knowledge and best practice as a way to establish sustained cooperation between universities and local governments on example of Elbląg and Kaliningrad Region, Norway Grants (2011);
2. „Pomeranian Youth Agora 2014”, The Civic Initiatives Fund project founded by Polish Department of Public Benefit (2014);
3. StarDust MARCHAIN Project, 35 partners from the public and semi-public sector from Baltic Sea Region (2010-2013); project named one of BSR Stars
4. Ministry of Science and Higher Education Republic of Poland Project, The teachers professional identity in perspective of social changes (2010-2011);
5. „Terma CSR Strategy” project, Swiss Grant, project co-financed by Switzerland in Swiss-Polish Cooperation programme (2013–2014);
6. „School of Young Engineer's, 2nd Edition, Project founded by Polish Operational Programme PO KL 9.1.2. founded by European Social Fund;
7. Governmental Programme for Social Activation of Seniors 2014-2020, founded by Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
8. Project Partner Coordinator in submitted Europe for Citizens international project, 2014 (in assessment), Rising Intercultural through Sharing Education (RISE), Europe for Citizens Application, Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation, 2.3: Civil Society Projects;

#### **Established partnership till now**

We offer contacts and cooperation with number of universities and NGO's from BSR region, especially: Poland, Estonia, Russian Federation.

#### **Proposed project duration**

3 years

#### **Budget details**

1,5 up to 2,5 mln - depending on number of partners and scope of research, methodology

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