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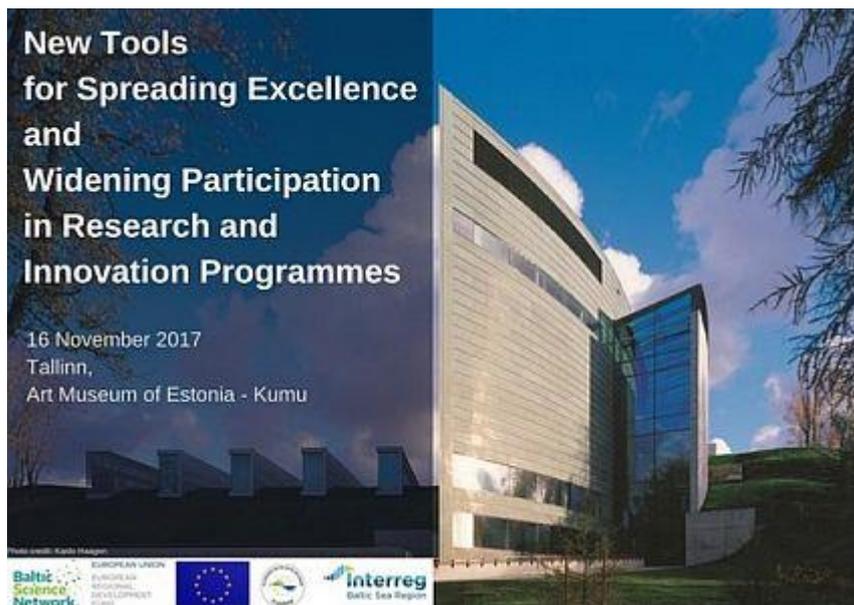
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Invitation to transnational workshop



The [Baltic Science Network](#) announces the upcoming transnational seminar “[New Tools for Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation in Research and Innovation Programmes](#)” which will be taking place on 16 November 2017 in Tallinn at the helm of the Estonian EU Presidency. The seminar will be dedicated to discussing the most promising solutions which would help increasing the participation of moderate innovators in research and innovation initiatives implemented in the European Research Area. As a result of the seminar and further activities in the Baltic Science Network, policy suggestions are formulated for the Baltic Sea Region and its countries to ensure the implementation of the full potential of the region in science, research and education, as well as further strengthen its positions as a renowned European hub of innovation.

The event is part of Baltic Science Network programme. The Network is developing targeted multilateral activities tailored for research and innovation excellence, mobility of scientists and expanded participation. The Tallinn seminar is focussing on widening participation in research and innovation programmes.

[Save the date](#) announcement and [programme](#) (also attached) provide a glimpse of the notable set of high level speakers assembled by the seminar.

The sessions focus on macro-regional experience in widened participation and solutions for overcoming widening barriers and bridge the innovation gap. It will gather such high level speakers as:





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Ambassador Maira Mora, Director General of the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat;

Wolfgang Burtcher, Deputy Director-General of Directorate General for Research & Innovation, European Commission;

Rudolf Niessler, Director, Smart and Sustainable Growth and Programme Implementation IV (Southern-Europe), Directorate General of Regional and Urban Policies, European Commission;

Indrek Reimand, Deputy Secretary General for Higher Education and Research of Estonia;

Agrita Kiopa, Deputy State Secretary and Director for Higher Education and Research at the Latvian Ministry of Education and Science;

Christoph Quitmann, Director of MAX IV Laboratory;

Gunnel Gustafsson, Director of NordForsk;

Kaisa Kononen, Executive Director of the BONUS Baltic Organisations' Network for Funding Science EEIG.

We look forward to welcoming you in Tallinn.

Registration is [open until 15 September](#).

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