

Main goal of our programme

Bring together researchers from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Iceland, and Lichtenstein, to increase the international performance of Baltic researchers and strengthen mutual cooperation.

Current status

28 high-level projects addressing societal challenges with a total budget of € 23 million will be implemented by April 2024.

The Baltic research councils together with the Ministries of Education and Research manage the implementation of the projects in close cooperation with the donor partner Research Council of Norway.

What makes our programme unique?

We have formed a joint decision-making body, a Programme Committee, consisting of 8 Baltic and Norwegian scientific experts, who have approved common challenges that our projects aim to address.

We have announced three open calls, each organised by a different Baltic State, which provides a unique opportunity for RMAs to work together.

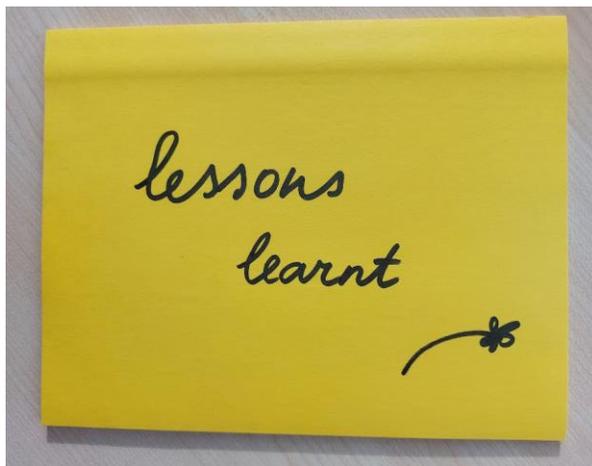
This is an important incentive for our researchers to gain new experience in leading large-scale international projects, as well as to expand collaboration and achieve new scientific results.

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a unique opportunity to promote regional cooperation between scientists, research institutions, national policy makers and policy implementers



Iceland
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Norway grants



What are our lessons learnt?

In order to create a programme that enables smooth participation in all countries, we have had to *overcome the differences of national implementation conditions*.

It is vital to establish an institutional framework for the implementation of the programme in each country. *A timely flow of information and consultation of research funding institutions on different practicalities is the key to success.*

It does not matter when you start preparing to open a call – it is always too late. Close and *effective cooperation with all parties* is therefore crucial. Flexibility and readiness to adapt to some rapid changes are valuable personal qualities!

What can we still improve?

The Covid-19 outbreak quickly led us to remote events. It is challenging to make *virtual events as effective as physical ones*.

There is still a room for improvement to simplify and make the programme *more researcher friendly*.

More focus on communication in *raising public awareness* of the results achieved by our joint projects.

We would also like to create *a greater sense of 'us' among researchers* involved in our programme, regardless of the call in which they got funded.



„Our RMAs can be portraided as a friendly and helpful multicultural family“

Benefits of international programme

This is a great way to support research *addressing common regional and global challenges* through international cooperation and networking.

The programme will help *pooling research potential, build capacities and bridge the gap* between public research funding and EU structural assistance.

The nature of *international cooperation is like continuous training* to improve your skills, broaden your horizons and exchange best practices.

This also adds value to the work of RMAs to support creative and diverse project teams in expanding cooperation and achieving new results, as it *benefits the public at large*.