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Currently the BUP research facilitation effort includes a number of initiatives. The initiatives are based on input from the network and if not already implemented will be so in the near future. These are the following:

1. Mobility Grant for young researchers

The main aim with the Mobility Grant is to develop and strengthen the co-operation among young researchers in the Baltic Sea Region. The grant is intended to support young scholars from BUP member universities who's research promote sustainable development. Open to PhD students and Post.doc scholars from all member universities. The grant covers accommodation and travel expenses up to a maximum value of 3000 EUR. The research contribution should connect to the field of sustainable development in the Baltic Sea region. The grant winner will be invited to present the research at a BUP conference, as an opportunity to disseminate results, ideas and create intra-network co-operation.

2. PhD Award

The BUP PhD Award is an annual award given to the author of what is judged to be the most qualified PhD work defended at any of the member universities belonging to the Baltic University Programme. The evaluation process of the thesis takes into account the following criteria: inter-/multi disciplinary approach, novelty, innovation, and value for promoting sustainable development in the Baltic Sea region. The winner of the award receives a prize in the form of a diploma and a sum of up to 500 EUR to cover travel costs and/or accommodation for attending a research conference. In addition, BUP will cover travel costs and accommodation for presenting the research during one BUP event.

3. PhD student training

The BUP PhD course is an annual event organized by the BUP Polish National Centre usually during one week in the autumn. The training program has its focus on sustainable development in an interdisciplinary, international, multicultural, and regional context, and is led by an international team of supervisors. The objective of the course is to give PhD students from the BUP network countries a possibility to meet and discuss scientific problems, and to receive response from an external mentor on their PhD thesis progress.

4. Research conference

A research conference is held every year on a special theme in the field of Sustainable development, environmental protection and democracy in the context of the Baltic Sea region. Speakers are top experts in their field and participants have a scientific background within the themes discussed. Suggestions for research conference themes including draft of content will be greatly appreciated and can be submitted to:

magnus.lehman@csdupsala.uu.se

5. BUP Scientific Council

The main role of the Scientific Council is to evaluate the quality of PhD thesis and research projects submitted for the BUP Award and the BUP Mobility Grants competition. The experts make the selection among applicants and elaborate review of selected contributions. Presently the committee consists of 21 prominent scientists from Belarus, the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Slovakia and Sweden.

6. Research Notes

From fall 2017 BUP will on regularly basis start to publish Research Notes – “Research and Innovation for a Sustainable Baltic Sea Region” on the BUP webpage, and in a Research Notes Letter to spread to Member universities, participating universities and other stakeholders in society. The aim is to spread research findings and knowledge on researchers and research groups in the Baltic Sea Region.

Request: Researchers, send your contribution using this form:

<http://www2.balticuniv.uu.se/bup-3/index.php/51-reseach-notes-form>

7. Research Themes

During fall 2017 we launch BUP Themes. The main aim is to develop each Theme as an information bank where BUP colleagues can collect material and also submit material being useful to spread to each other regarding both research and activities related to education. We start with the following Themes: *Climate, Energy, Food, Urban-Rural development, Green infrastructure, Transport and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)*. Our hope is that this will lead to more visibility and co-operations among researchers, teachers and students regarding exchange/mobility, common projects, and more successful in funding and publications.

Request: Researchers, teachers and students send your contribution using this form:

<http://www2.balticuniv.uu.se/bup-3/index.php/52-bup-themes-form>

8. BUP User Group in LinkedIn

BUP has a LinkedIn page and also a BUP User group. The aim with the LinkedIn BUP User group is to function as a database for BUP researchers and teachers to find out about each other and what research is going on in the network. This is the main source for BUP researchers to get to know each other's research.

Request: Researchers do register in BUP User group. This is our chance for successful future cooperation! Through the user group you will find other people in the BUP network.

9. BUP in the Baltic Science Network

BUP is participating in the project Baltic Science Network (BSN) through the BUP National Centre in Finland. The BSN network is an Interreg Baltic Sea Region funded project. Its aim is to provide science and research ministries of the Baltic Sea region states with an overall coordination framework to develop and implement science policy in a macro-regional

dimension and to ensure a better representation of macro-regional interests on the EU level. For more information, see <http://www.baltic-science.org/>

10. BUP-RUP Hamburg

The BUP Associated Secretariat at Hamburg University of Applied Sciences will spring 2018 set up a Baltic University Programme Research and Publications Office (BUP-RUP). As the name implies, the office will support research cooperation among BUP members in two main ways:

1. by means of externally funded projects which BUP-RUP may coordinate or be partners of
2. by underpinning BUP members' academic basis by facilitating the publication of scientific works in indexed journals. For more information contact: walter.leal2@haw-hamburg.de

In near future, the BUP research support efforts will include two new initiatives. These are the following:

1. BUP Symposium 2020

"Research and Innovation for a Sustainable Baltic Sea Region". The idea is to arrange a symposium with a range of diverse activities and stakeholders during three days: research conference with different sessions, students' conference, SAIL for Researchers, seminars and workshops on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), smorgasbord of latest research – 7 minutes presentations, invite business for innovation and entrepreneurship, etc. Request: BUP colleagues, please send in your suggestions on how your university can contribute to a successful BUP Symposium to Madeleine.Granvik@csduppsala.uu.se

2. BUP Supervisor Collegium

Continue developing the existing mentorship model in the annual PhD course, where each PhD student has a mentor during the course. This can be developed as mentorship during the full PhD period, or as a possibility for the student to get a co-supervisor within the Baltic Sea Region. The BUP Supervisor Collegium arranges meetings and seminars for PhD supervisors to exchange knowledge and experience in the role being a good supervisor. Furthermore it serves as a forum for support, mediation of supervision, and to encourage researchers to take the role being co-supervisor and/or mentor for PhD Students at other universities within BUP.