

From Challenges to Solutions: Addressing Systemic Issues for Early Career Researchers in the Baltic States

International meeting of stakeholders
Agenda

27 of November, 2024
Vilnius University Senate Hall
Universiteto 3, Vilnius

09:00 – 09:30

Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:30 – 10:00

Opening Session

- Opening Address by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dalia Šatkovskienė, President of BASNET Forumas
 - Welcome Address by Prof. Dr. Edita Sužiedelienė, Vice- Rector of Vilnius University
 - Welcome Address by Mrs. Vaida Aleknavičienė, Chair of Committee on Education and Science of LR Seimas
 - Remarks from Dr. Gintaras Valinčius, Chairman of Lithuanian Research Council
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10:00 – 10:30

Keynote Presentation

Prof.Dr. Anne-Sophie Godfroy, Université Paris Sciences Lettres (PSL), France

Evolving Landscape for Early Career Researchers in Europe

10:30 – 11:45

Panel Presentations

Session1. Identifying Systemic Issues: The Current State of ECRs in the Baltic States

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Giedrė Purvaneckienė, Vilnius University

- Prof. Habil. Dr. Artūras Žukauskas, Chair of Science Committee of LR Seimas (2020-2024 term of office)
 - Dr. Katrin Kiisler, Head of R&D Policy Department at the Ministry of Estonian Education and Research
 - Prof. Habil. Dr. Baiba Rivža, Latvian University of Life Sciences and Technologies
 - Dr. Edita Bagdonaitė, Adviser at the Research and Higher Education Policy Analysis Unit, Lithuanian Research Council
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11:45 – 12:00

Coffee Break



12:00 – 13:00

Panel Presentations

Session 2. Identifying Systemic Issues: The Current State of ECRs in the Baltic

States Chair: Prof. Habil. Dr. Gražina Tautvaišienė, VU ITPA

- Prof. Dr. Ingrida Ulozienė, Head of the Research Affairs Department, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences
- Prof. Dr. Gita Revalde, Riga Technical University, Latvia
- Dr. Joana Smirnovienė, Researcher, VU Life Sciences Center
- Prof. Dr. Loreta Kelpšaitė-Rimkienė, member of Klaipėda University Council

13:00– 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00

1. Round Table Discussions

Unpacking the Challenges in the Baltic States: Discussion on specific themes, including Priority Policies, Funding and Resource Allocation, Collaboration with Business

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Aurelija Novelskaitė, Lithuanian Center for Social Sciences

Participants:

- Dr. Edita Bagdonaitė, Policy adviser, RCL
- Prof. Habil. Dr. Juras Banys, President, LAS
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Juozas Grigas, LUHS, LYAS
- Prof. Dr. Toomas Vaimann, EYAS

15:00 – 16:15

2. Round Table Discussions

Session 2: Unpacking the Challenges in the Baltic States. Discussion on: Working Culture, Work-Life Balance & Mental Health

Moderator: Dr. Rima Budvytytė, Senior Researcher of Vilnius University Life Science Center

Participants:

- Dr. Miglė Tomkuvienė, Senior researcher, VU LSC
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Juozas Grigas, LSMU & LYAS
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Živilė Rutkūnienė, Vice-Dean for Studies, KTU FM&NS
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mindaugas Zaremba, Chief researcher, VU LSC
- Mrs. Gabriele Burbulyte-Tsiskarishvili, Lector at KU

16:15 – 16:30

Coffee Break



16:30 – 17:00

Collaborative Strategy Session
"Commitment to Change: Next Steps for ECR Empowerment"

Open discussion of proposed solutions to improve the situation of ERC and formulation of recommendations to the stakeholders

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sandra Pralgauskaitė, VU FF

17:00-17:15

Closing Remarks

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Živilė Rutkūnienė, KTU FM&NS

