

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

International meeting of stakeholders  
**Draft Agenda**

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

09:00 – 09:30

**Registration and Welcome Coffee**

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09:30 – 10:00

**Opening Session**

- Welcome Address by BASNET Forumas
  - Welcome Address by Prof. Dr. Edita Sužiedelienė, Vice- Rector of Vilnius University
  - 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**

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10:30 – 11:45

**Panel Presentations**

**Session 1. Identifying Systemic Issues: The Current State of ECRs in the Baltic States**

**Chair:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Giedrė Purvaneckienė

- Prof. Hab. Dr. Artūras Žukauskas, Chair of Science Committee of LR Seimas
  - Prof. Dr. Renno Veinthal, Deputy Secretary General, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research (TBC)
  - Prof. Hab. Dr. Juras Banys, President of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences
  - Prof. Hab. Dr. Baiba Rivža, Latvian University of Life Sciences and Technologies
  - Dr. Edita Bagdonaitė, Adviser at the Research and Higher Education Policy Analysis Unit, LMT
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11:45 – 12:00

**Coffee Break**

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12:00 – 13:15

**Panel Presentations**

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

**Chair:** Prof. Hab. Dr. Gražina Tautvaišienė

- Dr. Justas Nugaras, Vice Minister of Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science and Sport (TBC)
- Prof. Dr. Ingrida Ulozienė, Head of the Research Affairs Department, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences · Dorina Dedgioni, M.A., Researcher, Fulda Graduate Centre of Social Sciences, Germany
- Dr. Joana Smirnovienė, Researcher, VU Life Sciences Center
- Prof. Dr. Loreta Kelpšaitė-Rimkienė, member of Klaipėda University Council

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13:15 – 14:00

**Lunch Break**

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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

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

**Participants:**

- Dr. Edita Bagdonaitė (LMT)
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Urtė Neniškytė (VU LSC), TBC
- Dr. Juozas Grigas (LSMU, LYAS),
- Prof. Dr. Toomas Vaimann (EYAS)

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15:00 – 16:00

**2. Round Table Discussions**

**Session 2: Unpacking the Challenges in the Baltic States. Discussion on:** Working Culture, Work-Life Balance, Mental Health and Collaboration with Business

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

**Participants:**

- Dr. Miglė Tomkuvienė, (VU LSC)
- Dr. Juozas Grigas (LSMU, LYAS)
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Živilė Rutkūnienė (KTU)
- Mrs. Gabriele Burbulyte-Tsiskarishvili (Klaipėda University)

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16:00 – 16:15

**Coffee Break**

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16:15 – 16:45

**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

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16:45 – 17:00

**Closing Remarks**