



CBSS - EGLE meeting and EUSBSR - PA education seminar

NDPHS OSH EG meeting, Tartu 5 April 2018

CBSS – Council of the Baltic Sea States

- A well-functioning labour market in the BSR
- Consorted efforts of the key actors in this field
 - governments and local authorities
 - trade unions and employer organisations
 - the academia and NGOs
- Baltic Sea Labour Forum (**BSLF**) is one of the flagships in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (**EUSBSR**), coordinated by the CBSS Secretariat
- The members of the BSLF are
 - social partners (trade unions and employer organisations)
 - representatives from the national governments
 - the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference

EGLE – Expert Group on Labour and Employment

- Meeting of the High representatives of the Ministries of Employment on 15 June 2017 in Berlin
 - held as a part of the joint event with the Baltic Sea Labour Forum Round Table
- One outcome of the meeting in Berlin was to consider forming an Expert Group on Labour and Employment (EGLE)
 - based on a tripartite structure with representatives from relevant line ministries in the member states of CBSS and social partners, members of the BSLF

EGLE – Expert Group on Labour and Employment

- Besides the Expert Group the BSLF flagship plan to invite experts to work on the thematic areas which are defined as of common concern:
 - Labour mobility/migration
 - Demographic challenges
 - Knowledge supply
 - Youth employment
 - Integration
 - Involvement into the labour market the groups of vulnerable people, including persons with disabilities
- The Secretariat of CBSS plan to support the Expert Group with a structure financed by the European Social Fund (ESF)

Project

- An application will be prepared and submitted in spring 2018
- If the application is granted funding the Expert Group will be complemented with a three year project starting in January 2019:
 - Collect and analyse good examples from the Baltic Sea Region
 - This knowledge base feed into the thematic working groups (TWG) where new methods and policy recommendations are produced in joint transnational development processes
 - The proposed six thematic working groups cover the same thematic areas as above
- The geographical area for BSLF is the Baltic Sea Region (BSR); Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation and Sweden
 - The project will cover the same region but with main activities connected to the eight EU members in the region

Issues in common with OSH EG?

- EGLE may have themes with some connection to occupational safety and health
- We share common target groups
 - for example employees, employers and social partners
- One of the recommendations under the title “a society of longer lives” is to provide good working conditions
 - allow employees to work safely in healthy manner till retirement
- Under the theme “youth employment”
 - important that young people starting their career get enough information how to work safely and stay healthy both physically and mentally
- Vulnerable groups at work

Obligations for OSH EG?

- BSLF has asked OSH EG to actively participate in the work of EGLE
- Our answer:
 - We support collaboration with EGLE in issues that are relevant in occupational safety and health
 - However, OSH EG does not have enough resources to take part in meetings of the expert group and its five subgroups
 - We suggest that the secretariat of NDPHS could participate in the meetings of EGLE, when appropriate, and bring information to OSH EG
 - OSH EG could collaborate with the subgroups of EGLE on an 'ad hoc' basis, if the perspective of occupational safety and health is needed and we have the resources

EUSBSR – EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Policy Area (PA) Education

- PA Education contributes to strengthening the social dimension of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (BSR)
- It covers three policy areas:
 - education
 - research
 - employability
- Increased prosperity in the BSR presupposes access to
 - good education and training for all
 - an effective and inclusive welfare system
 - a well-functioning labor market supporting geographical, professional and socio/economic mobility

Stakeholder seminar and webinar, Stockholm 12th Febr 2018

- Attended together with Zivile Pauzaite from the NDPHS secretariat
- Five of the six flagships within the frame of EUSBSR presented them self shortly
- Nothing directly linked to the field of occupational safety and health
- Some of them may potentially touch upon questions adjacent to ours though
- The seminar was also sent as a webinar and will be possible to see at the EUSBSR website <http://www.balticsea-region-strategy.eu/>
- 9th Annual Forum of the EUSBSR, Tallinn 4-5th June 2018

The flagships

- School to work (S2W)
 - Interest lies in preventing early school leaving
 - Website: www.s2wflagship.eu
- Baltic Training Programme (BTP)
 - About work based learning and closing the gap between education and the labour market
 - An Erasmus project
- Baltic Science Network (BSN – same acronym as the Baltic Sea Network...?)
 - study on research cooperation in the BSR
 - researcher mobility tools for the BSR and an analysis of funding schemes for the BSR
 - Website: www.baltic-science.org

The flagships

- Baltic Sea Labour Forum (BSLF)
 - 28 members from trade unions and employer organisations within the baltic sea region
 - This is where we have been asked to participate earlier (see above)
 - Speech was held by Daria Akhutina from CBSS
 - 4 themes
 - Labour mobility and migration
 - Demographic challenges/Life long learning
 - Knowledge supply (labour market forecasting and research)
 - Youth employment
 - The whole flagship described as a cooperation within the BSR in the field of labour and employment

The flagships

- BSR Smart Life
 - A new flagship that have just started
 - Subject is lifelong learning
 - The two main reasons for this need were shortly introduced:
 - the ageing population within the BSR and
 - the higher demands on competence in modern day worklife
 - Looking for good practices to develop and spread
- Baltic University Program (BUP)
 - The one flagship missing at the seminar.