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Information seminar –

funding of Baltic Sea Regional project

cooperation, and scholarships to/from Sweden

Swedish Institute – short facts

- Mandate from the Parliament and Government
- Foreign policy, international aid and development, reform cooperation, and education
- Budget of SEK 460 million (in 2017)
- Operations with three main orientations:
 - Image of Sweden
 - Sweden communication
 - Relationship-building activities

Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region

- Develop Sweden's relations in the Baltic Sea area.
- Sustainable development and strengthened global competitiveness in the region.
- Greater integration between EU Member States and the countries in the EU's Eastern Partnership and Russia.



Creating relations and building networks

Eligible countries (depending on programme)

Estonia

Latvia

Lithuania

Poland

Denmark

Finland

Germany

Russia

Ukraine

Belarus

Georgia

Moldova

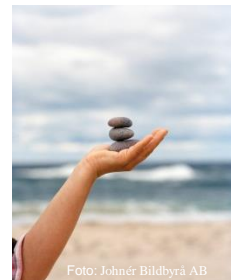
Armenia

Azerbaijan



Our programmes

- Leadership programmes
- Project funding (Baltic Sea Regional cooperation – Seed funding and Third Country participation)
- Project funding (Creative Force)
- Scholarships to/from Sweden



Leadership programmes



Baltic Leadership Programme - training programme designed to develop the Baltic Sea region (2017: Labour Mobility, Agenda 2030, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Clusters Managers)

LEAP – a leadership programme on human and planetary opportunities. Designed for entrepreneurship and systems change in the Baltic Sea region. SI in cooperation with Stockholm Resilience Centre.

Swedish Institute Management Programme – establishment of a network of leaders with a strong interest in sustainable businesses and responsible leadership

Leadership programmes



SI Summer Academy for Young Professionals (SAYP)

Topics: public sector reform, transparency, anti-corruption and e-governance practices

Countries: Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

Target groups: Public servants, civil society workers, policymakers, up to **35 years old**

- +Main module (2 weeks, all costs included)
- +Follow-up activities/projects
- +Peer shadowing grants

Project funding – Baltic Sea Region

- **Seed funding**

Intended to be used to start new collaborations or expand existing ones, pre-studies or preparations for applications for further (EU) funding. Often, strong connection to the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR).

- **Third Country Participation**

Intended to help stakeholders in non-EU countries to cooperate with EU-funded projects/EUSBSR flagships.



Connection to policy



**Eastern
Partnership**



www.balticsea-region-strategy.eu

https://eeas.europa.eu/topics/eastern-partnership_en

Examples of projects supported

Solid waste and its impact on the Environment and the Baltic Sea

Green Innovation Governance

Digital transformation in the BSR

Entrepreneurial competencies and rural innovations

Prevention of trafficking in human beings

Building a BSR innovation cluster in biogas

Students for sustainable development

Increased visibility and accessibility of historical cultural heritage sites

Cultural Gaming

E-governance in the BSR

BSR Talent Attraction and Mobility Network

Baltic Network on Environmental Health and Sustainable Urban Development



Seed funding - information

New call: <https://si.se/en/apply/funding-grants/pi/>

Deadline: February 13, 2018.

Focus/aim:

Contribute to economically, environmentally and socially sustainable growth and development in the BSR. Meet a regional challenge

Regulations:

Minimum 3 eligible countries in the partnership (incl main applicant), maximum 18 months and maximum 500 000 SEK.

Eligible countries:

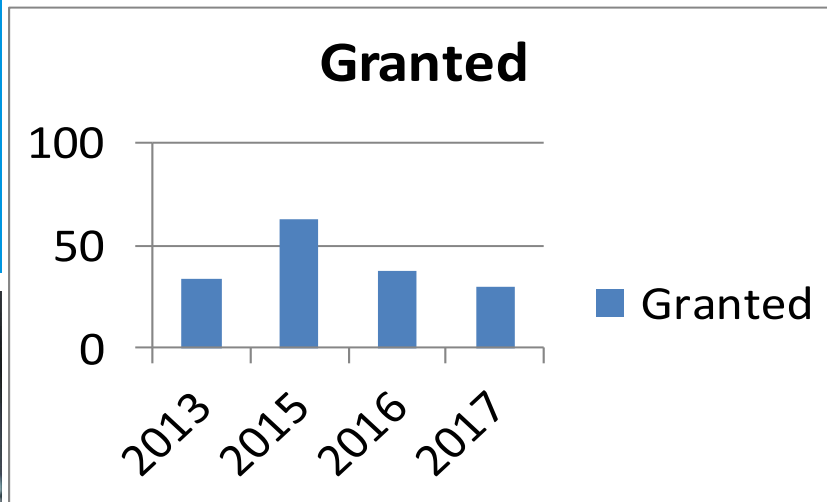
Swedish main applicant – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Ukraine.

Denmark, Finland, Germany can be added to a complete partnership (limited funding applies).

Partnerships:

Cross-sectorial (for example local/regional authorities, NGO, universities, business sector, governmental agencies)

Seed funding – last calls for proposals



Granted projects	– 166
Amount of partners (incl lead applicant)	– 972
Granted sum, MSEK	– 71

Participation from Belarus – 16 projects

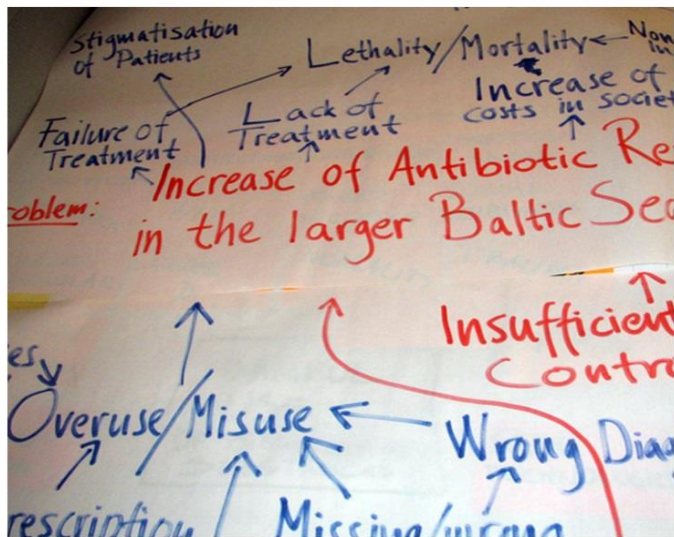
Seed funding - results/effects

- High rate of goal completion
- 9 out of 10 projects intend to continue cooperation – and in many cases seek financial support
- Long term follow up shows that the financial support is scaled up, receiving new funding from other sources



Photo: Swedish Institute

Third Country Participation – in general



- Offers Swedish actors the opportunity to apply for project funding in order to include non EU-countries in the region in **current EU projects** (in which the Swedish actor is a partner).
- The aim of the funding is to **strengthen co-operation** in the region.
- Serves as a tool enabling actors in the partner countries above to join existing areas of co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region.

Creative Force Eastern Europe and Turkey: Criteria and types of funding

- Projects which use media or the arts to strengthen democracy, human rights
- Applicants must be Swedish civil society organisations, foundations, public sector agencies, private sector agencies or other professional actors.
- Swedish applicants must have partner(s) in one or more programme countries, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldavia, Turkey and Ukraine

Collaborative projects

1 call for funding per year

Max SEK 100,000–500,000/12 months

Max project period: 24 months

Seed funding

2 calls for funding per year

Purpose: pilot projects, project planning or project initiation.

Max SEK 100,000

Max projekt period: 12 months

The SI Visby Programme

Scholarship offers – overview (grants for mobility **to** Sweden)

- **Master's level full-degree studies** (~40 scholarships/year)
 - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine
 - Full-degree studies, 1-2 academic years in Sweden
 - Full-coverage scholarship (tuition fees, monthly allowance, travel grant, insurance)
 - Application period: **1-10 February 2018** (preliminary)
- **Studies in Sweden, exchange studies** (~20 scholarships/year)
 - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine
 - Full-time studies 1-2 semesters, priority to applications for studies undertaken in Swedish language
 - Scholarship for living expenses in Sweden (monthly allowance, insurance, travel grant)
 - Application period: **15 March - 30 April 2018** (preliminary)
- **PhD studies & post-doctoral research** (~40 scholarships/year)
 - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine
 - Scholarship for living expenses in Sweden (monthly allowance, insurance)
 - Application period: **16 October – 15 December 2017**

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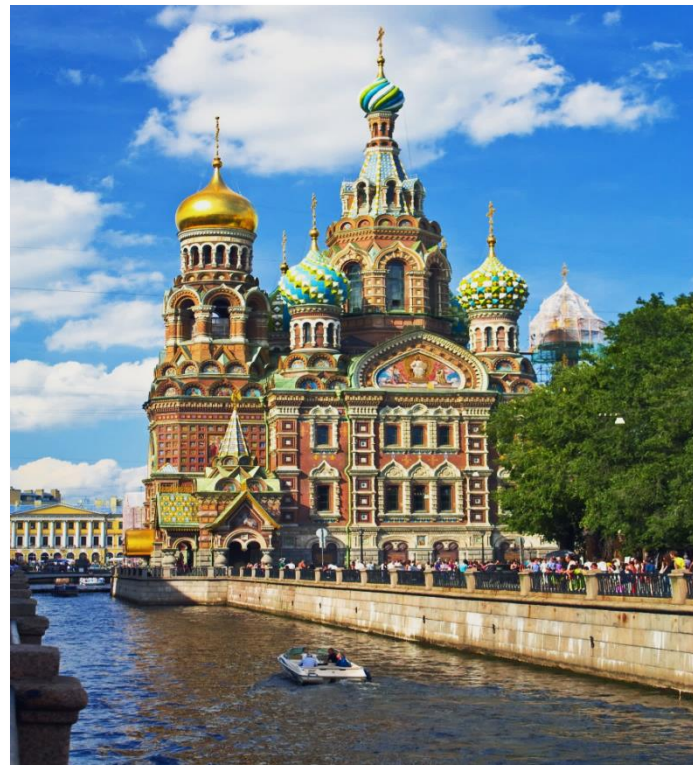
Scholarships for exchange studies in Sweden

- Some 20 scholarships per year
- Full-time studies (1-2 semesters), exchange studies only
- Studies in any subject possible, but should be relevant for the scholarship candidate, and thoroughly motivated in the application
- Studies undertaken in either English or Swedish, but priority to given to applications for studies *in* Swedish language
- Scholarship of SEK 9,000/month, travel grant of SEK 5,000 and medical insurance also included

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Scholarship offers – overview (outbound mobility *from* Sweden)

- About 40 scholarship grants/year
- Scholarship periods from 1 up to 12 months
- Main target groups: students, PhD students, postdocs, senior researchers, key personnel and experts
- Possible to split a one-month scholarship into e.g. 2 + 2 weeks (expert mobility)
- Also open for summer course participation, unpaid internships



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