

BSN Final Conference / CBSS Science Day Working Group 2 – Key Results

Supporting a broader use of large research
infrastructures – lessons learnt and future
applications of the BSN LaunchPad:RI connectors

Lessons learnt?

- Virtual hackathon -> More open, more bottom up approach, more easy to include heterogeneous actors
 - Good instrument to involve Russian partners, even from parts of Russia outside Baltic Sea Region
 - “Creates contacts across sectors and networks that would not have emerged elsewhere”
 - Better incentives would make it more attractive to participate (direct research funding should be offered)
 - Should not have too many participants, because then not such a detailed feedback to each of the projects would be possible
 - focus should be on joint societal challenges
- > **Successfully tested widening instrument**

LaunchPad:RI_Connectors

Future application opportunities?

- Evaluation results will feed in transfer concept
- Interdisciplinarity / heterogeneous partnerships (address joint challenges like green transition) are important conditions for future EU funding
- It's a rather universal concept that could be applied in many other contexts
- Should involve/educate young researchers
- Enabling virtual access can help to enlarge user base of RI

Apply within Horizon Europe / Excellence Hubs?

- Approach should be wider, not limited to photon and neutron sciences
- It's an interdisciplinary call / across sectors (heterogeneous science and innovation ecosystems)
- Important to check the terms under which Russian partners can participate in widening actions
- Could encourage BSR countries to take part in EU Infrastructure call

Opportunities to involve Russia?

- Kremlin project – putting together Research Infrastructure from Russia/EU
- There is a lack of support tools for EU-Russian research projects - even seed money would help to develop projects
- Russian partners would be eligible for funding in EU infrastructure call