

## **PARTICIPATION DAY**

**Monday 4 June 2018**  
Creative Hub, Põhja pst 27a, Tallinn

### **INVITATION**

Dear friends of the Baltic Sea Region,

The successful implementation of the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and its objectives depends on the broadest possible mobilization and participation of stakeholders in all respective countries.

Strong bottom-up participation and sense of “ownership” by various stakeholders - both in policy shaping and practical implementation - significantly contribute to the success of the Strategy.

The macro-regional strategies, and their emphasis on participatory multi-level governance can also be of special importance now, when the European Union is striving to reconnect better with its citizens and to chart its way forward.

Therefore, the Horizontal Action Capacity and its coordinators, charged with the task of involvement, participation and capacity building of the EUSBSR stakeholders have decided to organize on Monday 4 June 2018 a **Participation Day** back-to-back with the EUSBSR Annual Forum in Tallinn. The event has been planned together with the Association of Estonian Cities and Municipalities.

This Participation Day is the 2<sup>nd</sup> in EUSBSR, hopefully the start of a tradition. Last year the first Participation Day gathered some 60 stakeholders to Berlin. In total 21 project proposals were presented.

Due to limits of time and space, the Participation Day in Tallinn will this time concentrate on three themes:

- Sustainable consumption and production (PA Bioeconomy)
- Integration of migrants (PA Education)
- Energy efficiency (PA Energy)

We invite representatives of EUSBSR stakeholders, such as local and regional authorities, civil society organisations, academia, business and media, to this Tallinn Participation Day.

The organisers will do their best to ensure that as many different organisations/networks as possible can attend and present their proposals and views. As the space is limited (max. 80 participants), we can unfortunately accept only one participant per organisation.

**The final day for expressing your interest to participate is 4 May 2018.**

**[Please use this online form...](#)**

You are also invited to present in advance short, concise and concrete project proposals, concepts or ideas about the themes of the Participation Day. These will be available at the HA Capacity website before the Participation Day in Tallinn.

**The organisers will confirm the acceptance of participants and select the most promising proposals to be presented in the Tallinn Participation Day by 11 May 2018.**

You will find the draft programme, instructions for expressing your interest to participate and to present your proposals as well as other useful information in the attachments.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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