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BS NGO Forum 2016 – possibilities for cooperation with Union of the Baltic Cities

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BISER – who are we?

- Baltic Institute for Regional and Europan Concern BISER est. In 2001
- Some of our goals:
  - Undertaking initiatives in the field of horizontal integration and development of partnership networks within Baltic region of European Union;
  - Consolidation and integration of entities involved in the idea of regional development and EU integration
  - Conducting activities in support of regional and local development in northern Poland;
- Appointed with

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Baltic Sea NGO Forum – the aims of our cooperation

The purpose of the network is to support the civil society in the Baltic Sea area:

- By bringing NGOs from different Baltic Sea countries and from different fields together, for **exchanging experience and information and improvement of knowledge and create partnerships**.
- By **creating partnerships and supporting trans-national and inter-sectoral networks** between NGOs from different Baltic Sea countries.
- By **making NGOs more visible** and influencing the democratic decision-making process on national, regional and EU level.
- By raising public awareness and understanding for the work of NGOs, citizens activities and initiatives, and **encourage people to get involved** and take an interest in their own affairs.

BS NGO Forum 2016 Coordinating Team

- Regional Information and Support Centre for NGOs (RISC NGO) received accreditation from the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is **officially appointed to organize 2016 Baltic Sea NGOs Forum**

- **RISC NGO** asked **BISER** to coooperate together

- The NGO Forum serves not only as **a meeting point for NGOs** but also offers an opportunity for a **dialogue between NGOs and public authorities on future perspectives of co-operation in the region of Baltic Sea.**

- **BS NGO 2016 Forum topics (tbc):**

Social economy

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Why BS NGO + UBC?

We are both Horizontal Action Coordinator (HAC) for HA Involve (soon to be HA Capacity and Involvement)

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Terms and conditions

- It is proposed to have three organisations as HAC namely the Baltic Sea NGO Network (BSNGON), the Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC) and the Swedish Institute.
- The three organisations share the responsibilities as HAC equally.
- The cooperation between the three organisations follows the agreed regulations on the decision making process (steering group).
- 1st meeting 15th June in Jurmala, Latvia during the VI Annual Forum of the EUSBSR, 'Achieving e-Quality by Connecting the Region'

Our proposition?

- joint meeting on 2nd day of Forum
- Other joint events – CC meeting/comision meeting etc?
- Participation of UBC representatives in BS Ngo Forum 2016
- Wider cooperation while working on HAL Capacity priorities/work programme for 2016/2017
- Other..?

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