

Baltic Science Network.

BSN Powerhouse LaunchPad

*Symposium „Photon and Neutron Science in the Baltic Sea Region“
Online conference on October 26, 2020*

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- ▶ LaunchPad - what is it all about?
- ▶ A bigger picture: how the journey begins today and a way forward

The bigger picture: three steps of LaunchPad

- ▶ Connect research infrastructures and support the 'launch' of cooperation projects in the field of Photon and Neutron Science
- ▶ Test and evaluate support instrument

Approach of three steps:

1. **Symposium** - match-making >> draft proposals for collaboration projects
2. **Forum** - Expert Panel >> draft proposals selected for Coaching
3. **Coaching** - support for further developing the draft proposals

Symposium - just a beginning of the journey...

Conference + hackathon

>> your feedback on the process

>> project idea drafts

We will not stop here >> support for further
development of the project draft

Why continue the journey with LaunchPad?

- ▶ Feedback from the **Expert Panel**
- ▶ Financial support by **LaunchPad Coaching** for selected projects

Budget for LaunchPad Coaching:
15 000 EUR, no limits per project

LaunchPad Coaching

- ▶ **NO** guarantee for funding to the drafted project or getting “measurement time” at the research facility
- ▶ **NO** research grants or co-funding to research grants
- ▶ Support for the development of “**soft skills**”, **team-building, partnership**
- ▶ Support **tailor-made and negotiated** for every selected project

LaunchPad Coaching

- ▶ Project partners meetings/events
- ▶ Partner search/widening partnership
- ▶ Identification of suitable funding opportunities, meeting potential funders and stakeholders
- ▶ Study trips, training, expert exchange visits
- ▶ Consultations
- ▶ **Other activities** needed for further development of the drafted project

Not fitting under LaunchPad Coaching

- ▶ Costs not connected to the drafted project activities or not contributing to the Baltic Sea Region
- ▶ Staff and administration costs
- ▶ Buying chemicals and equipment
- ▶ Publications
- ▶ Costs for „passive“ participation (e.g. listener at the conference)
- ▶ Costs not covered due to financial rules of Interreg
- ▶ Possibly other costs negotiated and fixed case-by-case

How to continue the journey with LaunchPad?

Short project idea drafts for collaboration:

I. Motivation for the proposal

II. The scientific/engineering background of the proposal

III. Method(s), experimental and technical requirements

IV. Expected results and their impact

V. Collaboration

VI. Preliminary action plan for further development of the project

>> **Submission by the end of the hackathon or by November 16 (online)**

>> **Not for the hackathon participants only!**

Project ideas with a potential

Open to **all kinds of proposals!**

The Expert Panel will follow the **general evaluation criteria:**

1. Scientific/engineering excellence and relevance
2. Collaboration aspects
3. Wider importance and (potential) impact of the project
4. Potential for further development of the project idea and continuation of collaboration

What will happen next?

1. Expert Panel meeting (December 2020)
 - Reviewing the draft proposals and meeting with the project teams
 - Feedback to every draft proposal
 - Selection for Coaching
2. Negotiating and confirming Coaching activities
3. Coaching activities January - May 2021

To conclude

- ▶ Widen your perspectives, get inspired!
- ▶ Extend your network!
- ▶ Enjoy of being part of something innovative!

**Use the opportunity and come with us to
this journey of LaunchPad!**



Thank you!

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