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## Baltic Sea Labour Forum (BSLF)

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- The Memorandum of Understanding was signed after the 1<sup>st</sup> round table meeting already by representatives of 21 institutions
  - ▶ CBSS and BSPC Secretariats
  - ▶ Trade Union Confederations, including two Russian confederations
  - ▶ Employers Associations
- More members have expressed their interest in participation – signatures at the 2<sup>nd</sup> round table in November 2012



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- The main activity of the BSLF is the Annual Round Table
- The activities and topics are agreed in a tripartite Enlarged Steering Committee
- Experts and observers will be invited

2<sup>nd</sup> Round Table  
on 15 November 2012

- Supporting projects can be launched in order to further support the sustainable implementation of the BSLF.



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# OUR WORK



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Supporting project of the BSLF: ForumSD <sup>BSR</sup>	
<b>Project aim</b>	Implementation of the BSLF (2. round table) and development of cooperative structures for the employers' associations in the Baltic Sea Region
<b>Project duration</b>	15. November 2011 – 14. November 2012
<b>Project partners</b>	11 partners
<b>EU programme</b>	EUROPEAN COMMISSION, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Budget Heading 04.03.03.01 - Industrial relations and social dialogue



# OUR WORK



Several activities are being carried out in 2012 which are linked to the working priorities and aiming at:

- Identifying main challenges for the labour markets in the BSR and agreeing on a **joint work programme**,
- developing commonly accepted **rules and procedures** for the forum work,
- implementing the **BSLF Secretariat in Stockholm**,
- preparing the **second Annual Round Table** of BSLF,
- developing **cooperative structures among the employers organisations in the BSR.**



# OUR WORK



## BSLF work programme 2012/2013

### 1. Mobility of labour in the Baltic Sea Region

- “The aim sought by BSLF is to ensure that norms, responsibilities, conditions, rules and labour relations in each country are the same for foreign and domestic business and employees.”
- “Special attention will be paid to the border regions since they have to deal with many inter-related aspects of labour force mobility.”

### 2. Youth unemployment

- “Special attention should be paid to the transition management from school to workplace. This includes early economic education in schools as well as cooperation between schools and enterprises and other measures such as mentoring and apprenticeships.”





# Future funding

- Pre-condition: Common interest
- Sustainable labour markets are the basis for inclusive growth  
are Mobility of labour (labour conditions)
- Therefore macro-regional interest
- coordination by CBSS Secretariat for an agreed initial period
- EU-funds for 2012 for establishment of Forum and 2nd round  
table
- Funds needed for better involvement of the Russian members
- Longterm goal: Permanent funding and consolidation

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