

Invitation for the conference and registration!

Baltic Sea Cultural Gathering conference

September 15 - 18, 2015

Culture - Entrepreneurship - Education - Sustainability – Social Innovation – Creative Cities – Baltic Sea Region – Regional cooperation

The Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland cordially invites all cultural practitioners from the Baltic Sea Region for the **Baltic Sea Cultural Gathering** that will be held from the 15th to the 18th of September in Gdańsk.

The Gathering will be organized as the main event of the Polish Presidency in CBSS within the framework of the **“Creativity”** priority. The event will consist of the **Meeting of Ministers of Culture of the Baltic Sea States** that will be held on the 16th of September 2015 at the Maritime Culture Centre, a **series of back-to-back meetings of all key cultural organizations** in the region and the **Conference „Culture as a driving force for social and economic development of the Baltic Sea Region”, 16-17 September 2015**, at the European Solidarity Centre in Gdańsk.

What interesting can be expected from the Conference?

- A panel **discussion of Ministers of Culture** of the Baltic Sea States;
- **Workshops** presenting the impact of culture on various socio-economic fields such as:
 - Culture & Entrepreneurship;
 - Culture & Social Innovation;
 - Culture & Education;
 - Culture & Sustainability;
 - Culture & Creative Cities;
- Presentations of **successful regional initiatives** from the field of culture;
- A panel dedicated to creative cities in the region: **„Smart cities” – case studies**.
- Furthermore, the conference aims to present **visionary statements** of experts and thinkers from the interdisciplinary fields at the crossroad of culture and other socio-economic sectors.
- After the end of the conference, the Baltic Cultural Centre invites all the participants to take part in the **Cultural Innovations Lab workshop** on 17-18.09;

What is the aim of the Conference?

- **Finding clever solutions for effective communication of culture’s impact on the region’s economy and social development;**
- **Meeting all major cultural networks, institutions and organizations from the region to improve Baltic Sea cultural cooperation;**

An additional cultural programme!

On the 15th of September, all participants of the Gathering will be welcomed with a **special concert** organized in **St. John’s Culture Centre** with the cooperation of The Baltic Sea Culture Centre. On the very same day, the exhibition of the **„Baltic House”** project, coordinated by the Baltic Sea Culture Centre will be opened in St. John’s Culture Centre, as one of the potential flagship projects of the PA Culture (EUSBSR).

On the second day of the event (16.09.), the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland invites all the conference attendees to one of the **creative spaces** of the so-called “Tri-City” for a **networking dinner**.

More information about the conference, programme and contact information can be found [here](#)

Please register for the conference [here!](#)

Looking forward to welcome you in Gdańsk!