

The BUP Weekly

News and updates from the Programme



Dear BUP colleagues,

We have now published the event report from the winter school Science by the Coast, a part of the CoMaDe project. The event focused on coastal and marine development in the Baltic Sea Region and took place at Hel Marine Station, University of Gdańsk, Poland. You can read the full [event report on the BUP website](#).

In two weeks, we will host the celebratory webinar 'How Not to Eat the Planet'. This event will explore, through two talks, how what we eat influences the environmental status of the planet and how everyday practices can contribute to sustainability. It will be held on **19 March** at 14 CET. This is the third webinar in a series celebrating BUP's 35th anniversary in 2026, dedicated to sustainability and the ten BUP themes. Read more and [register to attend the webinar via the BUP website](#).

We would like to send a reminder to apply for the Mobility Grant. The aim of the grant is to develop and strengthen cooperation among young researchers in the Baltic Sea Region, at BUP participating universities, by covering travel and accommodation for a research project. Read more and [apply for the grant via the BUP website](#).

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With best regards,
The Baltic University Programme's Coordinating Secretariat



News from the BUP secretariats

The BUP shares a call for applications to the

BUP Teachers' Training 2026

This three-day training aims to strengthen the implementation of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and the UN Agenda 2030 within teaching and learning practices in higher education. The event takes place on **12-15 October 2026** and is titled 'Sustainability Competences – Sharing Knowledge, Best Practices, and Challenges'.

The four "Sustainability Competences"—Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Creativity—form a central foundation of ESD and will be the keywords of this event.

The training is organised as a cooperation between the BUP Associated Secretariat in Finland, at Åbo Akademi University, and the BUP National Centre in Latvia, at Riga Technical University.

The event offers an opportunity not only to gain new insights, but also to exchange experiences with colleagues from across the Baltic Sea Region. Participants will get the opportunity to co-create interdisciplinary learning tools for sustainable futures, forming and testing a learning scenario.

During the program, there will be a session focused on the participants' own reflections and examples from their teaching practice. Preparing experiences to share is not mandatory, but doing so will increase the likelihood of being accepted into the training.

We welcome applications from teachers, educators and researchers at BUP participating universities. The application deadline is **15 May 2026, 23:59 (CET)**.

Read more about the training and [apply to take part via the BUP website](#).



The BUP shares a call for applications to the

BUP internship during autumn 2026

The BUP Coordinating Secretariat now welcomes applications for the position of intern during autumn 2026. The intern will work with administrative tasks, coordinating projects and

organising events and trainings for researchers, teachers and students.

The Secretariat coordinates the Programme with nearly 120 participating universities in the Baltic Sea Region, cooperating for education and research in Sustainable Development and Democracy.

The applicant should be enrolled at one of the BUP's participating universities. Since the work of The Baltic University Programme is structured around 10 BUP themes related to sustainable development, it is required that the applicant has knowledge of and an interest in the field of sustainable development.

The period, duration and workload of the internship will be defined individually depending on the intern's interests and skills. Recruitment will be ongoing and the position may be filled before the application deadline. The last day to apply for the role is **1 May 2026**.

[Read more about the internship and the application process via the BUP website.](#)



BUP research news

‘Civil preparedness in practice: Lessons and insights from Ukraine’

This report has been written by Zoriana Dvulit, Lviv Polytechnic National University and BUP National Centre Director in Ukraine. The content was overviewed by Elin Slätmo, Nordregio, as well as board member of the BUP International Board.

The examination of Ukraine's civil preparedness used Lviv as a regional case study. Situated in the safer, western part of the country, the city has become a humanitarian aid hub, and serves as a testing ground for innovative crisis management, community mobilisation and resilience-building strategies. Local governments, universities, businesses and civil society continue to work together to deliver essential services such as energy, healthcare, education, and psychological and physical rehabilitation, while also protecting civilians and internally displaced persons.

Key themes include multi-level governance, energy and healthcare adaptability, digital tools (e.g. the Diia platform for alerts and shelter mapping), and the increasing involvement of private business and volunteer networks in crisis management. The



study also examines social and psychological resilience, including community-based practices such as “Toloka” and social-communicative strategies involving inspirational members of the community, art therapy and inclusive communication. The situation in Ukraine, and especially in Lviv, shows that effective civil preparedness relies on co-operation, adaptability and trust. These insights offer valuable lessons for the other countries seeking to strengthen regional and community crisis resilience.

Keywords: Civil preparedness, Resilience, Toloka, Nordic countries, Ukraine, Lviv region, Crises, Wartime, Collective responsibility, Information security

The full report can be accessed here: <https://www.norden.org/en/publication/civil-preparedness-practice-lessons-and-insights-ukraine>

Do you want to get featured on the BUP research news? Read more about it and [submit your research via the BUP website](#).



News from participating universities

The University of Białystok shares a call for abstract submissions to the

Conference 'Crossing Borders with and in Teacher Education'

The conference invites researchers, practitioners, and policymakers in teacher education from across Europe and beyond to explore how borders – geographical, cultural, linguistic, and institutional – can be crossed, reimagined, and transformed in the field of teacher education. The event will take place on **25-28 August 2026** in Białystok, Poland.

The international conference, organised in partnership with the Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE), will foster scholarly exchange on the future of teacher education in diverse and rapidly changing societies. Distinguished keynote speakers from leading universities worldwide will share insights, and participants will have plenty of opportunities to present their own research and practice. Facilitating new connections and co-creating knowledge in a respectful, multicultural environment are at the heart of the event.



A rich cultural program accompanying the conference will showcase the multicultural heritage of the Podlasie region – where Polish, Belarusian, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Tatar, and Jewish traditions have coexisted for centuries.

The deadline to submit abstracts is **15 March 2026**. Read more about the conference on the [University of Bialystok's website](#).



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