

# Centre of Excellence – what is it?

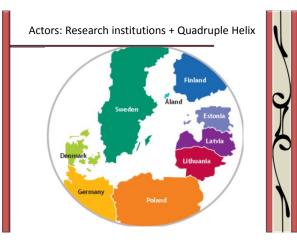
- a team, shared facility or an organizational entity that concentrates on a focus area,
- · a think tank,
- knowledge development centre.

### WCE in BSR

Winnet Centre of Excellence WCE – the international network of researchers in Baltic Sea Region for the purpose of doing and promoting research, teaching and policy making on Equality Economics.

The First Research Topic: Gender, Innovation and Economic Growth





## 3 components of WCE

The academic component
The networking component
The practical component

### Basic activities:

- Policy oriented research
- Organization of conferences and seminars,
- Workshops and study visits,
- Publications of monographs and papers,
- Promotion of gender equitable approach to social and economic development (MA and PhD degree).



### Winnet Centre of Excellence for the Baltic Sea Region will relate to Winnet 8 priorities in the regulations for the future Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

- These priorities cover an increased focus on gender equality in the labour market to achieve: the 75% employment target rate for women by 2020;
- Gender budgeting to analyse the impact of the policy and assess the extent to which resources are allocated in gender-equal or unequal ways; data and indicators broken down by sex;
- 3. <u>Gender perspective</u> in the Operational Programms for the European Structural Funds;
- A dual approach combining gender mainstreaming with specific funding for positive actions;
- 5. Access to gender equality expertise in partnerships and decision-making bodies for the Structural Funds.
- 6. A gender equality flagship and interregional platform for cooperation are suggested, encompassing the collection of gender segregated statistics,
- 7. Comparative interregional analysis,
- 8. Research, advanced training and an exchange of practices.

# The First Research Topic: Gender, Innovation and Economic Growth

- Wp1 <u>Methodological aspects</u> of Innovation and Economic Growth in BSR countries
- Wp2 <u>Micro and macro</u> enabling conditions for Economic Growth taking into consideration female factor
- Wp3 <u>Empirical</u> analysis of the Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth in BSR countries
- Wp4 <u>Good practices</u> and usage of policy instruments supporting inclusion of female factor in Innovation and Economic growth
- Wp5 <u>Recommendations for policy makers</u> based on conducted research



### Thank you for your attention!



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