



## Winnet Centre of Excellence in the Baltic Sea Region

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## 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

Actors: Research institutions + Quadruple Helix



## 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

1. These priorities cover an increased focus on gender equality in the labour market to achieve: the 75% employment target rate for women by 2020;
2. **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. **Gender perspective** in the Operational Programms for the European Structural Funds;
4. 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 **Methodological aspects** of Innovation and Economic Growth in BSR countries
- Wp2 **Micro and macro** enabling conditions for Economic Growth taking into consideration female factor
- Wp3 **Empirical** analysis of the Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth in BSR countries
- Wp4 **Good practices** and usage of policy instruments supporting inclusion of female factor in Innovation and Economic growth
- Wp5 **Recommendations for policy makers** based on conducted research

Thank you for your attention!

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