





Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences



# WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

We are pleased to invite you to the 1<sup>st</sup> Symposium and Staff Week "Building Bridges of Cooperation and Research in the Baltic Sea Region" which will take place 18-20 May 2022 in the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences at the University of Rostock. This symposium & Staff Week will offer an excellent opportunity to intensify and expand the cooperation network among universities in the Baltic Sea region and beyond. Everyone involved in the broad field of internationalisation at departments, schools and faculties in economics and social sciences is welcome to participate.

You will be able to acquire important and valuable hands-on expertise with a view to

- foster student and staff mobility,
- · assess and develop internationalisation strategies,
- · share best practises in digital learning, and
- enhance research collaboration in economic and social sciences.

You will spend three days/four nights at the oldest university in the Baltic Sea region and the fourth most beautiful university in Europe (according to the Times Higher Education ranking). Rostock is also a popular holiday destination and just the perfect place to strengthen existing partnerships and build new ones.

The working language is English.

For all participants from the Baltic Sea region the cost of accommodation and all conference meals during your stay in Rostock will be covered by the University of Rostock. For participants from all other countries the cost of all conference meals will be covered. These arrangements are due to the conditions of the grant we received to fund the conference. We are happy to issue official acceptance letters so that you can apply for Erasmus+ funding through your university.





## **COST & REGISTRATION**

Registration fee: €50.00 per participant

**Included:** For participants from the Baltic Sea region the University of Rostock covers up to 4 nights hotel accommodation (1-5 June), lunch on 18, 19 and 20 May; dinner on 18 and 19 June (excluding alcoholic beverages); and an excursion to the beautiful seaside town of Warnemünde. For participants from all other countries we cover meals and the excursion.

**Excluded:** Participants are expected to cover the cost of travel to Rostock and any other expenses not included in the above-mentioned package. EU-Applicants are eligible to apply for funding through the ERASMUS+ mobility programme at the International Office of their home institutions.

**Selection:** Participants will be accepted on the basis of geographical diversity and fields of interest.

Application deadline: 1 March 2022

Registration: Here

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# PROGRAMME

**Tuesday, 17 May: Arrival of Participants** 

Venue: Main Building of the University, Universitätsplatz 1, 18055 Rostock

Wednesday, 18 May: Internationalisation

Time	Activity
8:30 - 9:00	Registration of participants
9:00 - 9:45	Welcome Addresses
9:45-10:45	Poster Session
	Who is who: Participants introduce their home institutions
10:45-11.00	Coffee Break
11:00-12.30	Poster Session continued
	Who is who: Participant introduce their home institutions
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Workshop I
	Internationalisation Strategies: Achievements and Challenges
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break and Group Photo
16.30	Reception at City Hall (tbc)
18:00	International dinner and networking

Thursday, 19 May: Digitalisation and Erasmus+

Time	Activity
9:00 -9.30	Keynote Speech
9.30-11.00	Workshop II  Erasmus+ - Experiences and Sharing of best practise
11.00-11:30	International coffee break (with typical treats from each country)
11.30-12:30	Workshop II continued
	Erasmus + Enhancing the Erasmus experience in the Baltic Sea Area
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Workshop III
	Digitalisation in Higher Education and potential for creation of joint digital courses
17:00	Cultural programme: Boat trip to Warnemünde, followed by dinner

## Friday, 20 May: Research Networks

Time	Activity
9:00 – 10:30	Workshop IV  Research Cooperation in economics and social sciences: Introduction of past and ongoing projects
10:30 -11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Workshop IV continued  Prospects for the strengthening of existing and building of new research networks
12:30 -14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Discussion and Closing ceremony



### HOW TO GET TO ROSTOCK



#### By Train:

Please look up your connection at. <u>www.bahn.de</u>, where you can also book your tickets online.

#### By Bus:

Please look up your connection at:

www.busliniensuche.de

https://global.flixbus.com/



#### By Ferry:

From Scandinavia Rostock is within easy reach by ferry. Direct connections are provided by Scandlines (<a href="www.scandlines.de">www.scandlines.de</a>), TT-Line (<a href="www.stenaline.de">www.stenaline.de</a>)

- Gedser (DK) Rostock
- Trelleborg (S)– Rostock



#### By Plane:

If you plan to fly to Germany, it is a good idea to fly to Berlin or Hamburg. Both cities are about two and a half hours away by plain. Rostock's own airport, Laage, currently offers scheduled flights to/from Munich

- To and from Hamburg, <a href="www.hamburg-airport.de">www.hamburg-airport.de</a>
   Take the city train to/from Hamburg Main Station. From the main station, there are trains to Rostock every one to two hours. You can also take Flixbus from Hamburg Main Station to Rostock
- To and From Berlin, <u>www.berlin-airport.de</u> Airport bus to and from Berlin Main Station ("Hauptbahnhof); train connections to and from Rostock about every hour. You can also take Flixbus from the airport to Rostock
- To and from Rostock Laage Airport, <a href="www.rostock-airport.de">www.rostock-airport.de</a> There is a bus shuttle to and from the airport.



# THE HANSEATIC CITY OF ROSTOCK & THE UNIVERSITY OF ROSTOCK

If you ask people from Rostock what makes their city special, they will probably mention the harbour, the boats, the shipyards, the university, the Baltic Sea, and Warnemünde with is wide sandy beaches, dunes, seagulls and piers. Without doubt, the old Hanseatic city has a charm all of its own.

The city's history is closely linked to that of the Hanseatic League. The Hanse began in the 12<sup>th</sup> century as an association of merchants in various northern European towns that support each other in their common trading interests.

Economic expansion gave impetus to intellectual life and so the first university in norther Europe was founded in Rostock in 1419. The fortunes of the City and the University of Rostock were closely intertwined. As an important Hanseatic City, Rostock was not only attractive for students from the region but also for students from Scandinavia, the Netherlands and the Baltic region.

In Rostock, old and new buildings stand harmoniously side by side. The ancient churches, the town hall and the burgher houses date back to the Middle Ages and later centuries, while the university and Ständehaus (House of the Estates) are imposing examples of prestige buildings erected in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The new buildings of Lange Straße (1950), the old harbour district and the Five-Gable House on University Square (1980) document the continuity of the red brick architecture tradition to the present day.

Today, with about 14,000 students and 2,933 staff members (in the medical care sector: 2,926), the University of Rostock offers fascinating perspectives into nearly all scientific fields. With the four profile lines Life, Light and Matter / Maritime Systems / Aging Science and Humanities / Knowledge – Culture – Transformation, the University of Rostock has at its disposal excellent interdisciplinary research fields in the areas of natural and technological sciences, medicine, life sciences, humanities and cultural studies.

Rostock has a lot to offer. For more information: https://www.rostock.de/en/