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## About BUP



BUP director Paula Lindroos.

Being an innovative network by its nature, BUP strives to find the novel ways of interaction among universities and between universities and society, to have strong local and international educational communities

The Baltic University Programme (BUP) is a network of about 225 universities and other institutes of higher learning throughout the Baltic Sea region. The network is coordinated by the [Baltic University Programme Secretariat](#) a part of [Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development](#) (Uppsala CSD) at [Uppsala University](#), Sweden.

The Programme focuses on questions of sustainable development, environmental protection, and democracy in the Baltic Sea region. The aim is to support the key role that universities play in a democratic, peaceful and sustainable development. This is achieved by developing university courses, and by participation in projects in cooperation with authorities, municipalities and others.

For more information on the Baltic University Programme see this [presentation](#) ☐ by the

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## The Board

The Baltic University is governed by an international board which is appointed by the Rector of Uppsala University for a period of three years. It consists of the following members:

- The Rector of Uppsala University.
- Three other members from Uppsala University.
- One member from another Swedish university.
- Two members from the Swedish society at large.
- One member from Åbo Akademi University.
- Two members from Central and Eastern Europe, of which one should be from Poland.
- One student representative appointed by CEMUS (Student Centre for Environment and Development Studies at Uppsala University), for a period of one year.
- One international student representative appointed by the Baltic University student parliament, for a period of one year.

See the current [Board Members](#).

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## The BUP Network



The Baltic University is a regional university network with about 225 universities in the 14 countries in the Baltic Sea region. The Baltic University Programme is established as a unit at Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD Uppsala) at Uppsala University, under the governance of an international board. The Programme

plans, produces and coordinates undergraduate and master level courses using modern educational technologies in combination with traditional university educational settings, and runs joint research projects. The chosen subjects are of common concern for the entire region, and the international cooperation is of key importance. The activities concentrate on different aspects of sustainable development in the region. At present almost 10,000 students participate each year.

## The Secretariat

The Baltic University is coordinated by a secretariat at Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development under the leadership of a Programme Director. At present the secretariat consists of a Director and four additional personnel.

The role of the secretariat is to support and promote regional cooperation and contacts between the universities and corresponding institutions of higher learning in the Baltic Sea region. The secretariat administers the economy of the Programme, including contacts with funding organizations. The production of courses and course material, including books and film series, are organized from the secretariat in cooperation with the national centres and individual teachers/researchers in the network.

See also the [Staff at the Secretariat](#).

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## The Baltic University Activities

The major activities in the network includes:

**Education:** Undergraduate and master level education using modern information and communication technologies.

**Research:** Research cooperation on a regional basis on issues of sustainable development.

**Applied projects:** Cooperation with municipal and regional administrations.

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Main funding organizations of the Programme are the Swedish Government and Uppsala University, the Swedish Institute and the Baltic Sea Unit of SIDA. Also funding from the Nordic Council of Ministers and some EU programmes, as well as Finnish funds have been decisive. In addition the participating universities contribute importantly to the programme.

The participating universities include classical universities, as well as universities of technology, agriculture, culture, economics, pedagogics etc. All countries within or partly within the Baltic Sea drainage basin are represented: Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Sweden and more marginally Czech Republic, Norway, Slovakia, and Ukraine.

A large network of researchers and teachers at the universities has developed. The number of individuals who have contributed at some stage in the Programme are more than 1,500. Most of these are active within environmental science, but contributions from humanities and social sciences are also important.

Download a map of the network: [High resolution version](#) (eps-format) or [Low resolution version](#) (png-format).

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