



## ENGAGING IN RESEARCH POLICY DISCUSSIONS

**An event for early career researchers from the Baltic region  
19th June 2019, Estonian Academy of Sciences (Tallinn, Kohtu 6)**

This event, organised by Wellcome Trust and the Estonian Academy of Sciences, will give early career researchers an opportunity to discuss research policy issues that interest and affect them, from a national, Baltic and European perspective. Attendees will have time to network and share their experiences, and will hear from research and science policy experts.

**10:00** Coffee and registration

**10:30** Addresses by Wellcome Trust and President of Estonian Academy of Sciences.

- Professor Tarmo Soomere, President of the Estonian Academy of Sciences: perspectives from the Estonian Academy of Sciences
- Amelia Dearman, Policy Officer, Wellcome Trust

**11:00** Panel session on the future of Baltic and European research

- Panel chair: Mangala Srinivas, Head of Multiscale Imaging Lab, Radboud University Medical Center in Nijmegen, Chair of the Young Academy of Europe.
- Mario Kadastik, Deputy Director of National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics, President of the Estonian Young Academy of Sciences.
- Olga Mastianica Stankevič, Lithuanian Institute of History, Secretary of LAS Young Academy
- Laura Bužinska, University of Latvia, Philosophy and Sociology Institute, Member of the Board at Association of Latvian Young Scientists.

**12:00** Lunch

**13.00** Presentations from early career researchers

- Nadezda Kongi, Senior Research Fellow in Colloidal and Environmental Chemistry, University of Tartu
- Joana Smirnoviene, PhD student, Institute of Biotechnology, Vilnius University
- Laura Dembovska, Researcher, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Riga Technical University
- Diana Marčiulynienė, Researcher, Institute of Forestry, Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry
- Ilze Ļihačova, Researcher, Institute of Atomic Physics and Spectroscopy, University of Latvia
- Anna Lielpetre, Researcher, Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis Organic Synthesis Methodology Group

**14.00** Break

**14.15** Panel session on engagement of young researchers in policy discussions

- Panel chair: Andi Hektor, Senior Researcher, astro-particle physics and cosmology at the National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics.
- Maarja Olli, Chief Expert, Research Policy Department of the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research
- Brigita Serafinavičiūtė, Head of Lithuanian RDI Liaison Office in Brussels, LINO
- Signe Martisune, Former Science Attaché of Latvia to the EU, European Affairs consultant

**15.15** Break

**15.30** Keynote speech

- Janusz Bujnicki, Group Leader and Professor, International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology. Member of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors (GCSA) within the Scientific Advice Mechanism for the European Commission.

**16.30** Break

**16.45** Awards to early career researchers

**17:00** Closing remarks from Professor Soomere, Amelia Dearman and Johanna Roostalu

**17.15** Informal drinks reception