

# Annex 1: Programme Memorandum

## *The Aims of the Programme*

The Aims of the Programme, as defined in "Article 3.o: The Aims of the Programme" in the MoU, will be to:

*"...promote energy research and analysis in the Baltic States and inspire intra-Baltic and Baltic- Nordic collaboration as well as to promote Baltic-Nordic Research Area".*

The Paris Agreement, the EU's goal of working towards a European Energy Union, and rapid changes in energy technology create an international context where the Baltic States and the Nordic countries face several similar challenges regarding the future of their energy systems.

## *The Programme*

To achieve the Aims of the Programme, the Participants develop three frameworks for cooperation that will constitute the pillars of the Programme, formulated as three actions:

### **Action no 1: Promotion of intra-Baltic and Baltic-Nordic research projects with participation of Baltic researchers**

The international context, the ongoing integration of the electricity grid between the Baltic States and the Nordic countries means that there is a need for a regional perspective in the energy system and in electricity sector specifically.

The aim for Action no 1 is to strengthen the common Baltic-Nordic knowledge on future challenges and developments.

Thus, the Participants have identified four areas of key interest for the Programme:

- Decarbonisation of the transport sector,
- Energy efficiency in buildings and industry,
- Energy system analysis,
- Challenges and opportunities for regional electricity grids.

### **Action no 2: A Baltic-Nordic PhD collaboration**

The aim for Action no 2 is to promote the exchange of Philosophy (PhD) students between the Baltic States and the Nordic countries, in order to deepen intra-Baltic and Baltic- Nordic collaboration.

Nordic Energy Research will propose tools to promote this exchange. Examples of such tools could be joint conferences for PhD students, exchange programs, cover expenses related to overseas courses, include PhD students in projects in Action no 1, etc.

### **Action no 3: Exchange of energy researchers between the Baltic States and Nordic countries**

The aim for Action no 3 is to promote energy researcher exchange between the Baltic States and the Nordic countries, to facilitate intra-Baltic and Baltic- Nordic knowledge sharing.

Nordic Energy Research will develop project descriptions for tools to promote this exchange. Examples of such tools could be; to establish a fund to cover travel and accommodation expenses to

overseas lectures, facilitate seminars to identify joint research activities and in-part fund participation to other relevant conferences/seminars.