

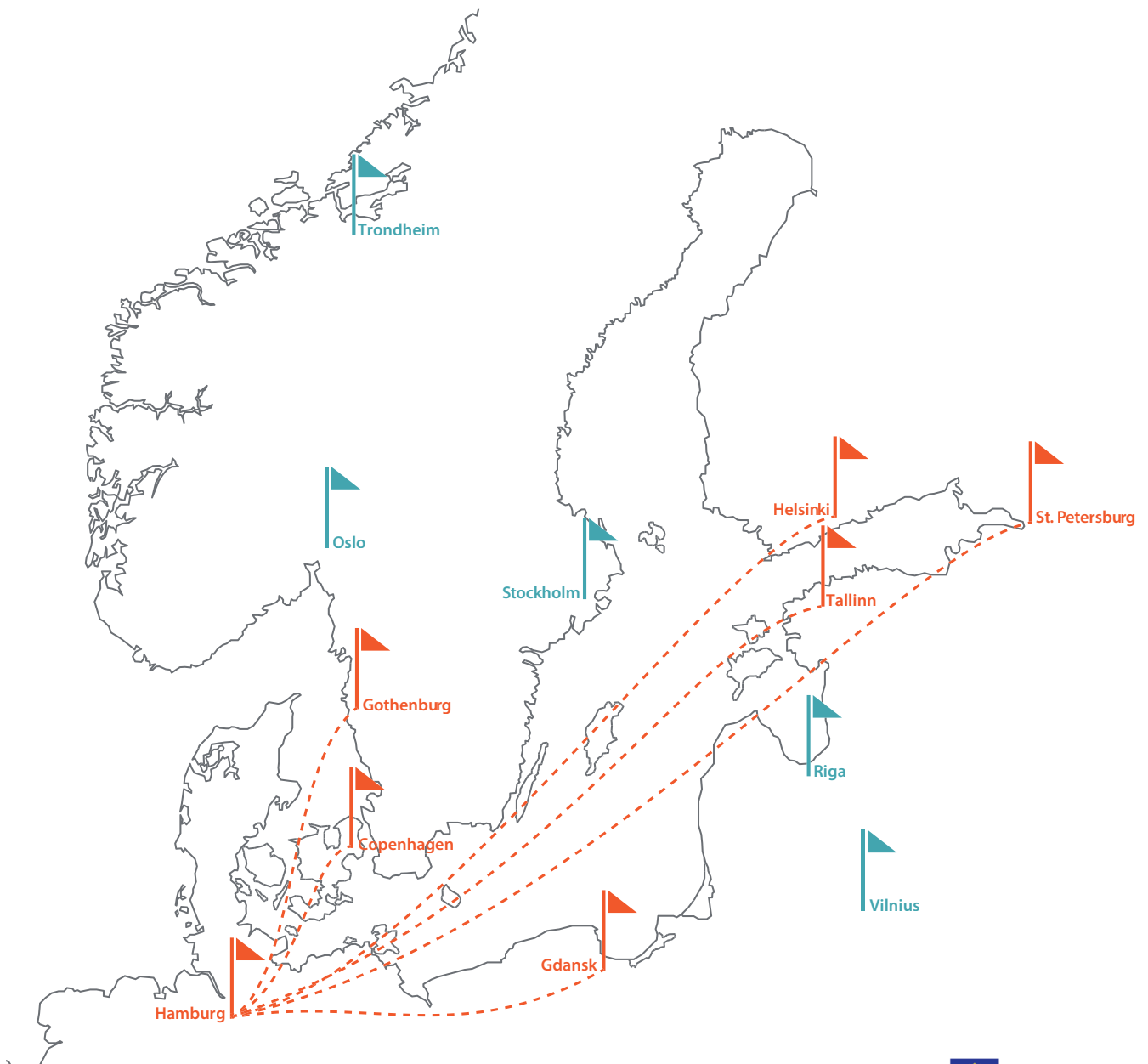
## GOAL

The Second Baltic International Summer School 2016 (B.I.S.S.) at the HCU in Hamburg aims at a continuous academic exchange and presents a broader perspective on education and practice in the context of disciplines of built environment. The B.I.S.S. 2016 is a part of the project **BelnterBaltic** which is implemented within the ERASMUS+ program strategic partnerships.

By using common resources in the Baltic Sea Region profit will be gained on several levels:

- **academic benefit** by exchange of knowledge
- **cultural benefit** by social and intellectual exchange
- **personnel benefit** by communication
- **spatial benefit** using „short cuts“ over the Baltic Sea
- **economic benefit** developing synergies

The Second B.I.S.S. will be followed by an interested audience from the public, press, politics as well as national and international experts together with **B.I.S.S. patroness**, the Second Mayor of Hamburg and Senator for Science, Research and Equality Ms. Katharina Fegenbank.



## ▶ MOTTO “THINK THE LINK”

The motto „think the link“ indicates the interdisciplinary approach searching for ties and correlation between experiences, cultures, cities and objects of the built environment.

The area east of Hamburg`s city center, in particular around the infrastructural joint „Elbbrücken“ will be the stage for the **topic 2016 “Hamburg 2030 - urban futures”**. The project groups are asked to deal with the development of Hamburg posing as a model for other harbor cities in the Baltic Sea Region and thus the participants of the BISS. Multiple realistic or utopian suggestions for the near future of our cities and answers to a variety of current questions of the built environment as „urban functions of water areas in the city“, „food production in the city“ or „sustainability in material usage and creative design“ are the goal of the workshop. Hereby we want to address not just typical problems of Hamburg, but these that are characteristic for most harbor cities. Within the project a wide range of disciplinary and thematic focusses shall be possible. Discovery and trial of methodology of the participating disciplines in their creative work will be background and source of the Summer School.

Every student will experience the iterative creative process and pass following phases:

**focus - - - - - analysis - - - - - variance - - - - - discourse**

Joint identification of the existing problems, examination of various methods and elaboration of possible solutions will strengthen the cross-functional competences of the participants referring to their different academic and cultural background.

## ▶ DATES AND DATA

The duration of the Summer School is 9 days.

**Friday 12. 08. – Saturday 20. 08. 2015**

The workshop will mainly take place in the premises of the HCU. The framework will provide a keynote lecture on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> as well as a big public final presentation and party on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

## ▶ PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

- Aalto University, Helsinki, Finland
- Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden
- Royal Academy of Fine Arts Copenhagen, Denmark
- Technical University of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia
- Gdansk University of Technology, Gdansk, Poland
- HafenCity University Hamburg, Germany

Participants from St. Petersburg (ITMO and GASU universities) and Riga (RTU) will be guests at the Second B.I.S.S. Prospectively more universities from the Baltic Sea Region will join the B.I.S.S. in the future.

## ▶ TARGET GROUP

About 65 students, **7-8 students per university** will participate in the Second B.I.S.S., so that both the disciplines and the participating universities are equally represented.

The Baltic International Summer School focusses on the interface of disciplines of the built environment as architecture, civil and structural engineering, urban planning and design and other related disciplines.

The B.I.S.S. is designed for students preferably at Master`s level. Nevertheless students at Bachelor`s and PhD level can also submit their applications.

In order to follow the lectures, work in multinational groups and participate actively in the discussions, students should have a good command of the English language.

## ▶ PROGRAM

A continuous scientific, organizational and cultural exchange will be ensured by working in small interdisciplinary and international teams. Several formats are going to be applied:

- **keynotes:** Thematic impulses will be given by a number of well-known experts.
- **mentoring system:** The whole group of students will be divided in smaller working groups each guided by one mentor.
- **input:** Regular inputs by one of the participating professors will open up a work day.
- **group work:** Students work on their project in groups of 4 following their own thematic focus. Small excursions will complement the studies.
- **presentation:** Presentations will be commented by a number of present experts.
- **guest critics:** Critics by external experts from different disciplines will promote the work flow.
- **final public presentation:** Guest from the press, the politics and local and international experts as well as participating teachers will comment the projects on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be open to the public and followed by a farewell party.

Furthermore a special **social program** will be organized, where participants from different countries and disciplines can meet and have a great time together. Including welcome reception, thematic city walk with a picnic on HCU's terrace at the start and a farewell party at the end. The city tour will show the City, remarkable buildings and structures and give a good overview about Hamburg, the HafenCity and the University itself.

## ▲ COSTS

The participation at the Baltic International Summer School is free of charge for the students from BelInterBaltic partner universities. Students from invited guest universities pay a participation fee of 450 €.

The workshop includes accommodation for ten nights, one daily meal as well as the workshop with guest lectures, course material and access to IT facilities and the HCU workshop. Furthermore, we will cover the costs of public transportation in Hamburg and a number of social activities during the whole Summer School. A contingency of rooms is reserved at the youth hostel.

## ▲ APPLICATION

All partner universities will be responsible for the selection of participants. Please find your contact person as well as the application requirements online: [www.hcu-hamburg.de/biss](http://www.hcu-hamburg.de/biss)

## ▲ CREDITS AND CERTIFICATE

Student workload at the B.I.S.S. including the preparation and documentation of the Summer School will be expressed in **5 ECTS credits**. The workload will be ensured by the workshop in addition with preparation and postprocessing at the home universities. Besides the ECTS credits, students will be awarded a certificate of attendance for actively participating and successfully completing all assignments during the Baltic International Summer School.

## ▲ INFORMATION

Several info-sessions presenting the Second Baltic International Summer School and its topics will be organized at the participating universities as well as at the HCU in early spring 2016.

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