



**Baltic TRAM Reflections and Suggestions
to the e-ROSA draft Vision Paper
(27 November 2017 version)**

[“Towards an e-infrastructure for Open Science in Agri-food”](#)

Baltic TRAM commends e-ROSA’s initiative to present a vision paper. It serves as a good example how a European partnership is advancing the dialogue on overarching goals which are of high relevance to the welfare of the European Union and global prosperity.

Baltic TRAM is delighted to witness that e-ROSA pays attention to the Sustainable Development Goals. Baltic TRAM would like to highlight that its nuanced analysis on the multi-level governance of innovation and smart specialisation led to identify the [European Action for Sustainability](#) as the key European framework for a coordinated implementation of Sustainable Development Goals across the European Union.¹ Baltic TRAM sees the value of pointing out this nuance, which, if also incorporated in the draft e-ROSA’s vision paper, would also help to promote wider awareness about the already existing key European framework and its defined approach to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals.

In addition, it is worth pointing out that Baltic TRAM supports the pivotal Baltic Sea Region’s framework for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals – the [CBSS Baltic 2030 Action Plan](#), which was endorsed last summer by the [Foreign Ministers and high-level representatives of the CBSS as an important step in the implementation of Agenda 2030](#).

Baltic TRAM, as a firm supporter of the **European Open Science Cloud**² and a partnership which has taken note of e-ROSA’s “Towards an e-infrastructure for Open Science in Agri-food: Contribution to the EOSC Declaration”. Baltic TRAM fully shares e-ROSA’s vision that “it is necessary to reflect on a common e-science framework and related facilities or e-infrastructures that enable to share and connect data, computing and storage resources, codes and data-mining algorithms, models and ontologies, as well as expertise, efforts and best practices”. If invited, Baltic TRAM rests committed to share more nuanced insights regarding its support to the European Open Science Cloud with the interested parties, including e-ROSA.

Considering e-ROSA’s recognised need to “**develop skills and capacity**”, Baltic TRAM would like to express its readiness to offer e-ROSA insights in the Baltic TRAM “**on-site clinic model**”. It is a consultative assistance measure implemented by Baltic TRAM as a means to strengthen its joint capacity to successfully operate the Baltic Sea Region-wide network of Industrial Research Centres.

¹ For more detailed information on this item, please consult pages 14, 23, 26 of *Multi-Level Governance of Innovation and Smart Specialisation* available online on the [Knowledge Repository](#) of the Smart Specialisation Platform.

² Baltic TRAM support for the EOSC and its Letter of Intent “Baltic TRAM Principles of Open Data Access” are accessible [here](#).



Baltic TRAM in Brief

The Baltic TRAM project offers companies free access to state-of-the-art analytical research facilities across the Baltic Sea Region, providing technical and scientific expertise to help solve challenges associated with developing new products or services.

The overall objective is to boost innovation, secure the implementation of smart specialisation strategies, and encourage entrepreneurship by supporting small and medium-sized enterprises – thus contributing to the regional effort of making the Baltic Sea Region innovative, sustainable and competitive.

To achieve this, Baltic TRAM also feeds into the transnational research and innovation agenda. It performs benchmarking analysis on national roadmaps for research infrastructures and smart specialisation strategies, and provides recommendations to policy makers.

Baltic TRAM builds on the findings of Science Link, an initiative which received EU project funding 2012-2014. Science Link is currently operated as a network.

The purpose of Science Link is to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship in the Baltic Sea Region, to strengthen the region's competitiveness in a global context. It supports industrial research with synchrotron radiation and neutrons at research facilities in northern Europe. The aim is to create awareness of the possibilities offered at research facilities in the region and to show how research and development at these sites can contribute to innovation within European industry.

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