

# International exchange as an element of the educational policy in the Baltic Sea Region (based on the example of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn)

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# Introduction

- Mobility of scientists is the one of crucial aims of educational politics EU and The Baltic Sea Region. As well in this area there are different initiatives taken aiming at free movement of academics and the development of their scientific career.
- The aim of the researches is to present chosen rates which describe mobility of academics from University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn in The Region of the Baltic Sea, and furthermore, identifying barriers and advantages of international mobility.

# In this research paper The Baltic Sea Region are:

- the countries of the EU: Poland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Germany
- the countries beyond the EU: Russia (Kaliningrad Oblast) and Norway

# The Region of the Baltic Sea



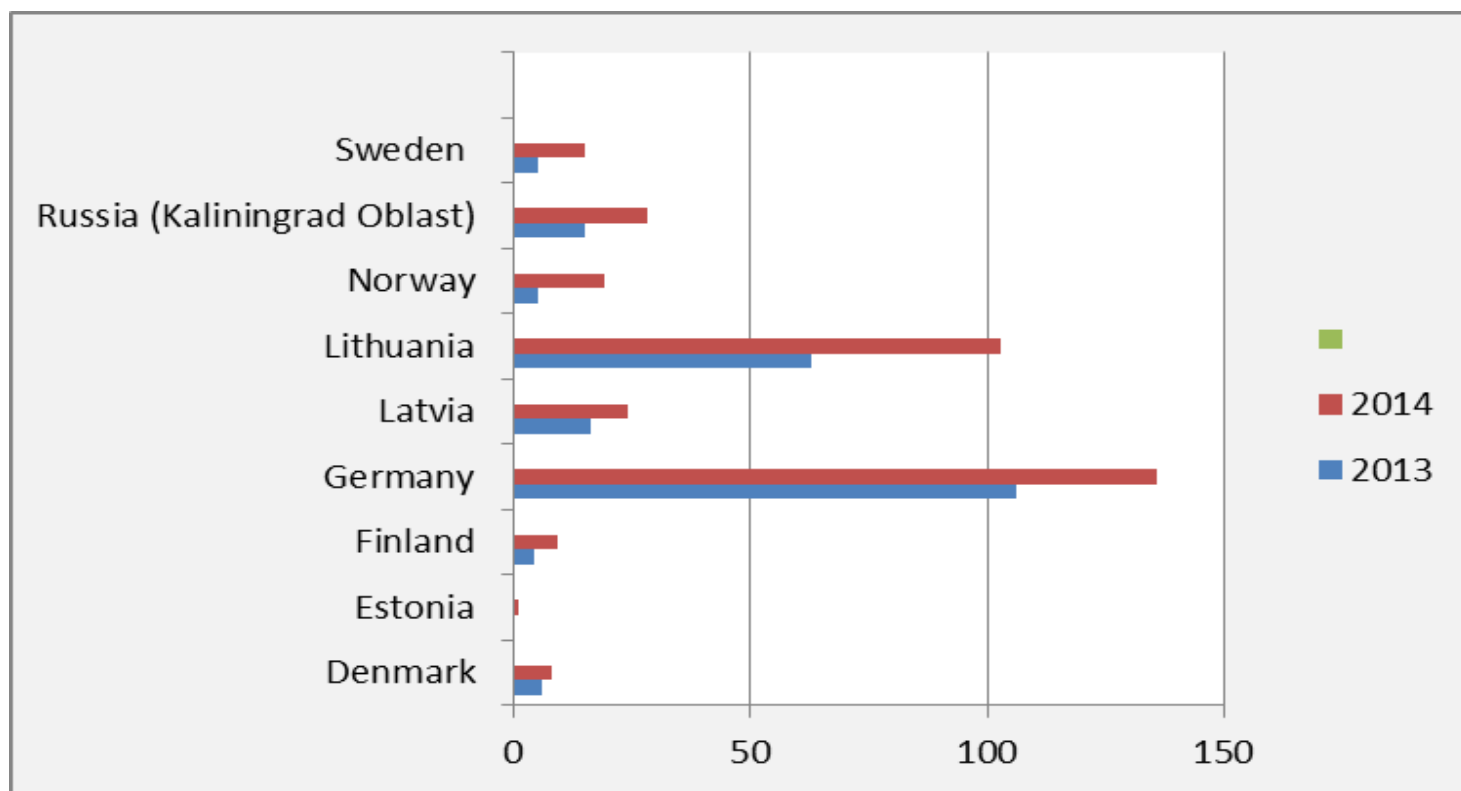
# Methodology

- The main research methods were the analysis of documents and interviews with academics taking part in the international exchange in the Region of the Baltic Sea.
- The basic source of information is the archive of the Office of the International Cooperation UWM in Olsztyn.

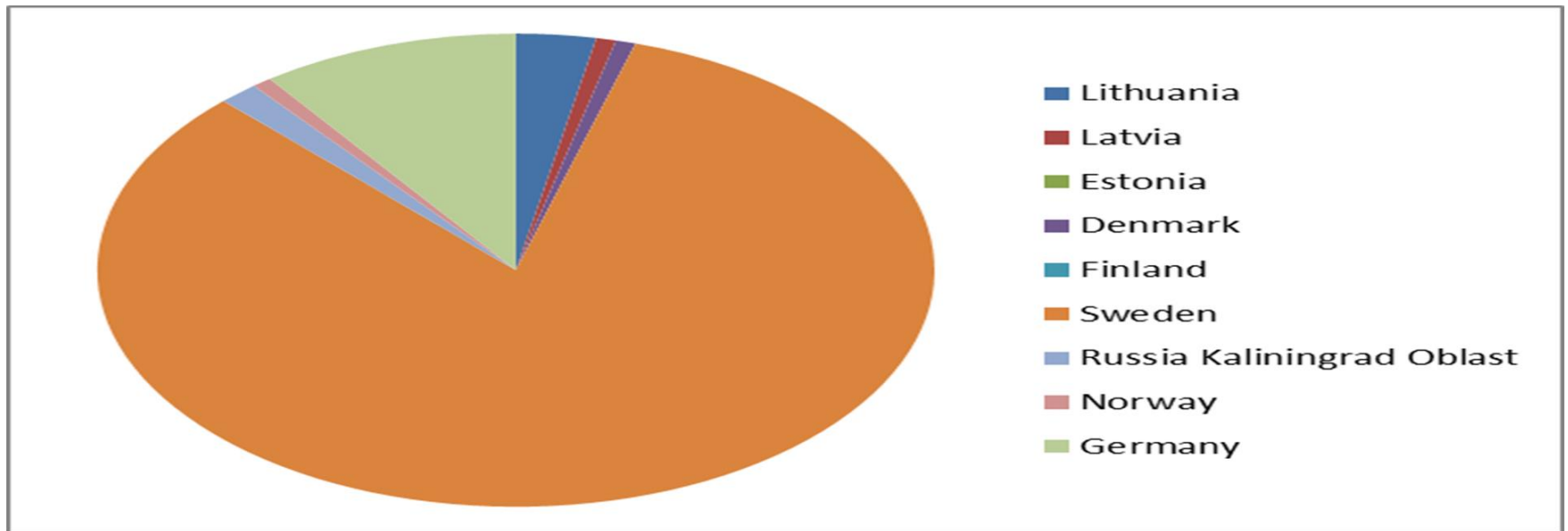
# The results of research

- In the analysis of academics mobility in UWM in Olsztyn between 2013 and 2014 to the Baltic Sea Region the following rates were considered: the mobility of PhDs, post- doctoral scientists, professors, the mobility between scientific units and the mobility which includes going abroad.
- In the research presents the last year of scholarship programs for 2007- 2013, and the year 2014 as the one which begins the new stage of scholarship offers for 2014- 2020, as well the one, which finishes bailout of the Scholarship and Training Fund from Norwegian funds and European Economic Area.

## The academics mobility in UWM in Olsztyn to The Baltic Sea Region between 2013 and 2014



# Mobility of foreign students to UWM in Olsztyn (30.XI.2014)





# Conclusions

- The academic mobility in UWM in Olsztyn has increased, not only in a global scale, but also in the reference to the Baltic Sea Region. In the academic year 2012- 2013 the academics from UWM made 723 trips abroad, in 2013-2014 there were 976 departures. To sum up, there were 220 trips to the Baltic Sea Region in 2013 and 343 ones in 2014.
- The most of academics from UWM in the research period visited the countries of the Baltic Sea Region which neighbour with Poland, that means Germany and Lithuania. One may notice the interest in Scandinavian countries- Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The lowest percentage of academics mobility indicates Estonia.

- Taking into account a type of departures, the academics prefer short- time trips with presenting the research results (conferences, symposiums, congresses). The mobility to the Baltic Sea Region is also connected with cooperation deals and research projects in the region.
- The access to various programs and mostly the funds from those programs or financial resources of scientific institutes enable the mobility. Only the academics with a degree of a professor in particular cases need to co-finance their business trips