

Why River University?

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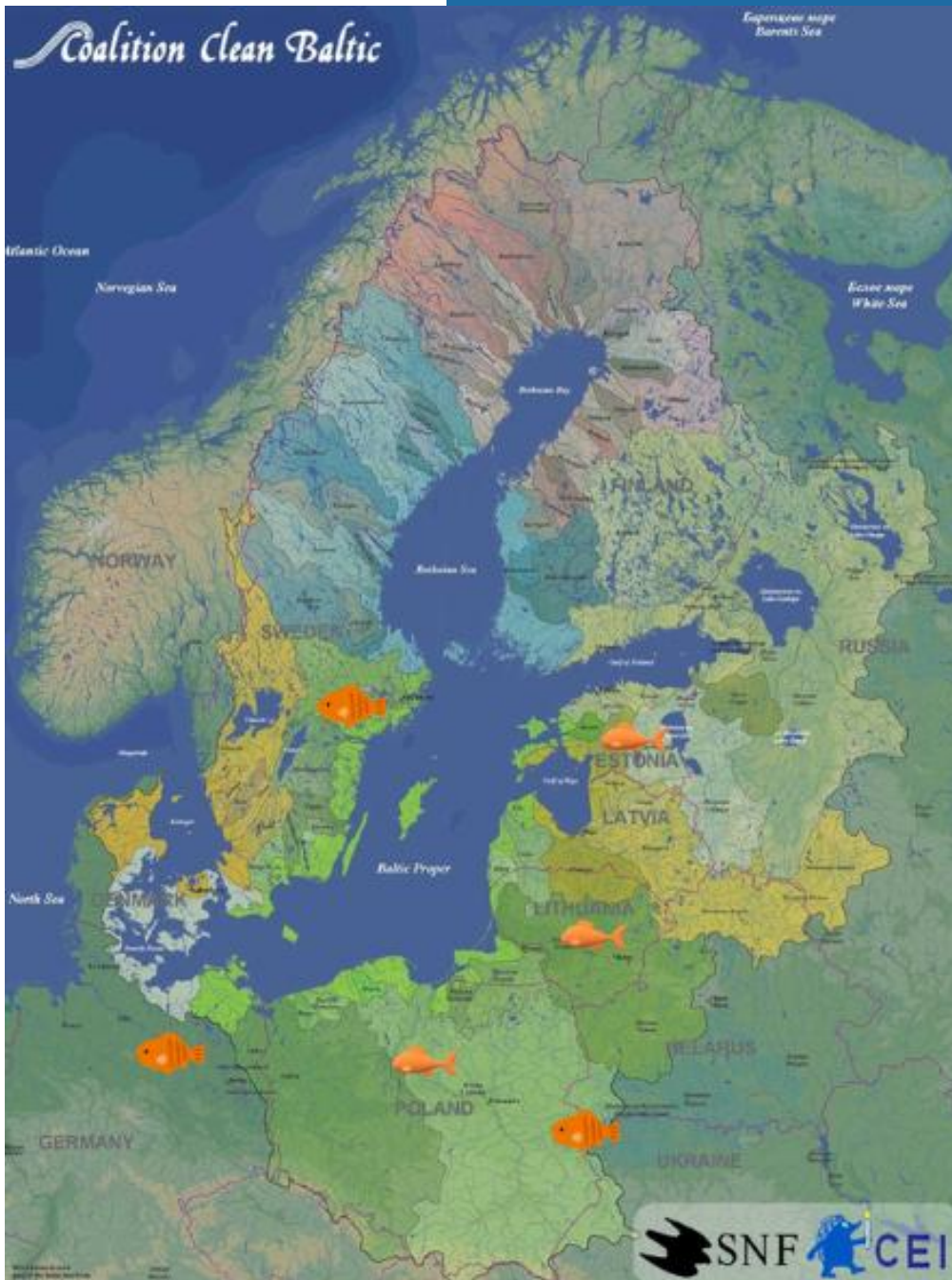
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Credits: Agnieszka Czajka, Silesian University, 2nd edition of River University, Lithuania



Vision:

International, interdisciplinary, cross-sectoral,
outdoor River University;

open availability and **understandable** science
platform in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) & Europe,
for **variety of participants - river stakeholders**.

River University supports institutional and official
knowledge, **collaborating with academies across
Europe**.

Value:

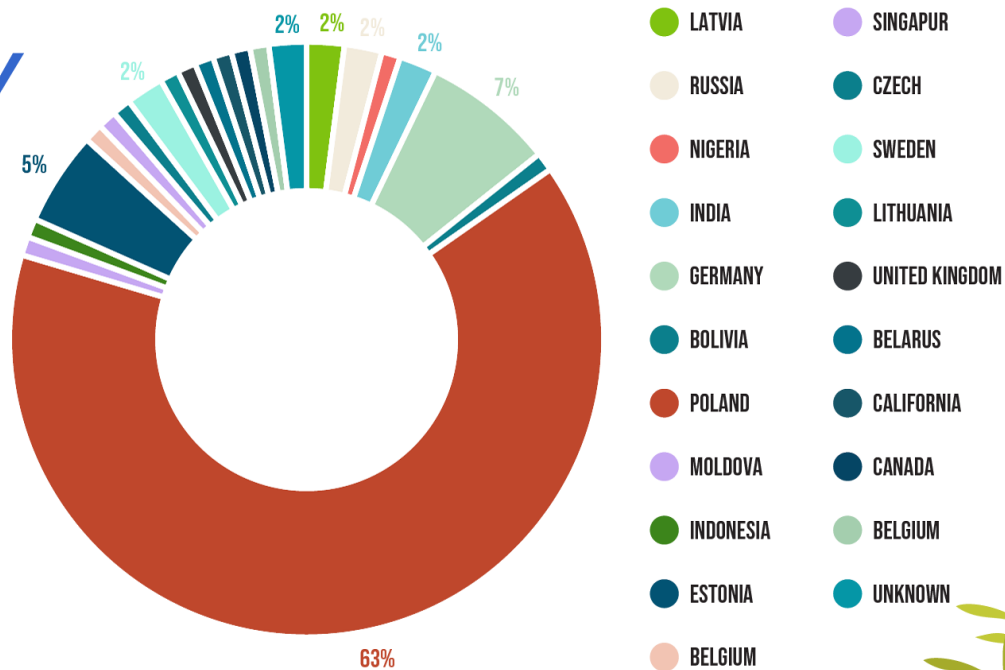
contribution to the improvement of BSR's
waters condition;
environmental stewardship;
shared sense of responsibility around water
management;
**valuable network of contacts;
supporting the official education**

Colorful river basins in the Baltic Sea region and countries RU was hosted so far.



Registered participants of 1st edition of River University 20-24.10.2020

Country



~ up to 30 participants each year,

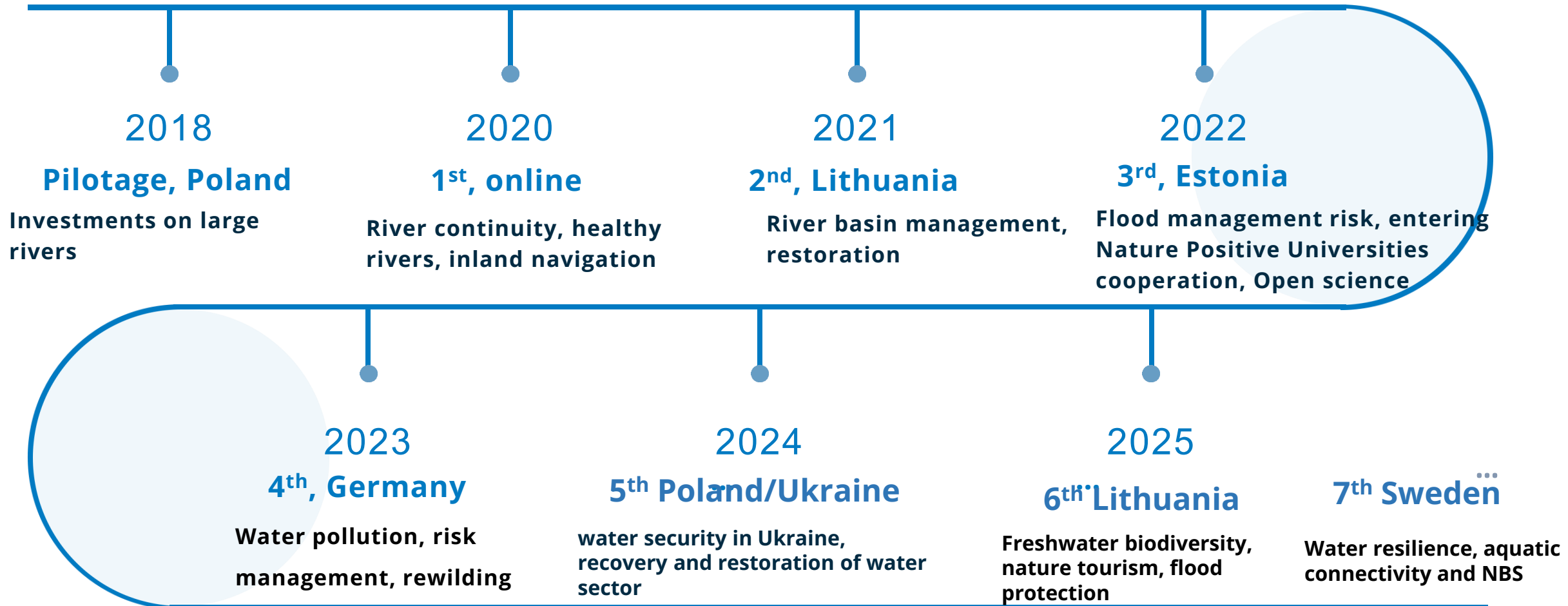
~ riverine practitioners

~ outdoor and practice based: in river and its valley

~ riverine topics always reflect source-to-sea approach and current trends, challenges, legislation regarding freshwaters,

River University: our timeline

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Open Science

An approach to the scientific process that focuses on spreading knowledge as soon as it is available using digital and collaborative technology. Expert groups, publications, news and events.

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The EU's open science policy

Open science is a policy priority for the European Commission and the standard method of working under its research and innovation funding programmes as it improves the quality, efficiency and responsiveness of research.

When researchers share knowledge and data as early as possible in the research process with all relevant actors it helps diffuse the latest knowledge.

And when partners from across academia, industry, public authorities and citizen groups are invited to participate in the research and innovation process, creativity and trust in science increases.

That is why the Commission requires beneficiaries of research and innovation funding to make their publications available in open access and make their data as open as possible and as closed as necessary. It recognises and rewards the participation of citizens and end users.

Furthermore, the [European Open Science Cloud](#) will enable researchers across disciplines and countries to store, curate and share data.

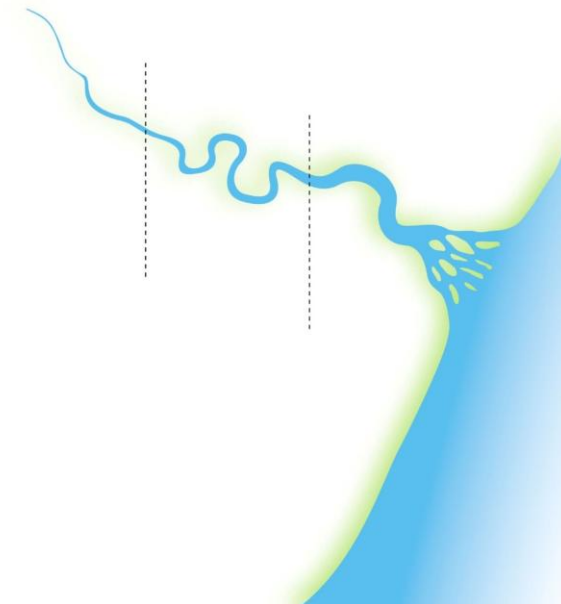
The effective linking of open science practices to innovation and business models requires careful consideration of issues such as Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), licensing agreements, interoperability and reuse of data.

To develop its open science policy the Commission works closely with 2 expert groups:



Open science can mean many things:

- Openly sharing your data ([Open Data](#))
- Openly sharing your source code ([Open Source Software](#))
- Openly sharing your hardware designs ([Open Source Hardware](#))
- Openly sharing your papers or protocols ([Open Access](#))
- Sharing results early ([Preprints](#))
- Sharing paper reviews ([Open Reviews](#))
- Sharing knowledge by training ([Open Education](#)) ★
- Collaborating with public openly ([Citizen Science](#)) ★
- Supporting and connecting others in your field ([Scientific Network](#)) ★





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**Number of
countries -
representatives**



~ 200

Participants



60

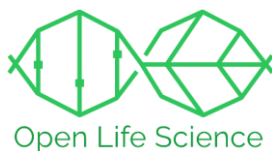
Lecturers



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Countries

Collaborations



In each edition of River University we have been collaborating with different Universities and Institutions, such us:

- [Warsaw University of Life Sciences](#)
- [University of Lausanne](#)
- [Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries \(IGB\)](#)
- [University of Silesia](#)
- [Vytautas Magnus University](#)

- [Lithuanian Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [Kaunas University of Technology](#)
- [Klaipėda University](#)

The course usually receive also the patronage of the European Parliament and of the Environmental Ministry or water authorities of the host country.

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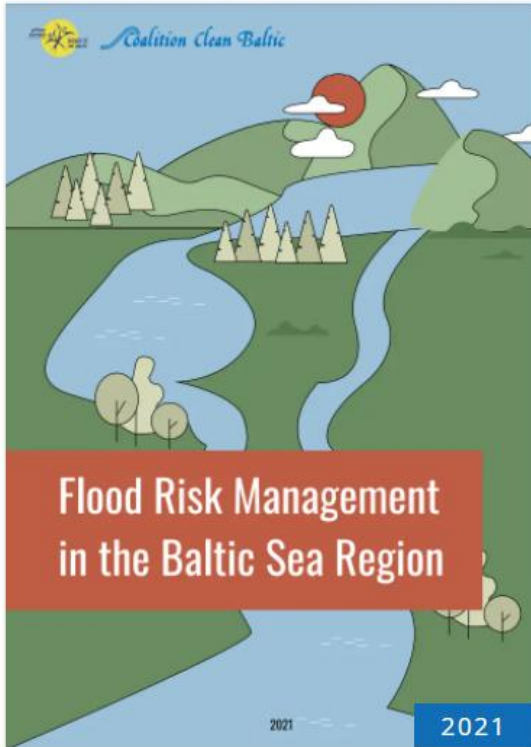
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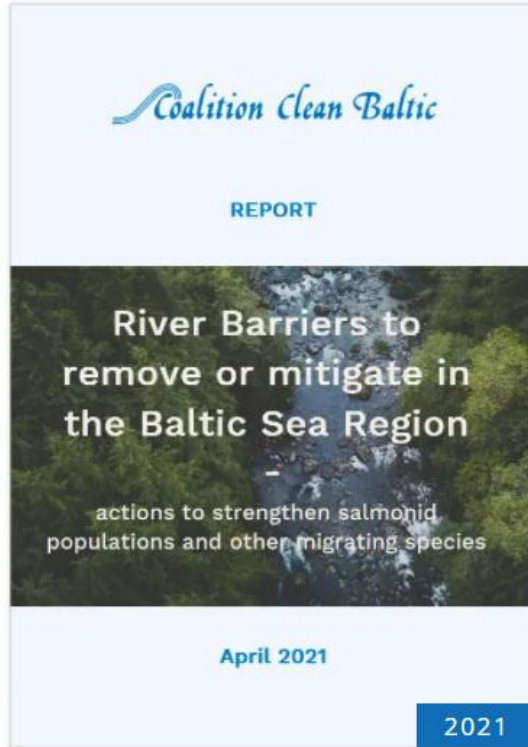
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Flood Risk Management in the Baltic Sea Region

English

Climate change is a recognized fact. It is a global process that affects all aspects of our lives. Water issues, such as floo... [Read more](#)



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Experience of river and its environment



Experience of river and its influence on the landscape



Experience of collaboration across sectors and age







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Fot. Witold Miklaszewski EKO-UNIA

2026, Sweden



2025, Lithuania



2024, Poland/Ukraine



2023, Germany



2022, Estonia



2021, Lithuania



2020, online

2018, pilot, Poland

Is your country the next
one to host River
University?



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