



Scholarship for the Frankfurt Spring School on Conservation Project Management

Funding conditions 2025

Grant

BaltCF offers the following support as a non-returnable grant for one participant in the Frankfurt Spring School (FSS):

- Reimbursement of accommodation costs up to €2,500.00
- Reimbursement of travel and insurance costs up to €500.00
- Lump sum for food expenses of €750.00

Eligibility

Support for participation in the FSS is not a personal scholarship, but a support for NGOs/non-profit organisations that want to train their staff (employees or volunteers) in all the different stages of project planning and management. Typically, the person being sent will have a training in a field relevant for environmental conservation (like biology, marine biology, landscape ecology, environmental science etc.) and wants to improve their project development and management skills.

Any NGO can apply for this funding if it meets the following criteria:

- It is an environmental non-profit NGO from one of the countries in the Baltic Sea region (DE, DK, SE, FI, EE, LV, LT, PL) and conducts work relevant for Baltic Sea protection. This can be direct work in the marine area, but also on land (like river and coastal ecosystem restoration or eutrophication reduction).
- The person being sent to the FSS needs to be a current employee or volunteer of the applying NGO and work in a project or organizational unit relevant for Baltic Sea protection, or there needs to be a clear and demonstrable intention to employ them in such a project or unit.
- The person being sent needs to have been admitted into the FSS programme.



Application

The application can be sent as an informal document stating in max. 500 words

- how the work of the applying organisation is relevant for Baltic Sea conservation;
- how the training of the person in question at the FSS will improve the applying organisation's work and how it will contribute to Baltic Sea protection in the short and long term.

A proof of the organisation's non-profit status, a CV of the person being sent and the acceptance message by the FSS need to be included.

The application deadline is 30th November 2025. If the decision by the FSS about admission to the programme has not been received by then, it can be supplemented as soon as it arrives. BaltCF will then swiftly decide about the grant applications. BaltCF may choose to conduct short video interviews with shortlisted candidates before awarding the grant.

Obligations on the part of the grantee

The grantee is obliged to

- provide evidence for accommodation, travel and insurance costs for the person being sent to the FSS. Only actual expenses are reimbursed, up to the limits indicated above.
- provide evidence that the food expenses lump sum has been paid out to the participant.
- provide a certification of attendance and the final exam results of the participant.

The grantee needs to make sure that the participant is available for feedback on the programme and gives consent to his/her name and the received support being communicated by BaltCF in social media and other publications. A picture of the participant, preferably taken during the programme, needs to be provided.

If the participant does not accept their spot in the programme, aborts the programme, does not attend fully or does not participate in the final exam without appropriate justification, the funding will be decommitted. A certain degree/result in the final exam is not a condition for the grant, although BaltCF expects the participant to do everything to conclude the program successfully.