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Innovation Management of BSUIN Underground Laboratories

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The Baltic Sea Underground Innovation Network BSUIN is a European research project funded by Interreg Baltic Sea Region. The BSUIN network consists of six underground laboratories in Finland, Sweden, Russia, Poland and Germany with associated business and research partners. Each of the underground laboratories is unique in its geology, underground space and use. The BSUIN aims to build up a platform for innovative research and business concepts for the use of underground infrastructures and also especially for applications after completion of mining activities.

For an innovation management it is important to identify research and application fields in underground labs for the present but also research areas of interest in the future. Also it is significant to define the relevant research fields, which are more likely to result in innovations and business applications.

Within BSUIN an innovation platform concept will be established as a guideline for innovation management and support for the innovation processes. For that purpose we questioned aspects of the use of underground labs for users from several kind of customers and users from research and business of small and medium-sized enterprises.

Here we present an overview of the evaluation of the questionnaire. What are the main aspects which are important for the use of underground labs for research and innovation and especially for business activities? Within BSUIN a concept of an innovation platform concept will be integrated in the BSUIN web based tool. This will allow to apply innovation keywords to site-specific research activities in each BSUIN mine.