Mortality trends across the Baltic Sea
Statistics on Nordic mortality is considered to be of the highest quality and can be followed for more than 170 years back in time. For most of this time Nordic countries have been among the leading countries in terms of life expectancy and in the beginning of the 1970, Swedish even experienced the world’s longest life expectancy for both men and women. Since then, life expectancy continued to be high and increasing, however, several of the Nordic countries have been losing ground in relation to other leading countries, especially at older ages. This presentation investigates and compares several aspects of the mortality trends in the Nordic countries using data from the Human Mortality Database and Nordic registers. Recent trends are contrasted with the mortality development in the Baltic States.