

BSSSC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008

17 – 19 September in Kaunas, Lithuania

Shaping The Future Baltic Sea Region

Sub-regional contribution to the EU Baltic Sea Strategy

THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION ROUNDTABLE
“How to make the baltic sea region an accesible and attractive place”



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PROGRAMME

Venue: Reval Hotel Neris, Kaunas, Lithuania

Tuesday 16 September - afternoon

Arrival of the youth participants

Get together event for the youth delegates - introduction to the conference topic, the BSSSC & the youth policy of the BSSSC

Dinner - interaction with youth organization from Kaunas: "discover the region and the people living there"

Wednesday 17 September

Youth seminar focus on "sustainable lifestyle" - how we want to see our region in the future - what can we do?

Youth network meeting

Arrival of delegates - registration

14:00 – 17:00 BSSSC Board meeting

17:00 – 19:00 Meeting in the BSSSC WG Maritime Policy

18:00–19:00 National delegations' meetings

19:30 Get together dinner

Dinner speech given by President of BDF Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen

Thursday 18 September

Registration

09:00 – 10:30

Official opening of the 16 BSSSC Annual Conference

Moderator: Mr Udo Biss, Norddeutscher Rundfunk (NDR), Kiel, Germany

Session 1 – Welcoming speeches

BSSSC - Chairman Mr Arne Ören

Kaunas region - Governor Mr Romualdas Morkevicius

Committee of the Regions (CoR) – on behalf of President Mr Luc Van den Brande, Mr Uno Aldegren, Vice President



National authorities of Lithuania - State Secretary Mr Deividas Matulionis, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) - Ambassador Mr Karsten Petersen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007 - 2013 – Minister of Interior of Lithuania, Mr Regimantas Čiupaila

Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00

Session 2 - A sustainable and economically prosperous Baltic Sea Region – the need to promote deeper integration and competitiveness for the future

Baltic Sea Region from the EU perspective - European Commission DG Regional Policy, Deputy Director Mr Pasca-Raymondo

An EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region – State Secretary Mr Leif Zetterberg, Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communication, Sweden

Regions as important actors on the European arena, Vice President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER) Committee 1, Mr Håkan Sandgren, Sweden

Paradigm region: The Baltic Sea. Transformation processes and the importance of civil society structures, Prof. Bernd Henningsen, Humboldt University/Director of Department for Northern European Studies and Head of Baltic Sea School

Youth voice – young people in the BSR expectations and visions for the future by Ms Alexandra Ehlers and Mr Gerd Tarand, youth members of BSSSC Board

Lunch

14:30 – 17:30

Session 3 – How to develop a strong sustainable and competitive BSR – 2 parallel sessions with political debates and action oriented discussions - shaping subregional input/contributions to the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. Additionally there will be arranged a roundtable as a part of the EU preparatory work with this Strategy as well as a Partner search café for BSR projects.

- Stimulating innovation by using diversity and cooperation cross borders as building blocks.

Chaired by: Professor habil. dr. Vytautas OSTASEVICIUS High-Technologies Development Institute/Kaunas Technical University

- CoR Commission for Economic and Social Policy
- Ms Susanne Justesen, Copenhagen Business School
- Mr Esa Kokkonen, Director, Baltic Institute of Finland
- Ms Alevtina Zyuban, First pro-rector on scientific and innovative activity of St. Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation



- BSR as a maritime best practise region by 2015 (incl. Helcom action plan)
Chaired by Mr. Stefan Musiolik, Chairman of the BSSSC WG on Maritime Policy
 - Mr Pierre Schellekens, EU Commission DG Maritime affairs
 - Mr Uwe Döring, Vice-President of the Interregional Group 'Baltic Sea Regions' in the Committee of the Regions (CoR), Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
 - Ms Anne Christine Brusendorff, HELCOM
 - Ms Saima Kalev, CoR rapporteur on Maritime affairs, Estonia

15:30 – 18:00

Project idea café - partner search event Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007 – 2013, laying ground for concrete cooperation - contributing to a future prosperous Baltic Sea Region! Idea owners can present and discuss their project ideas in round table debates.

14:30 – 18:30

THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION ROUNDTABLE "HOW TO MAKE THE BALTIC SEA REGION AN ACCESSIBLE AND ATTRACTIVE PLACE"

14.30-15.15 Introductory session

Moderator: Mr Udo Biss, Norddeutscher Rundfunk (NDR), Kiel, Germany

- Mr Deividas Matulionis, State Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania
- Mr Knud Andersen, BSSSC Board member, Denmark
- Mr Colin Wolfe, Head of Territorial Cooperation Unit, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

15.30-17.30 FOUR THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

Transport and logistics

Chairman: Mr Udo Biss, NDR, Germany

Short speeches:

- Mr Milosz Momot, Policy Officer, International Transport Relations & Trans-European Network Policy, DG Energy and Transport, European Commission
- Mr Leif Zetterberg, State Secretary, Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications, Sweden
- Mr Alminas Mačiulis, State Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Lithuania
- Ms. Annika Annerby-Jansson, BSSSC, Sweden

Debate with participants

Energy

Chairman: Mr Flemming Nielsen, Head of Department in the Energy Agency of the Ministry of Climate and Energy, Denmark

Short speeches:

- Mr Jean-Arnold Vinois, Head of Energy policy & Security of supply Unit, DG Energy and Transport, European Commission



- Prof. Wladyslaw Mielczarski , Coordinator for the TEN-E priority project "Northern European Powerlink", DG Energy and Transport, European Commission
- Mr Jonas Kazlauskas, Energy Agency, Ministry for Economy, Lithuania
- Mr Mart Jüssi, MP Estonia, Chairman of the BSPC WG on Sustainable Energy and Climate

Debate with participants

Information society

Chairman: Mr Colin Wolfe, EU Commission, DG Regional Policy

Short speeches:

- Mr Gordon Lennox, International Relations Officer, DG Information Society
- Mr Aurimas Matulis, Information Society Development Committee under the Government of Republic of Lithuania (tbc)
- Mr Ivar Petter Grötte, Western Norway Research Centre

Debate with participants

Quality of life – making the BSR an attractive place to live, work and visit (incl. sustainable communities, education, health, tourism)

Chairman: Mr Udo Aldegren, CoR/Board member BSSSC

Short speeches:

- Mr Jean Peyrony, Urban Development and Territorial Cohesion Unit, DG Regional Policy, European Commission
- Health and social wellbeing as important factor for quality of life and attractiveness of the BSR region, by Ms Toril Roscher-Nielsen, NDPHS
- Sustainable cities and regions by Mr Björn Grönholm, Head of Secretariat, UBC Environmental WG, Finland
- The Baltic Sea Region in the Global tourist market by Mr Vygintas Grinis, Baltic Sea Tourism Commission

Debate with participants

17.45-18.30 Summing-up and conclusions

19:30 Dinner

Friday 19 September

09:30 – 11:45

Session 4 -Towards a European Baltic Sea Strategy – sub-regional contribution

Moderator: Mr Udo Biss, Norddeutscher Rundfunk (NDR), Kiel, Germany

Contribution to shaping the future Baltic Sea Region – State Secretary Mr Carsten-Ludwig Lüdemann, City of Hamburg – incoming Chairman of BSSSC (2009 – 2010)



The Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being - a tool to help improve quality of life and public health in our region, Ms Toril Roscher-Nielsen, Chair of CSR/NDPHS

A moderated panel debate incl. contribution from the audience – formulating input to the EU strategy for the BSR (based on the discussion from the parallel sessions and the Roundtable).

Moderator Mr Udo Biss, NDR

List of panel participants:

- Mr Pierre Schellekens, Head of Maritime Policy Baltic and North Sea Unit, European Commission DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- Mr Colin Wolfe, Head of Territorial Cooperation Unit, DG Regional Policy, European Commission
- Ms Anne Christine Brusendorff, Secretary General HELCOM
- Mr Hans Brask, Director Baltic Development Forum (BDF)
- Mr Uno Aldegren, Chairman of the intergroup Baltic in CoR and member of BSSSC Board
- Prof. Bernd Henningsen, Humboldt University/Director of Department for Northern European Studies and Head of Baltic Sea School
- Ms Evgenia Demina, BSSSC Youth Network

Coffee break

12:30 – 13:00

Session 5 – End session

Closing speeches:

- Mr Arne Ören, Eastern Norway County Network - BSSSC outgoing Chairman
- Mr Gediminas Pavirzis, Member of Vilnius City Municipality Council, Head of the Lithuanian delegation to CoR
- Mr Romualdas Morkevicius, Governor of Kaunas Region
- Mr Peter Madsen, Zeeland Region, Denmark - Invitation to the BSSSC AC 2009

End of conference

Lunch

Post conference tours (Old town and open air museum).

