

31st BSSSC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

Building a resilient Baltic Sea Region – 30 years of BSSSC as a driver for strong regional involvement

12-13 September 2023 Szczecin, Poland

DAY 1		
14:30		Coffee and registration for the BSSSC AC 2023
15:00 – 15:15	Official opening BSSSC AC 2023	<p>Opening of the AC - welcoming words Moderator: Christin Skiera</p> <p>BSSSC Chairman, Olgierd Geblewicz, West Pomerania BSSSC Youth Board member, Karolina Bialczewska</p>
15:15 – 16:30	Plenary session 1 - panel	<p>What have we as BSSSC achieved through the years? Memories and insights!</p> <p>Interview with the BSSSC Chair Olgierd Geblewicz</p> <p>Part 1: Learning from the past Keynotes by Dr. Tobias Etzold, Senior Research Fellow at NUPI (Norwegian Foreign Policy Institute)</p> <p>Panel dialog involving previous BSSSC Secretary Generals Krystyna Wroblewska and Ann Irene Saeternes and former youth Board member, Martin Rummelein</p> <p>Part 2: BSSSC and youth involvement Keynote by Marta Szulc, Phd in Institute of Political Science and Security Studies, University of Szczecin, Poland</p> <p>Panel dialog continues.</p>
	Coffee break	
17:00 – 18:00	Plenary session 2	<p>Celebrating 30 years of Baltic Sea Region cooperation - why organisations like BSSSC are important?</p> <p>Director General of CBSS, Grzegorz Poznanski Chair of the EUSBSR, Andra Kuzmina, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Latvia Director of the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme, Ronald Lieske Head of VASAB Secretariat, Alda Nikodemusa</p>

19:00 – 22:00	Official Dinner	Official dinner - celebration of the organisation's founding anniversary Cultural input MCN - Maritime Science centrum
DAY 2		
08:30 – 09:00		Registration and coffee
09:00 – 10:30	Plenary session 3	The role of the Regions in the time of crises – challenges and opportunities in the green transformation
		<i>Speaker:</i> Professor Benjamin Nölting, Governance of regional sustainability transformation, Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development
		Panel discussion with regional representatives and representative of BSSSC youth network Inese Suija, Vidzeme Region, LV Tomas Mörtsell, President of CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Andreas Schoop, Region Brandenburg and youth Board member (tbc) Moderator: Reiner Kneifel-Haverkamp, Brandenburg Ministry of Finance and for European Affairs
	Coffee break	
11:00-13:00	WG sessions in parallel	1) Sustainable Energy - the interdisciplinary approach offshore wind Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ulf Siwe, Communication Officer and Project Manager, PA Safe - topic: "Wind farms and shipping - friends or foes?" - Caroline Meyer White, Coordinator in the unit of Energy Island Bornholm - topic: "Baltic Energy Island - Bornholm as a key to the green transition in Denmark and Northern Europe" - Sebastian Zimnol, CEO Quantum Cybersecurity Group - topic: Development of space technologies in cybersecurity of offshore wind farm - MODERATOR: Dr Karolina Lipińska, Pomorskie Region Expert Panel
		2) Sustainable transport and mobility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Merlin Rehema, SEI Tallinn - topic - Demand-responsive transport to ensure accessibility, availability and reliability of rural public transport. Presentation of the Interreg BSR project RESPONSE. - Dr.sc.ing Evelina Budiloviča, Head of Development planning unit in Mobility Division of Riga City Council - topic: Interconnected mobility - synergy between urban transport system and aviation.

	WG sessions in parallel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Kristine Malnaca, Head of Strategy and Economics Department, Rail Baltica</i> - <i>topic: Rail Baltica - new transport corridor and mobility opportunities</i> - <i>Discussion on how regions, cities, transport operators and infrastructure managers in the BSR can learn from each other's good practices and cooperate to promote sustainable transport and mobility? Discussions with speakers and participants.</i>
		<p>3) Innovation transfer - making the most of the green transition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic: Introduction. Understanding cross-disciplinary Innovation and navigating challenges in cross-disciplinary innovation collaboration. Workshop moderator and speaker: Inese Suija - Markova, Vice-mayor of Cesis Municipality, Vice-chairwoman of the Development Board of Vidzeme Planning Region, Latvia - Topic: Essential tools for fostering innovation and enhancing cross-disciplinary innovation. Speaker: Mrs. Laila Gercāne, Head of the Development and Projects Department in the Administration of the Vidzeme Planning Region, Latvia - <u>Online presentation</u>: BioBoosters Hackathon – a turnkey service for fast-tracking circular economy transition. Speaker: Mrs. Anna Aalto, Project Manager at BioPaavo by Jamk University of Applied Sciences, Finland - <u>Interactive session</u>: Cross-disciplinary collaborative innovation methods and practices. Speaker: Mr. Harri Tapio Kuusela, Project Manager at Regional Council of Päijät-Häme, Finland
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:15 – 15:30	Plenary session 4	<p>Shaping the future together – what is at stake and what is needed?</p> <p>Keynote from the youth Intervention from the BSPC, Mr. Johannes Schrap, Member of German Parliament and vice-chair of BSPC Perspectives from the parallel sessions (Fishbowl)</p> <p>Short moderated dialog</p>
15:30	Closing Session	<p>Cooperation with Ukraine - BSSSC project for Ukraine, Dr hab. Bartłomiej Toszek AC Resolution and message to the EUSBSR Annual Forum in Riga, Youth message</p> <p>Presentation of the next BSSSC Chairmanship 2024-2025, Speech of the incoming Chairman, Minister for Agriculture, Rural Areas, European Affairs and Consumer Protection of Land Schleswig-Holstein, Werner Schwarz</p> <p>BSSSC Chairman's final speech and closing of the conference</p>
16:00	The End	