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# Baltic Sea Days 23 – 27 April 2012

Official programme





On behalf of the German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States I would like to bid a warm welcome to everyone attending the Baltic Sea Days in Berlin. Many people in Germany are unaware how closely the Baltic Sea connects us all today and how much we stand to gain from this – in political, economic and cultural terms and also in terms of human contacts. With over 2000 ships plying its waters every day, the Baltic has become a major hub of Europe's transport system. This tends now to be taken for granted – but things were once very different.

Right up to 1989 the Baltic was a sea divided by the Iron Curtain, a part of Europe increasingly marginalized by Cold War tensions. With the fall of the Berlin Wall, German unity and the independence of the Baltic states, the situation began to change. The Baltic is now no longer a sea of confrontation but a sea of freedom.

Our Baltic Sea Days aim to raise awareness among European and German policy-makers of the wide spectrum of cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region and the host of opportunities it offers. Besides a whole series of events concerned with Baltic Sea cooperation, we have planned two events open to the public:

an exhibition on the activities of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) and a Baltic Sea Crime Fiction Festival featuring bestselling author Jussi Adler-Olsen and a Scandinavian-German film premiere. As well as giving the German CBSS Presidency a higher profile, we hope these events will also help make the Baltic Sea Region more tangible for the general public.

I am particularly pleased that Joachim Gauck, our Federal President, will join us at the Federal Foreign Office in the evening of 24 April to give a speech celebrating this transformation. As someone born and bred in Rostock, President Gauck has followed perhaps more closely than anyone else the transformation of the Baltic from a sea of confrontation to a sea of freedom. Freedom is not something that evolves automatically. It's something that requires persistent struggle. That's why the work you are doing is so valuable!

Dr Guido Westerwelle  
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs

# The Council of the Baltic Sea States: Organization, objectives, initiatives

In the course of its 20 year existence, the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) has provided crucial support to the eastern member states as they moved towards democracy and the market economy. Following the enlargement of the European Union in 2004, it has remained an indispensable link to Russia, as well as to Norway and Iceland.

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At a meeting in Rostock on 22 October 1991, the German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and his Danish counterpart Uffe Ellemann-Jensen came up with the idea of founding the CBSS. Just a few months later on 5 and 6 March 1992, the CBSS was established in Copenhagen with a view to “creating a genuine democratic community around the Baltic Sea”.

## ORGANIZATION AND OBJECTIVES

The CBSS seeks to foster cooperation among the member states at a high political level. It has a rotating Presidency which is held by

a different member state each year.

The Foreign Ministers Meetings, which take place every two years, adopt initiatives and programmes. The Heads of Government summits take place in alternate years. In addition to this, there are meetings of relevant ministers, meetings of the Committee of Senior Officials as well as of the Expert Groups.

The objective of the CBSS is to utilize the potential of the entire Baltic Sea Region and create synergies. Not only is economic and political cooperation among the member states being enhanced, for also in other spheres, for example the environment, cooperation is being boosted by the transition to a green economy in the Baltic Sea Region. The CBSS also enhances transport, regional development as well as the tourism sector in the entire region. Cultivating cultural relations, improving communication among the member states and the exchange of information among them, continue to be crucial to the CBSS.

## INITIATIVES

The enlargement of the EU in 2004 fundamentally changed the framework for cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region. This led to a reform process being initiated in the CBSS.

Since the Riga Summit in 2008, the work of the CBSS has been considerably more project-



A summer regatta in Stockholm, Sweden

oriented and has the following five long-term priorities: environment, energy, economic development (particularly in the maritime economy), education and culture, as well as civil security.

Special mention should be given to the Baltic 21 process, established back in 1996, which promotes sustainable development and the adaptation of the Baltic Sea Region to climate change. The Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings and the Expert Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk continue to work very successfully.



The participants in the foreign ministers meeting gathering at Plön Castle for an extraordinary session, to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the regional forum being established

# Germany's Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States



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A view of Pariser Platz in Berlin, Germany

In addition to pursuing the long-term priorities of the CBSS, Germany has its own list of priorities:

## 1. ENERGY SECURITY

The CBSS includes important energy suppliers such as Norway and Russia as well as large buyers. For the first time, the foreign ministers have agreed on a joint statement on energy security: it deals with transparency, legal protection and confidence building, diversification of suppliers and buyers, the highest standards of nuclear security, and protection of the marine environment.

## 2. MODERNIZING THE SOUTH-EASTERN BALTIC REGION:

To overcome disparities between the north-western and south-eastern Baltic region in terms of economy and infrastructure, the CBSS is working on a modernization programme that places special emphasis on Kaliningrad and its surrounding area. The foreign ministers have commissioned the establishment of a project fund with which projects in the south-eastern Baltic region, among other things, are to be financed.



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German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle on the island of Rügen with his opposite numbers from the three Baltic states, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, discussing future developments in the Baltic Sea Region

Work on the long-term priorities:



## 1. LONG-TERM PRIORITY THE ECONOMY

Within the framework of the long-term focus on the economy, the CBSS is working to strengthen the maritime economy, modernize the transport and logistics sector, and promote regional development and tourism. Under German leadership, a network of experts for public-private partnerships was established.



## 2. LONG-TERM PRIORITY ENVIRONMENT

Promoting sustainable development is a special priority of cooperation in the Baltic Sea region. The goal is to make the Baltic Sea region's economy "greener". The challenges of climate change play a special role here.



## 3. LONG-TERM PRIORITY ENERGY

At a conference of ministers on 14/15 May 2012, the energy ministers of the CBSS will give fresh impetus to increasing energy efficiency and promoting renewable energies in the region. They have their own project fund for this.



## 4. LONG-TERM PRIORITY THE HUMAN DIMENSION AND CIVIL SECURITY

The CBSS is concentrating on protecting children and young people against sexual exploitation and on developing measures to prevent human trafficking. It is also working on expanding the civil protection and disaster control network in the Baltic Sea Region.



## 5. LONG-TERM PRIORITY EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Germany is also committed to strengthening a regional Baltic Sea identity. The "Academia Baltica" is to take the lead in creating a joint virtual Baltic Sea history project. In addition to this, there is also support for encounters among young people, and – through the network "Ars Baltica" – art and cultural projects.



## VENUES

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## EVENTS

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# OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

*By invitation only*

## Baltic Sea Days' Cultural Kick-Off

20 Years of the Council of the Baltic Sea States · 25 Years of the Baltic Sea Report  
in cooperation with NDR Landesfunkhaus Schleswig-Holstein

## Presidential function for the Baltic Sea Days

Speech by Federal President Joachim Gauck  
Reception by Minister of State Cornelia Pieper, Member of the German Bundestag  
A musical evening featuring artists from the Baltic Sea Region

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[www.landesvertretung.schleswig-holstein.de](http://www.landesvertretung.schleswig-holstein.de)



## Schleswig-Holstein Minister-President Peter Harry Carstensen will host the first event of its kind on Culture and Identity in the Baltic Sea Region

Baltic Sea cooperation has been a political priority for the Government of Land Schleswig-Holstein for almost a quarter of a century. From the start, the promotion of cultural exchanges and the development of cultural projects across the Baltic Sea Region have played a particularly important role. Cultural cooperation helps people to identify more strongly with the Baltic Sea Region and its history and culture. This is why also the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) and the German CBSS Presidency define culture and regional identity as key aspects of their cooperation. Twenty-five years ago the Norddeutscher Rundfunk (NDR) began a series of Baltic Sea Reports documenting the Region, its people and their lives.

On 23 April 2012 Baltic Sea Region as seen through the camera lens of the Baltic Sea Report will be on show at the Representation of Land Schleswig-Holstein to the Federation.

## Programme

### Monday, 23 April 2012

- 7.00 p.m.** Event
- 8.30 p.m.** Reception
- 9.30 p.m.** Concert with Harald Haugaard and Helene Blum (FOLK BALTICA / ARS BALTICA)

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# Presidential function for the Baltic Sea Days

– by invitation only –

## Programme

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Tuesday, 24 April 2012

› Federal Foreign Office Berlin, Weltsaal

5.45 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.: Official part

### A musical journey through the Baltic Sea Region I

arranged and accompanied by Hamburg pianist Mariana Popova, and sung by Nora Friedrichs (soprano) and Judith Thielsen (mezzo-soprano), all from Hamburg University of Music and Theatre

### Speech by Federal President Joachim Gauck

### A musical journey through the Baltic Sea Region II

Vote of thanks by Minister of State Cornelia Pieper

from 7.00 p.m.: Reception

Reception hosted by Minister of State Cornelia Pieper  
The Baltic Sea States will be exhibiting in their pavilions



Germany's Federal President  
Joachim Gauck

from 8.00 p.m.: Baltic Sea Party

Finnish ballads and tango rhythms from the inspirational band Saimaa  
The finest Scandinavian jazz sung by Sweden's Viktoria Tolstoy  
Russian rock and roll from the Dr Bajan Sovietably Band

from 9.30 p.m.: Disco

Scandinavian disco mixed with new Eastern pop by Swedish-German DJ team Nordic by Nature

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## A musical journey through the Baltic Sea Region –

arranged and accompanied by Hamburg concert pianist Mariana Popova

Just like a shared coastline, music brings people together. It is part of the European culture that connects us, and the musical heritage of the Baltic Sea Region is as multifarious and beautiful as the region itself.

Hamburg concert pianist Mariana Popova has put together a programme of songs for this evening comprising compositions from Poland, the Baltic states, Russia, Scandinavia and Germany. The audience will hear unknown, new and classical pieces performed by Nora Friedrichs (soprano) and Judith Thielsen (mezzo-soprano). Mariana Popova will accompany them at the piano as well as compering the evening.



**Mariana Popova, pianist and compere**, has won international awards at the New York Summit Music Festival, the Maria Canals contest in Barcelona and at the Hamburg

Köster Klassik chamber music competition. In 2006, she won the piano and voice category at the Lyon Concours International de Musique de Chambre. Her international career as an accompanist, chamber musician and soloist has taken her to the Aarhus New Music Festival (Denmark), the Varna Summer Festi-

val (Bulgaria), the Heures Musicales de Biot (France) and the Schwetzingen Festspiele (Germany).



**Nora Friedrichs, soprano**, is studying under Professor Behle and Professor Kehring at Hamburg University of Music and Theatre. Alongside a widely varied concert repertoire,

she has a particular interest in the contemporary lied. A winner of the Hamburg Mozart Competition, she has a scholarship from the Franz Wirth Memorial Foundation.



**Judith Thielsen, mezzo-soprano**, is studying at Hamburg University of Music and Theatre under Professor Karlsen, Professor Smits and Professor Kehring. She enjoyed her

concert debut under Simone Young, with an orchestra performance of Mahler's Wunderhorn lieder in 2010. She won the student prize of Hamburg's Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S. in 2011 as well as the second prize and special prize for best interpretation of the compulsory piece, a contemporary lied, at the 18<sup>th</sup> Johannes Brahms Competition in Pörtschach, Austria.



## Baltic Sea Party – the artists



### SAIMAA

The mystical sounds of Saimaa spirit their listeners away to forests of elves and trolls and to the underworld of the Kalevala, Finland's national epic poem, as the passion of the Finnish tango swirls around them.

Filling the room with her expressive voice, Finnish singer Anna-Katariina Hollméus is an enthralling presence. Audiences find themselves transported into a world of dreams by evocations of emotive Finnish ballads and the melancholy rhythms of the tango. The impression is reinforced by the expert stylings of Christian Beckers on piano and bass pedals in combination with sensitive and groovy drumming from David Herzel that carries the music with an incongruously light touch.



### VIKTORIA TOLSTOY

With this jazz singer from Sweden, much praised and in great demand internationally, a superb concert experience is guaranteed.

The Swedish singer Viktoria Tolstoy has an artistic streak running through her family history. Her great-great-grandfather was writer and voice of Russia Leo Tolstoi, her father a respected Swedish jazz musician who introduced his daughter to music early on.

What distinguishes Tolstoy is her openness to musical influences from pop, folk and classical, and the pleasure she takes in experimenting. Viktoria Tolstoy is one of Scandinavia's most brilliant jazz singers.



### The Dr Bajan Sovietably Band

It was in Berlin that Germany's new Russian party scene started, and Dr Bajan has been part of it from the very beginning, making Russian rock and roll to party to.

Out of the eponymous bayan, the Russian button accordion, flows Russian kazachok, hard rock, ska, klazmer, jazz and polka rhythms, all thrown together to create a spirited Russian strain of rock and roll. Author Wladimir Kaminer ("Russian Disco") says, "I have known Dr Bajan for as long as Konopke's [currywurst place]; he is indisputably part of Berlin's defining culture, a virtuoso who grabs any instrument, human strength or computer technology he can get his hands on and turns it straight into Russian rock and roll. He is reviving the old anarchic spirit of the Lenin-grad music scene right here in Germany."



### DJ Nordic by Nature

Scandinavian disco meets new pop from the East: Berlin DJ team Nordic by Nature are at the controls.

Swedish-German duo Nordic by Nature bring Scandinavian music to Germany. When it comes to new music from the far North, this is the team to turn to. In a Berlin club two years ago, the two young women decided to change Berlin's music world – which they have done with resounding success. Nordic by Nature do something nobody else does: they present us with music that is on the menu in the Nordic countries right now, instead of forever lagging behind the trends. And to honour this occasion, they will be adding new pop music from the East into the mix.

# EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## Exhibition “20 Years of the CBSS”

Cooperation Pioneer and Symbol of Baltic Sea Region Identity

## Baltic Sea Crime Fiction Festival

Readings with Jussi Adler-Olsen and Yrsa Sigurðardóttir and the German premiere of “Dark Secrets” on ZDF

# Exhibition “20 Years of the CBSS”

Cooperation Pioneer and Symbol of Baltic Sea Region Identity

**Diversity and opportunities – Together with the members of the CBSS, the Federal Foreign Office presents the broad spectrum of cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region.**

The Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) is a “cooperation pioneer”. It has followed the process of integration in this region, which was once divided by the Iron Curtain, right from the outset. In the twenty years since the CBSS was established in 1992, the Baltic Sea has changed from a sea of confrontation to a sea of freedom. The original task of the CBSS was to support the countries around the eastern Baltic on their way to democracy and the market economy; in this it has been extremely

successful. It has breathed life into cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region in a way that has become a model well beyond the region.

Over the last two decades a large number of networks, organizations and institutions have sprung up under the mantle of the CBSS. The conditions for cooperation in the region have changed as the Baltic Sea has almost become an inland sea within the EU.

The exhibition in the Atrium of the Federal Foreign Office offers visitors the chance to learn about the work of the CBSS and about how the Baltic Sea states contribute to cooperation in the region.



The atrium at the front entrance to the Federal Foreign Office

## Programme

**Monday, 23 April 2012**

› Federal Foreign Office, Atrium

**12.00 noon** Opening of the exhibition

**12.15 p.m.** Tour of the exhibition

**12.30 p.m.** Reception

with Nordic breakfast buffet

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# Baltic Sea Crime Fiction Festival

This April, the Baltic Sea Crime Fiction Festival celebrates crime novels from around the Baltic, giving insights into the creativity and cultural productivity of the countries in the region. Successful crime novelists from countries located on the Baltic will read from their books in their own languages. They will talk with audiences about their work, their sources of inspiration, and, of course, about their home country and society, about similarities and differences. Well-known actors will read the German texts. The readings will be moderated and translations will be provided. ZDF German Television will show the first German screening of a Swedish-German crime novel adaptation scheduled for national broadcast in autumn.



Jussi Adler-Olsen

The Baltic Sea Crime Fiction Festival in Berlin is being held for the first time as part of the Federal Foreign Office's Baltic Sea Days' public programme, taking place between 23 and 27 April 2012 on the occasion of the German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States 2011/2012. Baltic Sea cooperation stakeholders from various circles (youth, culture, business, NGOs, civil society, politics, and administration) will meet in Berlin at the end of April.

**Admission to all the Baltic Sea Crime Fiction readings is free. All event venues have disability access.**

## Wednesday is crime fiction day

**In the context of the German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States the Federal Foreign Office is hosting the Baltic Sea Crime Fiction Festival. Kick-off reading with Jussi Adler-Olsen.**

Jussi Adler-Olsen from Denmark is the star of the international crime fiction scene, his books – seven to date – rank among the world's top-selling crime thrillers. His debut work "The Alphabet House" (1997) recently released in Germany quickly made the bestseller lists.

1944. Two British pilots, friends since childhood, emerge unscathed from a plane crash over Germany. In a bid to survive in enemy country, they adopt new identities. As insane SS soldiers they end up in the "Alphabet House", a mental hospital in the Black Forest. Life as dissemblers turns out to be hell on earth and only one manages to escape.

A great novel about the horrors of war – and the betrayal of a friend.

The German text is read by actor Peter Lohmeyer from Hamburg.

*Email registration required.*

## Programme

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**Wednesday, 25 April 2012**

**6.00 p.m. Reading with Jussi Adler-Olsen**  
"The Alphabet House"

› Federal Foreign Office, Weltsaal,  
via entrance on Unterwasserstrasse

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Yrsa Sigurðardóttir

## Thursday is crime fiction day

**As part of the German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States, the Federal Foreign Office is holding a Baltic Sea Crime Fiction Festival. Crime novelist Yrsa Sigurðardóttir of Iceland will be featured.**

Iceland is a land of books. Hardly any other country has caused as big a sensation at the Frankfurt Book Fair as Guest of Honour as Iceland. Not only the Icelandic sagas and Nobel laureate in Literature Halldór Laxness have conquered the hearts of readers; for several years now they have been falling in love with crime novels from Iceland. It is in them that most of the crimes on the otherwise very peaceful island take place. The island is in the North Atlantic Ocean, not the Baltic Sea, but,

with Norway, it is one of two CBSS members not located on the Baltic.

An isolated house in a forsaken village in Iceland's austere Westfjords; a series of unnatural deaths; dusty police files from the previous century. In a small town at the other end of the fjord, the police begin to investigate and discover an uncanny fact. For her novel *Ég man þig*, Yrsa Sigurðardóttir received the Blóðdropinn, the Icelandic crime novel prize. Her novels, which have been translated into 30 languages, are sarcastic, humorous, and very down-to-earth. The German text will be read by Berlin actress Ute Lubosch.

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**Thursday, 26 April 2012**

**6.00 p.m. Reading** with Yrsa Sigurðardóttir

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Authors Michael Hjorth and Hans Rosenfeldt

## Friday is crime fiction day

**Baltic Sea Crime Fiction Festival final evening at the Federal Foreign Office. Reading and ZDF German premiere of “Dark Secrets” with Rolf Lassgård in the lead role.**

Sixteen-year-old Roger is missing. Run away from home and heading for Stockholm, the police assume. Days later he is found brutally murdered in Västerås forest. The locals are shocked, the police at a loss and the national homicide division takes over the case. “Dark Secrets” is the celebrated crime debut of Swedish duo Michael Hjorth and Hans Rosenfeldt, much in demand in Sweden as screenplay authors and film producers. They wrote the screenplays for the successful film versions of Henning Mankell's Wallander



“Dark Secrets” with Rolf Lassgård



novels, which made Lassgård an international star. In this Swedish-German television co-production Lassgård, one of Scandinavia's most popular actors, plays Sebastian Bergmann, a gruff, politically incorrect, highly astute and difficult-to-deal-with profiler. The film is directed by Daniel Espinosa, one of Sweden's internationally acclaimed younger talents.

SE/DE 2010 | R: Daniel Espinosa | 90 Min.  
With Rolf Lassgård, Tomas Laustiola, Gunnel Fred,  
Moa Silén, Christopher Wagelin

## Programme

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**Friday, 27 April 2012**

**6.00 p.m. Reading** with Michael Hjorth and Hans Rosenfeldt  
“Dark Secrets”

› Federal Foreign Office,  
Visitor Centre

**7.30 p.m. German premiere “Dark Secrets”**  
Welcome remarks by Wolfgang Feindt (ZDF)

› Federal Foreign Office,  
Visitor Centre (open to the public)

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# CONFERENCES

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Business Forum on the Baltic Sea Region

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X. Baltic Sea NGO Forum

Social Capital for a sustainable Baltic Sea Region

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Baltic Sea Youth Session

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Meeting of Baltic Sea Region parliamentarians

# Business Forum on the Baltic Sea Region

Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region between countries, institutions, companies and people is probably more intensive, multifaceted and substantial than in any other region of Europe. In connection with the Baltic Sea Days the Federal Foreign Office is therefore organizing a Business Forum on the Baltic Sea Region at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin.

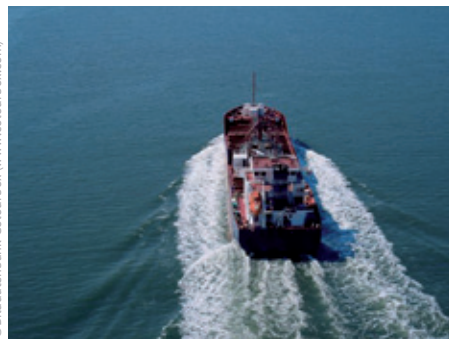
The conference is aimed at companies and business institutions from all member countries of the Council of the Baltic Sea States. It will be an opportunity for participants to forge and develop still closer economic and cultural ties across the Baltic Sea Region.

Federal Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle will open the conference together with Prof. Hans Heinrich Driftmann, the President of the German Association of Chambers of Industry and Commerce. The various panel discussions and workshops (see programme for details) will provide ample scope for networking and sharing ideas, opinions and best practices. The working languages will be German and English (workshops: English only).

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## Programme

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**Tuesday, 24 April 2012**

› Federal Foreign Office

**9.00 a.m. Opening speeches** › Weltsaal

Dr Guido Westerwelle,  
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Prof. Hans Heinrich Driftmann,  
President of the German Association  
of Chambers of Industry and  
Commerce

**10.00 a.m. Panel discussion with entrepreneurs  
and business representatives**

› Weltsaal

Topic: Cooperation in the Baltic  
Sea Region

**11.00 a.m. Coffee break**

**11.30 a.m. Workshops** › Foreign Minister's  
Meeting Rooms

1. EU project "Amber Coast Logistics"
2. Rail and road infrastructure – example of the Fehmarnbelt Corridor
3. The Baltic Sea Region in information and communications technology
4. Synergies through regional cooperation between SMEs

**CBSS PPP Cooperation Network**

**P3CN** › Library

PPP in transport infrastructure

**1.00 p.m. Lunch break**

**2.30 p.m. Workshops** › Foreign Minister's  
Meeting Rooms

5. Sustainability and closed cycle management
6. Demographic change and the demand for skilled manpower
7. Logistics services – opportunities and challenges
8. The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

**CBSS PPP Cooperation Network**

**P3CN** › Library

PPP sectors, models and efficiency enhancement

**4.00 p.m. Coffee break**

**4.15 p.m. Workshops** › Foreign Minister's  
Meeting Rooms

9. Energy networks
10. Shipping routes, ports and ship-building
11. Business ethics and compliance
12. Urban challenges

**5.45 p.m. Speech by the Federal President**

› Federal Foreign Office, Weltsaal

# X. Baltic Sea NGO Forum

## Social Capital for a Sustainable Baltic Sea Region

The annual NGO Forum, organized by the Baltic Sea NGO Network, offers the opportunity for NGOs to exchange experiences and to establish contacts.

The aim of the Network is to strengthen civil society and to encourage people to get involved and take an interest in their own affairs. The NGO Forum brings together NGOs from different fields for an exchange of experience and information. By creating new transnational and cross-sectoral project partnerships, contacts between NGOs are strengthened and civil society in the Baltic Sea Region supported.

The Forum not only serves as a meeting point for NGOs but also offers an opportunity for a dialogue between civil society and decision-makers from politics, business, administration and science on the future of cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region.

This year the workshops will deal with youth and environment policy, social affairs, human rights and civic participation.



Fishing net in Denmark

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### Programme

#### Monday, 23 April 2012

- 2.00 p.m.** Welcome and greetings  
› Humboldt-Universität, Senate Hall
- 2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.**  
Review of 10 years of NGO Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region  
› Humboldt-Universität, Senate Hall
- 3.00 p.m. – 3.10 p.m.**  
Presentation of the “World NGO Day” initiative  
› Humboldt-Universität, Senate Hall
- 3.10 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.**  
Introduction to the Workshops  
› Humboldt-Universität, Senate Hall
- 3.30 p.m.** Coffee break
- 4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.**  
Introduction to the Workshops (continued)  
› Humboldt-Universität, Senate Hall
- 6.00 p.m.** Cultural event and reception together with the Permanent Representation of Land Schleswig-Holstein to the Federal Government  
› Representation of Land Schleswig-Holstein to the Federation

#### Tuesday, 24 April 2012

- 9.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.**  
Workshop sessions  
› Humboldt-Universität

#### 1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Meeting with Baltic Sea Parliamentarians  
› German Bundestag

#### 4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Joint session with the Baltic Youth Session  
› Humboldt-Universität, Senate Hall

#### 5.45 p.m. **Speech by the Federal President**

› Federal Foreign Office, Weltsaal

#### Wednesday, 25 April 2012

#### 9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.

Presentation and discussion  
Jan Lundin (CBSS): 20 years of the CBSS and civil society in the Baltic Sea Region  
› Humboldt-Universität, Senate Hall

#### 9.45 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Presentation and discussion  
Anders Lindholm (European Commission): The EUSBSR: Experiences and Perspectives  
› Humboldt-Universität, Senate Hall

#### 10.30 a.m. Coffee break

#### 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Panel discussion: The EUSBSR and opportunities for civic participation  
› Humboldt-Universität, Senate Hall

#### 1.00 p.m. Lunch break

#### 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Closing session  
› Grimm-Zentrum, Auditorium

# Baltic Sea Youth Session

[www.eyp.de](http://www.eyp.de)



During the Baltic Sea Youth Session 66 young people from all Member States of the CBSS will discuss the future of the Baltic Sea Region.

On the occasion of Germany's presidency of the Council of Baltic Sea States, the Foreign Ministry and the Schwarzkopf-Foundation Young Europe initiated the Baltic Sea Youth Session in cooperation with the European Youth Parliament Germany. The focus of this parliamentary simulation will be the challenges and prospects of the Baltic Sea Region. The delegates will write resolutions on different current political topics, which they will debate during the General Assembly. Special features of the session will be a meeting with parliamentarians of the CBSS during which the participants will be able to discuss their resolutions, defend their points of view and will also receive new impulses. The European Youth Parliament in Germany is a politically independent and pro bono organisation.

## Programme

### Sunday, 22 April 2012

- › essentis biohotel, Berlin-Köpenick
- 12.00 noon** Arrival and Reception of the Delegates
- 2.00 p.m.** Teambuilding

### Monday, 23 April 2012

- › essentis biohotel, Berlin-Köpenick
- 9.00 a.m.** Committee Work

### Tuesday, 24 April 2012

- 9.00 a.m.** Committee Work
  - › essentis biohotel
- 1.00 p.m.** Meeting with the BSPC-Parliamentarians
  - › German Bundestag
- 4.00 p.m.** Meeting with the Participants of the NGO-Forum
  - › Humboldt-Universität

### Wednesday, 25 April 2012

- 9.00 a.m.** General Assembly
  - › Federal Foreign Office

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# Meeting of Baltic Sea Region parliamentarians

[www.bundestag.de](http://www.bundestag.de)

The Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011. For decades also the German Bundestag's Parliamentary Friendship Groups for relations with the Baltic States, the Nordic States, Poland and Russia have cultivated close ties with the parliaments of the countries around the Baltic Sea. During the Baltic Sea Days organized by the German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States and at the invitation of Friendship Group chairs MPs Dr Christel Happach-Kasan, Mr Franz Thönnnes, Mr Georg Schirmbeck and Mr Bernhard Kaster, members of the corresponding partner groups will gather in Berlin for a meeting of Baltic Sea Region parliamentarians, which will take place at the German Bundestag on Tuesday, 24 April 2012, from 12.00 to 15.00 h.

The meeting of Baltic Sea Region parliamentarians will connect with the Baltic Sea Youth Session and the Baltic Sea NGO Forum taking place on the same day. In the afternoon of 24 April participants in the two latter events will have the opportunity to discuss issues of mutual concern with parliamentarians from all over the Baltic Sea Region.

Baltic Sea State ambassadors are also invited to attend.

## Programme

### Tuesday, 24 April 2012

- › German Bundestag, Paul-Löbe-Haus
- 12.00 noon** Welcome by the German Parliamentary Friendship Group chairs followed by a get-together with refreshments
  - › in the foyer outside conference rooms E.300/E.400
- 1.00 p.m.** **A) Meeting of Baltic Sea Region parliamentarians with representatives of the Baltic Sea Youth Session:** "We are the future of the Baltic Sea Region – How youth exchanges and encounters can help forge a common Baltic Sea identity".
  - › Room PLH E.300
- B) Meeting of Baltic Sea Region parliamentarians with representatives of the Baltic Sea NGO Forum:** "Social capital for a sustainable Baltic Sea Region – 11 years of the Baltic Sea NGO Forum"
  - › Room PLH E.400
- 3.00 p.m.** Guided tour of the German Bundestag in English

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# FORUM SESSIONS

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**Policy Forum “Adapting to Climate Change  
in the Baltic Sea Region”**

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**Research structures and collaborations in the Baltic Sea area**  
Opportunities and challenges for regional development  
through transnational cooperation

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**Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania in the Baltic Sea Region –  
Dynamism and quality of life**

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**CBSS PPP Cooperation Network – P3CN**

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**Perspectives.**  
The Baltic Sea History Project

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**Coherent cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region**

# Policy Forum “Adapting to Climate Change in the Baltic Sea Region”

[www.baltadapt.eu](http://www.baltadapt.eu)

The impact of climate change in the Baltic Sea Region is tangible. This issue will be discussed on 24 April 2012 by the transnational policy forum “Adapting to Climate Change in the Baltic Sea Region”.

Policy makers from the European Commission, the Baltic Sea countries as well as international and regional organizations and research institutes will discuss the impact of climate change and transboundary adaptation measures.

The event will focus on transboundary challenges of climate change, the added value of an adaptation strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and current developments at European level.

Within the EU project “BALTADAPT”, partners from seven Baltic Sea countries are developing a Baltic-wide climate adaptation strategy. The strategy will be a milestone in the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. The event is the first of three forums intended to provide political support for the framing of such a strategy.

The Forum is organized jointly by the CBSS Secretariat – Baltic 21, the Federal Ministry for

the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and the “BALTADAPT” project.

The opening address by Katherina Reiche, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, will be followed by panel discussions and expert presentations.

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## Programme

**Tuesday, 24 April 2012** (all day)

› Press and Information Office of the Federal Government

**8.30 a.m.** Admission

**9.00 a.m.** Opening by Katherina Reiche, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

**9.30 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.**  
Expert presentations

**11.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**  
Panel discussion with key policy makers

**1.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**  
Discussion on framing a Baltic-wide adaptation strategy

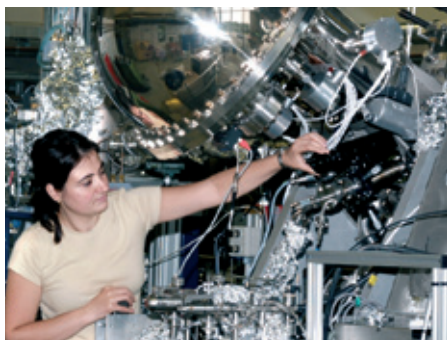
# Research structures and collaborations in the Baltic Sea area:

Opportunities and challenges for regional development through transnational cooperation

An event held by the Ministry for Science and Research in Hamburg in collaboration with SCIENCE LINK and DESY

Science and innovation are key factors in the development of modern economies. This holds true especially for regions like the Baltic. It is particularly important to optimise local research infrastructures which already exist and to create new ones. This will ensure the transfer of knowledge between universities, regional competence centres and research institutes, and will accelerate innovation processes.

The opportunities and challenges of this type of network will be discussed at an event which will take place on Wednesday, 25 April 2012 at the Representation of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg in Berlin. The aim of the event is to discuss the potential of collaborations of this type as well as ways of implementing them.



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## Programme

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Wednesday, 25 April 2012

› Representation of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg to the Federation

**2.00 p.m. Welcome**

Dr Dorothee Stapelfeldt, Senator for Science and Research and Second Mayor of Hamburg

**2.10 p.m. Welcome address**

Gerhard Almer, Ambassador, Head of the Task Force for the German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States 2011/2012

**2.20 p.m. Remarks**

Dr Georg Schütte, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research

**2.30 p.m. Introductory presentations**

Dr Mikel Landabaso, European Commission, Head of Unit "Thematic coordination and innovation" in the Directorate-General for Regional Policy (*to be confirmed*)

Dr Marco Kirm, Research Director of the Institute of Physics, University of Tartu

Prof. Helmut Dosch, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY, Hamburg

Prof. Inger Andersson, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala

**3.30 p.m. Panel discussion**

Research structures and collaborations in the Baltic Sea area: Opportunities and challenges for regional development through transnational cooperation

**4.15 p.m. Close**

Dr Dorothee Stapelfeldt, Senator for Science and Research and Second Mayor of Hamburg

**4.20 p.m. Informal get-together**

The official languages of the conference are English and German.

**Moderation:**

Udo Biss, North German Broadcasting Corporation



Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg

# Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania in the Baltic Sea Region –

Dynamic and Quality of Life



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## Tourism and health – Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania presents pioneering projects in Baltic Sea cooperation

The Baltic Sea Connects – under this motto the German and Danish project partners will introduce the 1<sup>st</sup> International Pedelec Cycle Path which leads from Berlin to Copenhagen. Impressions, highlights and valuable information for individual stretches of the path will be showcased as a further important step towards the “Tourism Destination Baltic Sea”. Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania has adopted the “Health contributes to wealth” slogan and is on its way to attaining a top spot nationwide in the health care industry.

With innovations and projects the state is also actively involving itself as a partner in the flagship project “Health Region Baltic Sea”.

The “Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania in the Baltic Sea Region – Dynamic and Quality of Life” event offers actors the chance to get to know each other and to discuss selected cross-border cooperation projects in workshops.

The EU programme for the Baltic Sea Region will be presented in an exhibition on the fringe of the event.

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## Programme

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**Wednesday, 25 April 2012**

› Venue: Nordic Embassies

**from 1.00 p.m. Registration**

**1.30 p.m. Opening**

### Welcome

H.E. Per Poulsen-Hansen, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark to the Federal Republic of Germany

### Greeting

Ms Angelika Peters, State Secretary and Commissioner of Land Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania to the Federation

### European Territorial Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region after 2013 – An Outlook

Mr Bernd Kloke, Head of Division for Relations with Scandinavia, EFTA, EEA, Council of the Baltic Sea States, Territorial Cooperation, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology

**2.00 p.m. The Baltic Sea Connects –**

### First International Pedelec Cycle Path, Berlin-Copenhagen

Introduction and Presentation

Mr Bernd Fischer, Managing Director, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania Tourist Board

Ms Karin Melbye Holm, Managing Director, VisitEastdenmark

Mr Michael Dietz, Marketing Manager, Scandlines Deutschland GmbH

Mr Dieter Hütte, Managing Director, Tourism-Marketing Brandenburg

### Discussion

Following the seminar there will be an opportunity for a trial run with a Pedelec.

**3.30 p.m. Coffee break**

**4.00 p.m. Health Region Baltic Sea**

### The flagship project “Health Region Baltic Sea”

Dr Wolfgang Blank, Managing Director, BioCon Valley GmbH/ScanBalt fmba

### Innovation as a Requirement

### of the Knowledge-Based Society –

### The Stardust Project

Mr Christin Skiera, Project Assistant, Vinnova, Sweden

### POMERANIA – Teleradiology Model Project in a Border Region

Prof. Norbert Hosten, University of Greifswald, Greifswald

### Campus Diabetes Karlsburg – International Cooperation in the Health

Care, Research and Health Economy Sectors for the Benefit of the Region,

taking diabetes as an example  
 Prof. Wolfgang Motz, Medical Clinic  
 Karlsburg

#### Discussion

#### 5.30 p.m. Break

#### 6.00 p.m. Perspectives of Baltic Sea Region Cooperation

Panel discussion with

Mr Erwin Sellering, Minister-President of Land Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

Mr Gerhard Almer, Ambassador and Head of the Task Force for the German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States 2011/2012, Federal Foreign Office

H.E. Per Poulsen-Hansen, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark to the Federal Republic of Germany  
 H.E. Päivi Maria Luostarinen, Ambassador of Finland to the Federal Republic of Germany

Mr Franz Thönnies, MP, Head of the Delegation of the German Bundestag to the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference

Host: Mr Dietmar Riemer, North German Broadcasting Corporation

#### 7.00 p.m. A taste of this year's Schwerin Castle Festival, "Der Bajazzo"

afterwards: Reception



Enjoying a walk along Ahlbeck beach on the island of Usedom

Please take the opportunity to view the exhibition about the four cluster initiatives under the EU programme for the Baltic Sea Region parallel to the event.

# CBSS PPP Cooperation Network – P3CN

PPP

Held as part of the Business Forum on the Baltic Sea Region

## PPP as an alternative means of infrastructure procurement Inaugural event for the CBSS PPP Cooperation Network – P3CN

Technological advances and the growing need for infrastructure investment call for new financing and procurement models that transcend national frontiers. As a form of long-term, contractually agreed cooperation between the public and private sectors, public-private partnerships (PPP) encompassing design, building, financing and operating processes can provide a more cost-efficient alternative to conventional procurement. On the basis of the Baltic Sea Region's common identity, the CBSS PPP Cooperation Network P3CN aims to bring together representatives of the public and private sectors with a view to enhancing and intensifying regional cooperation on PPP.

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## Programme

Tuesday, 24 April 2012

### 9.00 a.m. Opening speeches

Dr Guido Westerwelle, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs  
 Prof. Hans Heinrich Driftmann, President of the German Association of Chambers of Industry and Commerce

### 10.00 a.m. Panel discussion with entrepreneurs and business representatives

Topic: Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region

### 11.00 a.m. Coffee break

### 11.30 a.m. PPP Cooperation Network P3CN

PPP in transport infrastructure  
 › Federal Foreign Office, Library

### 1.00 p.m. Lunch break

### 2.30 p.m. PPP Cooperation Network P3CN

PPP sectors, models and efficiency enhancement › Federal Foreign Office, Library

### 4.00 p.m. Coffee break

### 4.15 p.m. Infrastructure in the Baltic Sea Region

Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop session  
 › Foreign Minister's Meeting Rooms

### 5.45 p.m. Speech by the Federal President

› Federal Foreign Office, Weltsaal

# Perspectives.

The Baltic Sea History Project  
[www.academiabaltica.de](http://www.academiabaltica.de)



The Baltic Academy and its partners present the work being done to produce a virtual history project for the Baltic Sea Region.

The Second World War and the Iron Curtain, which ran through the Baltic Sea, tore at or indeed destroyed historical ties and cultural landscapes. Today, therefore, the priority is to overcome national prejudices about history and culture around the Baltic and to forge a European perspective. This is the aim of “Perspectives. The Baltic Sea History Project” run by the Baltic Academy and its partners. The heart of the project is the design of a virtual history book for the Baltic Sea Region which will highlight the history and cultural attributes shared by the nations and regions around the Baltic Sea. It will also show that the history of the Baltic Sea Region is more than just the history of individual states. At the same time, however, the project will present differing standpoints and perspectives on the region’s shared history.

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**Monday, 23 April 2012** (4.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.)

› Representation of Land Schleswig-Holstein to the Federation

**4.30 p.m. Welcome**

State Secretary Heinz Maurus  
**Introduction: The Baltic Sea History Project**

Dr Christian Pletzing, Baltic Academy, Sankelmark

**4.45 p.m. Controversial Memory:**

**the German Order**

Dr Juhan Kreem, Tallinn City Archives

**Return of History – the House of Blackheads in Riga**

Prof. Jörg Hackmann, University of Szczecin

**Reading the Language of the Stones.**

**Young Adults Explore History**

Dr Miłostawa Borzyszkowska-Szewczyk, University of Gdańsk, Kashubian Institute

**5.30 p.m. Roundtable discussion with**

Dr Miłostawa Borzyszkowska-Szewczyk, Prof. Jörg Hackmann, Dr Juhan Kreem and Dr Christian Pletzing

# Coherent cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region



The 7.8-kilometre Öresund Bridge linking Denmark and Sweden

The steering bodies of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, the CBSS and the Northern Dimension are meeting for a joint informal session.

Alongside the CBSS, two further pillars of cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region have been emerged in the last few years, namely the Northern Dimension and the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

At this first joint meeting, views will be exchanged on joint spheres of action and problems relating to cooperation in this region. This aim is to work towards a sensible and mutually reinforcing division of labour between the CBSS, the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the Northern Dimension.

## Programme

**Tuesday, 24 April**

› Federal Foreign Office

**9.30 a.m.** Joint informal meeting of the steering bodies of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, the CBSS and the Northern Dimension

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# MEETINGS OF NETWORKS AND GROUPS OF EXPERTS

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## High Level Group

for the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and  
the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

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## Northern Dimension Steering Group

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## Council of the Baltic Sea States – Regional Directors Meeting

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## Council of the Baltic Sea States – Committee of Senior Officials

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Expert Group on Maritime Policy

within the framework of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

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## Dialogue of the Baltic Sea organizations with maritime policy competence

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## “Clean Shipping”

Workshop of the Expert Group on Maritime Policy

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## Baltic 21

Expert Group on Sustainable Development

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## BSSSC

Baltic Sea States Subregional Cooperation

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## ARS BALTICA

Cultural cooperation centred around the Baltic Sea

# High Level Group

for the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

**The High Level Group is the central steering instrument of both EU macro-regional strategies.**

The European Union has two macro-regional strategies: one for the Baltic Sea Region (2009) and one for the Danube Region (2011). The aim of these strategies is to intensify cooperation at transnational level by way of a cross-sectoral and integrated political approach, and to develop common solutions to the major challenges these regions face. In the sphere of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, the key areas of policy are a sustainable environ-

ment, the economy, transport and energy, education/youth/tourism, as well as health and security. More than 80 concrete projects or actions are currently being implemented under the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. These projects are largely financed through the EU Structural Funds. The General Affairs Council has overall responsibility for the Strategy, while a steering group has been established at working level (High Level Group). This group consists of national representatives from the 27 EU member states and is chaired by the EU Commission. It convenes every six months.

## Programme

**Monday, 23 April 2012**

**3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

Meeting of the High Level Group for the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

› Federal Foreign Office

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An off-shore wind farm in the Sound off Copenhagen, Denmark

# Northern Dimension Steering Group

**The Northern Dimension Steering Group is the central steering body within the Northern Dimension.**

Norway, Iceland, the EU and the Russian Federation are all partners in the Northern Dimension (ND), which has been developed since 1999. Geographically speaking, the focus of the ND is increasingly on north-western Russia, the Barents Sea, as well as Arctic and Sub-Arctic areas. The main aim of the Northern Dimension is to create a joint framework within which dialogue and concrete cooperation can be promoted, economic cooperation expanded and competitiveness and sustainable development in northern Europe supported.

The Northern Dimension Steering Group, which is composed of representatives of the four partners European Union, Iceland, Norway and Russia, was established to ensure that work in this sphere is ongoing. As a rule, it meets three times a year.



The opera house in Oslo, Norway

## Programme

**Monday, 23 April 2012**

**2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

Meeting of the Northern  
Dimension Steering Group  
› Federal Foreign Office

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# Council of the Baltic Sea States – Regional Directors Meeting



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The training ship Gorch Fock

The Regional Directors from the Foreign Ministries of the members of the Council of the Baltic Sea States, together with an EU representative, traditionally meet once a year.

The meetings deal with the Council's current activities and other issues of relevance to the Baltic Sea Region. This meeting will focus on the preparations for the 9<sup>th</sup> Baltic Sea States Summit to be held in Stralsund on 30 and 31 May 2012, the Modernization Partnership for the South Eastern Baltic Area and the establishment of a project fund, as well as the priorities of the upcoming Russian and subsequent Finnish CBSS Presidencies.

## Programme

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Wednesday, 25 April 2012

- 9.30 a.m. Regional Directors Meeting  
› Federal Foreign Office
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch  
› Federal Foreign Office

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# Council of the Baltic Sea States – Committee of Senior Officials

**The Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) coordinates and steers the activities of the Council of the Baltic Sea States.**

The Council of the Baltic Sea States is a multilateral association of states. The cooperation is implemented through meetings every two years of foreign ministers as well as alternating summits of heads of government and of the relevant ministers. The CBSS Secretariat coordinates this cooperation. The steering committee is the CSO. It is made up of high-ranking officials from the CBSS member

states and the European Commission. Together with the current CBSS president, it establishes priorities for the Council's work. It is thus the operative steering committee of the CBSS.

On 23 April the agenda includes, among other points, the upcoming meeting of heads of state and government in Stralsund in May 2012, the project fund that is to be set up to finance projects in the Baltic Sea region, and the modernization partnership for the south-eastern Baltic Sea region.



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The Viru Gate and a view of the Old Town in Tallinn, Estonia

## Programme

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Monday, 23 April 2012

- 9.00 a.m. Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials  
› Federal Foreign Office

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Expert Group on Maritime Policy

within the framework of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)



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The town of Szczecin, Poland, from its historic side

Within the framework of the Expert Group on Maritime Policy, the Federal Government has set itself the goal of making enhanced competitiveness, the protection of the marine environment and the consideration of the interests of those who depend on the maritime economy or who live near the coasts, integral elements of maritime policy.

Accordingly, the focus is placed on the following key subjects: Consolidation of the maritime policy initiatives in the Baltic Sea Region; strengthening innovation by supporting marine research and the maritime clusters in the Baltic Sea Region and by further developing databases of maritime relevance. To make it possible for the Expert Group on Maritime Policy to achieve sustainable results, integra-

tive cross-sectoral projects that serve as examples to demonstrate the added value of Baltic Sea cooperation are being initiated and/or supported politically.

### Programme

**Tuesday, 24 April 2012**

› Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development

**9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.**

- Dialogue of the Baltic Sea organizations with maritime policy competence
- “Clean Shipping” workshop
- Maritime clusters workshop
- Development of research cooperation
- Discussion of the political mandate
- First ideas presented by Russia for its chairmanship as of 1 July 2012

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## Dialogue of the Baltic Sea organizations with maritime policy competence

Three Baltic Sea organizations, i.e. the Council of the Baltic Sea States, the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference and the Baltic Sea States Subregional Cooperation, took steps in 2011 to consolidate the maritime policy initiatives and interests in the Baltic Sea Region with the aim of making the architecture of Baltic Sea cooperation as a whole even more transparent and efficient. The meeting on 24 April 2012 will be the second meeting of nine Baltic Sea organizations which have expressed their desire to maintain a more intensive exchange of information and ideas. The strategic aim is to better promote the maritime policy interests at EU and international level.

### Programme

**Tuesday, 24 April 2012**

› Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development

**2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.**

#### Proposals for joint activities

- Discussion of a position paper
- European Maritime Day**
- Preparation of a joint event
- Preparation of a joint declaration
- Medium-term perspectives**
- Dialogue platform

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# “Clean Shipping”

## Workshop of the Expert Group on Maritime Policy

The aim of the Expert Group on Maritime Policy (EGMP) is to make the Baltic Sea Region a maritime pilot region in Europe. For this purpose, a workshop on “Liquefied Natural Gas” (LNG) was carried out in 2011 under Norwegian chairmanship. The declaration issued by the Council of the Baltic Sea States on 7 June 2011 requests the EGMP to continue its work and to identify synergies with the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM) and with other Baltic Sea organizations. When it takes the chair, the Federal Government intends to continue the important work to ensure clean shipping in the Baltic Sea region. The workshop is targeted at experts from the Governments of all Baltic rim states and at non-governmental organizations.

### Programme

#### Monday, 23 April 2012

› Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development

#### 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

- Keynote address by the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development
- Statement by the Norwegian Government
- Presentation of new technological developments
- Presentation of Baltic Sea projects
- Statements by the representatives of the associations

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# Baltic 21

## Expert Group on Sustainable Development

[www.cbss.org/Environment/creating-a-sustainable-baltic-sea-region](http://www.cbss.org/Environment/creating-a-sustainable-baltic-sea-region)

### The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Baltic 21 Expert Group will take place on 23 April 2012 at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU).

Representatives of environment, economic affairs and finance ministries in the Baltic Sea Region as well as the European Commission, international and regional non-governmental organizations and academia will gather in Berlin for the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Baltic 21 Expert Group on Sustainable Development.

Participants will discuss concrete policy recommendations, which will be fed into the Earth Summit 2012, the Baltic Sea States Summit and the BASREC Ministerial Meeting. The meeting will be hosted by BMU, the current Expert Group chair.

For the afternoon a one-hour policy exchange is planned with the CBSS Committee of Senior Officials.

The multilateral Baltic 21 process was launched in 1996. Since 2010 this process has been led by the Expert Group on Sustainable Development. Baltic 21 has led the way in promoting successful regional implementation of the decisions adopted by the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio.

### Programme

#### Monday, 23 April 2012 (all day)

- 9.00 a.m.** Regular meeting
  - › Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.**
  - Joint meeting with the CBSS Committee of Senior Officials
  - › Federal Foreign Office
- 4.00 p.m.** Continuation of regular meeting
- 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.**
  - Evening programme
  - › Representation of Land Schleswig-Holstein to the Federation

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# BSSSC

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The Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC) is a political network of subregions of the ten Baltic Sea littoral states.

As a pan-Baltic organization, BSSSC is working closely together with other key BSR and European institutions in order to promote and advocate the interests of the regions to decision makers on the regional, the national and on EU level.

Main policy priorities are: maritime policy, cohesion policy, youth policy, transport & infrastructure, energy & climate, science & education, cooperation with Russia, public health and the EU Strategy for the BSR.

The main BSSSC event is the Annual Conference held each year in early autumn. This year's conference takes place on 17–20 September in Lilleström/Norway and is titled "From Economic Crises to Opportunities and Actions". The event is linked with the Baltic Sea Region Programme Conference.



## Programme

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### Monday, 23 April 2012

**2.00 p.m.** Meeting of the BSSSC Board with the CBSS Committee of Senior Officials  
› Federal Foreign Ministry

**4.30 p.m.** Participation in the Presentation of the Baltic Sea History Project of Academia Baltica  
› Representation of Land Schleswig-Holstein to the Federation

**7.00 p.m.** Baltic Sea Days' Cultural Kick-Off and reception  
› Representation of Land Schleswig-Holstein to the Federation

TU

### Tuesday, 24 April 2012

**9.00 a.m.** BSSSC Board Meeting  
› Representation of Land Schleswig-Holstein to the Federation

WE

### Wednesday, 25 April 2012

**9.30 a.m.** Working Group on Maritime Policy  
› Representation of Land Schleswig-Holstein to the Federation

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# ARS BALTICA

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Operating under the umbrella of the Council of the Baltic Sea States, the network ARS BALTICA has been supporting cultural cooperation within the Baltic Sea Region for more than 20 years.

ARS BALTICA grants cultural projects which are of high artistic value and include partners from at least three Baltic Sea countries the right to use the ARS BALTICA logo. The network provides platforms for the sharing of knowledge and experience. A recent highlight was the initiative's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which was celebrated with a gala event at Castle Ploen in Schleswig-Holstein/Northern Germany as well as a two-day international forum held in September 2011 at Nordkolleg Rendsburg, the headquarters of the ARS BALTICA Secretariat. At this forum the ARS BALTICA Organizing Committee agreed to make strengthening the Baltic Sea Region's cultural identity a major new focus. In future greater emphasis will also be given to projects targeted at young people.

ARS BALTICA sees itself as a key advocate of Baltic Sea arts and culture at European level both vis-à-vis political institutions and in a variety of networks. During the Baltic Sea Days the ARS BALTICA Organizing Committee will hold its spring meeting.

## Programme

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### Monday, 23 April 2012

› Representation of Land Schleswig-Holstein to the Federation

**9.00 a.m.** Meeting of the ARS BALTICA Organizing Committee (internal)

**4.30 p.m.** Presentation of the Baltic Sea History Project

**7.00 p.m.** Baltic Sea Days' cultural kick-off, with music provided by the ARS BALTICA project "folkBALTICA"

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### Tuesday, 24 April 2012

**9.00 a.m.** Meeting of the ARS BALTICA Organizing Committee (internal)  
› Representation of Land Schleswig-Holstein to the Federation

**12.30 p.m.** Lunch with the BSSSC Board  
› Representation of Land Schleswig-Holstein to the Federation

**2.00 p.m.** Visit to the Exhibition "20 Years of the CBSS"  
› Federal Foreign Office, Atrium

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