

The 27th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference

Mariehamn, Åland Islands, 26-28 August 2018

The Baltic Sea – Our Life Line

Cooperation, Sustainability and Smart Energy

Three pillars for future development



Programme

Registration, Plenum and other meetings will take place in the Parliament building
Ålands Lagting, Strandgatan 37, Mariehamn

Saturday, 25 August

12.00-15.00 Participants registration and information desk available at the Entrance Hall,
Ålands Lagting

Sunday, 26 August

08:30-15.00 Participants registration and information desk available at the
Entrance Hall, Ålands Lagting

10.00-12.00 **Meeting of the BSPC Drafting Committee**
Ålands Lagting, Plenary Hall

12.00 Coffee break / snacks

12.30-14.00 **Meeting of the BSPC Standing Committee**
Ålands Lagting, Plenary Hall

Excursions on the following themes:

12.30-17.00 Excursion No 1: Daily life in the Archipelago, visit on the small island and municipality of Föglö in the archipelago (*Incl. 25 min trip with a ferry*)

14.00-17.00 Excursion No 2: Åland history and political background to the present Autonomy (*Bustrip on the main island and a visit to the Bomarsund Fortress-area*)

All buses leave from *Ålands Lagting, Strandgatan 37, Mariehamn*

19.00-22.00 **Reception and Dinner hosted by Ålands lagting**
Venue: Badhusparken Pavillion

Monday, 27 August

8.30-9.30 Meeting of the BSPC Drafting Committee (if necessary)
Ålands Lagting, Plenary Hall

09.30 **OPENING**

Chair: Jörgen Pettersson, MP, President of the BSPC

Vice-Chair: Carola Veit, MP, Hamburg, Vice-President of the BSPC

Ålands Lagting, Plenary Hall

Jörgen Pettersson, MP, President of the BSPC

Introduction

Ms. Gun-Mari Lindholm, President of Ålands Lagting,

“Welcome address”

Quartett of young musicians from Åland

J. Sibelius: Andante festivo

H.E. Mr. Sauli Niinistö, President of the Republic of Finland

Opening speech

Ms. Paula Lehtomäki, State Secretary to the Prime Minister of Finland

“Finlands Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region “

10.05

Family photo

Inside the Plenary Hall

10.20 **FIRST SESSION**

Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region

Chair: Jörgen Pettersson, MP, President of the BSPC

Vice-Chair: Jorodd Asphjell, MP, Norway, Vice-President of the BSPC

Report by Mr. Jörgen Pettersson, MP, President of the BSPC

Report by Ms. Carola Veit, President of the Hamburg Parliament,
Vice-President of the BSPC – “Implementation of the 26th BSPC Resolution”

Report from the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

- **Mr Hans Olsson**, Outgoing CBSS Chair, Ambassador of Sweden
- **Mr Juris Bone**, Chairman of the CBSS Committee of Senior Officials
Ambassador-at-Large of Latvia

Mr. Hans Wallmark, MP, Chairman of the BSPC Working Group on Migration and Integration – Midway Report of the WG

Mr. Simon Holmström and Ms. Hanna Salmén, representatives of the Youth Event: Regeneration 2030

Debate

12.30-13.15 **Lunch** outside the Plenary Hall

13.15 **THE FIRST SESSION continues**
Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region

Ms. Christina Gestrin, former MP Finnish Parliament and BSPC President
“Environmental Cooperation in the Baltic Sea region”

Report on the work of the CBSS/BSLF Coordination Group on Labour and Employment, joint report by:

- **Mr. Franz Thönnies**, former MP German Bundestag and BSPC President, Baltic Sea Labour Forum (BSLF)
- **Ms. Daria Akhutina**, CBSS Senior Advisor on Economic Issues, coordinator for Baltic Sea Labour Forum’ and secretary to CBSS Expert Group on maritime issues.
- **Mr. Pyry Niemi**, BSPC-Rapporteur on Labour Market and Social Welfare, Member of the Swedish Parliament

Briefings from BSPC Rapporteurs

- **Mr. Jörgen Pettersson** and **Mr. Jochen Schulte** on Integrated Maritime Policy
- **Ms. Karin Gaardsted** on Cultural Affairs
- **Ms. Sylvia Bretschneider** and **Ms. Sara Kemetter** on Sustainable Tourism
- **Ms. Sylvia Bretschneider** and **Ms. Saara-Sofia Sirén** on HELCOM
- **Ms. Saara-Sofia Sirén** on Eutrophication

Addresses by the Representatives of other Parliamentary Assemblies and International Guests

Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC)

- **Mr. Roger Ryberg**, Chairman of the BSSSC

Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being

- **Ms. Ulla-Karin Nurm**, Director of the NDPHS

Baltic Sea Center, Stockholm University

- **Gun Rudquist**, Head of Policy, Baltic Eye, “Bridging the gap between science and policy – an example from Stockholm University Baltic Sea Center“

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30 -17.30	SECOND SESSION The Vision of a Healthy Baltic Sea – A Call for more Action <i>Chair: Prof Jānis Vucāns, MP, Latvia,</i> <i>Co-Chair: Dorota Arciszewska-Mielewczyk, MP, Poland</i>
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Mr. Karmenu Vella, EU Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries “Protecting our environment while maintaining our competitiveness in regards to the UN 2030 goals for our oceans and the Baltic Sea Action Plan“ **Video-message**

Mr. Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of the Environment, Energy and Housing of Finland
“The Priorities of the Finnish HELCOM Chairmanship and the future of the Baltic Sea Action Plan”

Ms. Camilla Gunell, Deputy Prime Minister of the Åland Islands and Minister for Trade, Environment and Energy.
“Sustainability Strategy of the Åland Islands as a best-practice example for the Baltic Sea Region”

Ms. Otilia Thoreson, Director, WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme
„Baltic Sea Scorecard and the need for stringent action“

Mr. Marc Klaus, Race for the Baltic, Baltic Sea City Accelerator
“Private Engagement for a healthy Baltic Sea and a better Environment”

Mr. Jari Nahkanen, Chairman CPMR Baltic Sea Commission, “Co-operation among Regions in the Baltic Sea”

Panel Debate moderated by Mr. Simon Holmström from ReGeneration 2030.

17.30-18.30 Meeting of the BSPP Drafting Committee (if necessary)
Ålands Lagting, Plenary Hall

19.00 **Cultural Event and Dinner hosted by the President of the Åland Lagting**
Venue: Ålands sjöfartsmuseum (Åland Maritime Museum), Hamngatan 2

- Cocktail in the Museum hosted by the Town of Mariehamn, represented by the chairman of the Town Board **Mr. Tage Silander**
- Dinner in Restaurant Nautical (above the Museum)
(The museum is open from 18.30 and dinner starts at 19.30)

Tuesday, 28 August

09.30-12.00

THIRD SESSION

Sustainable Energy, Smart energy distribution platforms

Chair: Valentina Pivnenko, MP, Russian Federation

Co-Chair: Karin Gaardsted, MP, Denmark

Next generation electrical grids – Pilot projects in Baltic Sea Region

- **Mr. Berndt Schalin**, Senior Advisor, Government of Åland
“The Future Fossil Free Energy System on Åland”
- **Mr. Reinis Āboltiņš**, Senior Adviser on Energy, Latvia
“Challenges to Sustainable Energy in the Baltic Sea Region”

Coffee Break

General Debate

Open forum for speeches from the parliamentarians with possibility for discussions.

12.00 CLOSING OF THE 27th BSPC

Chair: Mr Jörgen Pettersson, MP, Åland, President of the BSPC

Co-Chair: Mr Jorodd Asphjell, MP, Norway, Vice-President of the BSPC

- Administrative matters
- Adoption of the Conference Resolution
- Address by the **incoming President** of the BSPC 2018-2019
- Presentation of Next Year's Host Country

13:00 Lunch outside the Plenary Hall

Transfers to the Airport or Ferry terminal