

PROGRAMME

The 30th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference

30 August 2021

Sustainable democracy – how to face a changing world



MONDAY, 30 AUGUST

09:30–10:00 **OPENING**

Chair: *Mr Pyry Niemi*, President of the BSPC

Dr Andreas Norlén

Speaker of the Riksdag, Opening speech

Ms Ann Linde

Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Mr Pyry Niemi

President of the BSPC 2020–2022

10:00–10:30 **FIRST SESSION**

Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region

Chair: *Mr Johannes Schraps*, Vice-President of the BSPC

Peaceful and reliable neighbourliness and intense cooperation built on inclusive participation and trust in the democratic system

Ms Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway,

Norwegian Presidency 2021–2022 of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

Mr Michael Roth, Member of Parliament and State Minister for Europe, German Presidency 2022–2023 of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (video message)

10:30–11:30 **SECOND SESSION**

Democracy in a changing media landscape

Chair: *Ms Pernilla Stålhammar*, MP, Sweden

Panel discussion with incentive speakers: Democracy in a changing media landscape: digitalisation, combating disinformation and fake news as well as protecting free media and freedom of speech

Ms Margareta Cederfelt, President, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA)

Prof. Dr. Jeanette Hofmann, Weizenbaum Institute Berlin

Mr Oleg Nilov, MP, State Duma, Russian Federation

Mr Erik Halkjaer, President of the board of the Swedish section of Reporters without borders

11:45–12:30 **GENERAL DEBATE**

Re-starting after the COVID-19 pandemic

Chair: *Mr Arvils Ašeradens*, MP, Latvia

Keynote speech by *Mr Arnoldas Pranckevičius*, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

Open debate

12:30–13:30 **Lunch break**

13:30–14:45 **THIRD SESSION**

Climate change and biodiversity

Chair: *Ms Valentina Pivnenko*, MP, Russia

Climate change mitigation, adaptation and the preservation of biodiversity: trust in the state as an actor, the role of NGOs and voluntary organisations and the importance of innovation and science

Ms Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany (video message)

Ms Cecilie Tenfjord-Toftby, MP, Chair of the BSPC Working Group on Climate change and Biodiversity

Mr Anders Mankler, State Secretary to the Minister for Environment and Climate, Sweden

Mr Erwin SELLERING, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Foundation for Climate and Environmental Protection and former Prime-Minister of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

Mr Liviu PINTILIE, Estonia and *Ms Kamila CIOK*, Poland, Baltic Sea Parliamentary Youth Forum 2021

Ms Liz MATTSSON, MP, Åland Islands, Vice-Chair of the BSPC Working Group on Climate Change and Biodiversity

Dr Vadim V. SIVKOV, Director of the Atlantic Branch of the Shirshov Institute of Oceanology of Russian Academy of Science and the Federal State Budgetary Institution of Science, Kaliningrad region

15:00–15:45 CEREMONIAL SESSION IN HONOUR OF THE 30TH BSPC

Combination of video messages and roundtable of former Presidents together with youth representative: Baltic Sea Parliamentary Cooperation yesterday, today and tomorrow

Moderator: *Mr Jörgen PETTERSSON* and *Ms Carola VEIT*

- ◆ *Prof Jānis VUCĀNS*
- ◆ *Ms Valentina PIVNENKO*
- ◆ *Mr Franz THÖNNES*
- ◆ *Ms Christina GESTRIN*
- ◆ *Mr Jonas FÆRGE MAN*, Baltic Sea Parliamentary Youth Forum 2021, Denmark

15:45–16:45 FOURTH SESSION

Addresses and reports

Chair: *Mr Jarosław WAŁĘSA*, MP, Poland

Addresses by BSPC Partner Organisations

Mr Pedro ROQUE, Vice-President and President Emeritus of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)

Prof Asaf HAJIYEV, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC)

Ambassador Grzegorz Marek POZNAŃSKI, Director General of the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat (CBSS)

Mr Mieczysław STRUK, Chairman of the Baltic Sea States Subregional Cooperation (BSSSC) Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship (video message)

Mr Jari NAKHANEN, President of the Baltic Sea Commission of the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions (CPMR BSC)

Mr Anders BERGSTRÖM, Baltic Sea NGO Network, Policy Area Coordinator, PA Education, Science and Social Affairs

Ms Anna MANNFALK, politician responsible for cooperation public sector – Civil Society/NGOs + Vice Chair of Region Skåne Health Care Committee

Reports by the BSPC Rapporteurs

Mr Peter STEIN, BSPC Rapporteur on Sea Dumped Minitions

Ms Carola VEIT, BSPC Rapporteur on Migration and Integration

Mr Jochen SCHULTE, BSPC Rapporteur on Integrated Maritime Policy

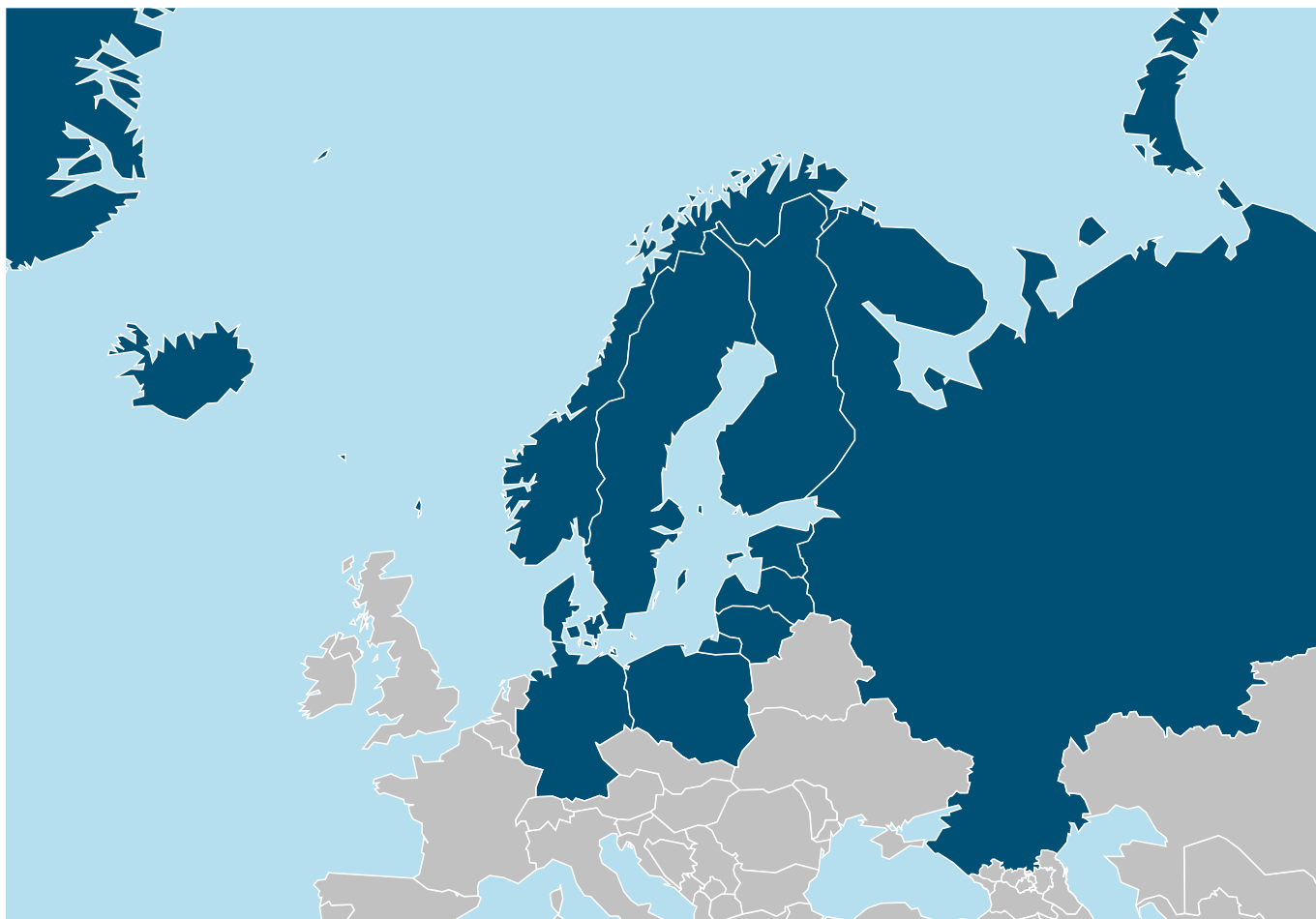
16:45–17:30 CLOSING SESSION

Chair: *Mr Pyry NIEMI*, President of the BSPC 2020-2022

Administrative matters

Adoption of the Conference Resolution

Closing words by the BSPC President



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