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## **32<sup>nd</sup> Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference**

### **Programme 27 – 29 August 2023, German Bundestag Berlin**

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#### **Strengthening the Resilience of the Democratic Baltic Sea Region**

Boosting Democratic, Digital and Maritime Resilience Based on  
Reliable Neighbourliness and Close Cooperation

#### **Sunday, 27 August 2023**

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| 10.00         | Participant registration and information desk available<br><i>Venue: Paul-Löbe-Haus, Entrance SÜD</i> |
| 11.00 – 13.00 | Meeting of the BSPC-Drafting Committee<br><i>Venue: Paul-Löbe-Haus Room E 800</i>                     |
| 13.00 – 13.30 | Lunch<br><i>Venue: Paul-Löbe-Haus</i>   |
| 13.30 – 15.00 | Meeting of the BSPC-Standing Committee<br><i>Venue: Paul-Löbe-Haus Room E 800</i>                     |
| 15.30 – 17.00 | Guided tour of the Reichstag building; including visit to the dome                                    |
| 18.30 – 22.00 | Reception and dinner at the theatre Tipi am Kanzleramt<br><i>Venue: Große Querallee, 10557 Berlin</i> |

#### **Monday, 28 August 2023**

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| 07.30        | Participant registration and information desk available<br><i>Venue: Reichstag building; Entrance WEST</i>   |
| <b>09.30</b> | <b>OPENING</b><br>Chair: Mr Johannes Schraps, President of the BSPC<br>Co-Chair: Dr Staffan Eklöf, BSPC Vice-President<br><i>Venue: Plenary Hall of the German Bundestag</i><br><br><b>Ms Bärbel Bas</b> , President of the German Bundestag, Opening speech<br><b>Mr Johannes Schraps</b> , President of the BSPC 2022-2023<br><br>Family photo |

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- 10.00 – 11.00**      **Addresses by Representatives of other Parliamentary Assemblies, International Guest and BSPC Observer Organizations**  
Chair: Ms Carola Veit, President of Parliament, Hamburg, former BSPC President  
Co-Chair: Mr Himanshu Gulati, MP Norway
- Ms Manuela Schwesig**, Vice President of the German Bundesrat, Prime Minister of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- Ms Joëlle Garriaud-Maylam**, President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
- Ms Anna Purtova**, Vice President of PABSEC and Head of the Ukrainian PABSEC delegation
- Mr Grzegorz Poznański**, Director General CBSS
- Mr Jens William Grav**, Coordinator Baltic Sea NGO Network, Denmark
- 11.00 – 11.30      Coffee break
- 11.30 – 12.00**      **FIRST SESSION**  
**Peaceful and reliable neighbourliness and intense cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region on the basis of fundamental values**  
Chair: Mr Johannes Schraps, President of the BSPC  
Co-Chair: Dr Staffan Eklöf, BSPC Vice President
- Video message by **Ms Annalena Baerbock**, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Germany
- Video message by **Ms Elina Valtonen**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finland
- Video message by **Mr Margus Tsahkna**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Estonia
- Open debate
- 12.00 – 13.00      Lunch  
*Venue: Reichstag building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Fraktionsebene*
- 13.00 – 15.00**      **SECOND SESSION**  
**Introductory remarks followed by a panel discussion on the topic of „Boosting democratic resilience and promoting digital resilience“**  
Chair: Ms Hanna Katrín Friðriksson, MP, Nordic Council  
Co-Chair: Mr Wille Valve, MP, Åland  
Moderation: Ms Anna Kassautzki, MP, Germany
- Video message by **Mr Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov**, editor-in-chief of „Novaya gazeta“ (tbc)

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**Mr Stefan Seidler**, independent Member of the German Bundestag for the South-Schleswigian Voter's Association, Member of the Committee on Internal Affairs and Community

Presentation of the Recommendations of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Youth Forum by Representatives

**Mr Paul Nemitz**, Principal Advisor of the European Commission

**Mr Otto Tabuns**, Director of the Baltic Security Foundation

Open debate

15.00 – 15.30

Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00

**THIRD SESSION**

**Strengthening the resilience of maritime ecosystems**

Chair: Mr Jorodd Asphjell, President of the Nordic Council, former BSPC President

Co-Chair: Ms Claudia Müller, MP, Germany, Parliamentary State Secretary

Video message by **Mr Virginijus Sinkevičius**, EU-Commissioner for Environment

**Ms Steffi Lemke**, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany

**Ms Emma Nohrén**, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Agriculture; Member of the Swedish BSPC-Delegation

**Ms Anna Kassautzki**, BSPC Rapporteur on Sea-Dumped Munitions

**Mr Christoph Humborg**, Professor of Coastal Biogeochemistry and Scientific Director of Baltic Sea Centre, Stockholm University, Sweden

**Mr Ronald Lieske**, Director of the Managing Authority and Joint Secretariat of Interreg Baltic Sea Region

17.55

Transport by buses from the hotels to the Bellevue Palace

19.00 – 21.00

Reception hosted by the German Federal President  
Mr Frank-Walter Steinmeier  
*Venue: Bellevue Palace*

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Transport by buses to the hotels

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**Tuesday, 29 August 2023**

- 08.00 Participant registration and information desk available  
*Venue: Reichstag building; Entrance WEST*
- 09.00 – 10.15** **FOURTH SESSION**  
**Panel discussion: Strengthening the resilience of climate and biodiversity**  
Chair: Mr Jarosław Wałęsa, MP, Poland  
Co-Chair: Ms Lene Westgaard Halle, MP, Norway  
  
Presentation Final Report of the BSPC Working Group on Climate Change and Biodiversity by **Mr Philipp da Cunha**, Chair of the Working Group  
  
**Ms Ditte Juul Jørgensen**, Director-General, DG Energy, European Commission  
  
**Ms Lis Lindal Jørgensen**, Institute of Marine Research in Norway  
  
**Ms Daniela Jacob**, Meteorologist and Director of the Climate Service Center Germany (GERICS)  
  
Open debate
- 10.15 – 10.30 Coffee break
- 10.30 – 12.00** **General debate**  
Chair: Prof Jānis Vucāns, MP, Latvia, former BSPC President  
Co-Chair: Bryndís Haraldsdóttir, MP, Iceland
- 12.00 – 13.00** **CLOSING SESSION**  
Chair: Mr Johannes Schraps, President of the BSPC  
Co-Chair: Mr Henrik Møller, BSPC Vice-President  
  
Reports by BSPC Rapporteurs  
  
**Ms Carola Veit**, BSPC Rapporteur on Migration and Integration  
  
**Administrative matters**  
**Adoption of the Conference Resolution**  
Address by the incoming President of the BSPC 2023-2024,  
**Mr Henrik Møller**, Denmark
- 13.15 – 14.00 Light Lunch  
*Venue: Reichstag building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Fraktionsebene*

*Departure*