



The 26th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference 3 - 5 September 2017, Hamburg

Innovative Science, Sustainable Tourism – Participation and Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region

Sunday, 3 September

- 10:00 – 12:00 **Meeting of the BSPC Drafting Committee** (members only)
Room 151, Town Hall
- 12:30 – 14:00 **Meeting of the BSPC Standing Committee** (members only)
Room 151, Town Hall
- 13:15 Departure from the Town Hall by bus
Excursion I – Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron Research Center
- 14:00 Departure from the Town Hall by bus
Excursion II – Harbour boat trip
- 18:30 **Reception and Dinner hosted by Ms Carola Veit, President
of the Hamburg Parliament**
Town Hall

Honorary Guest: **H. E. Sigmar Gabriel**, Minister of Foreign
Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany

Monday, 4 September

09:30

Opening

Ms Carola Veit, MP, Hamburg, President of the BSPC

Welcome by **Mr Olaf Scholz**

First Mayor of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

10:00

FIRST SESSION

Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region

Chaired by: Jörgen Pettersson, MP, Åland, Vice-President of the BSPC, and Valentina Pivnenko, MP, Russian Federation

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

- **Mr Guðmundur Árni Stefánsson**, Outgoing CBSS Chair, Committee of Senior Officials, Ambassador of Iceland
- **Mr Hans Olsson**, Chairman of the Committee of Senior Officials, Ambassador of Sweden

Prof Jānis Vucāns – “Implementation of the 25th BSPC Resolution”

Briefings from BSPC Rapporteurs

- **Jörgen Pettersson** on Integrated Maritime Policy
- **Sonja Mandt** on Cultural Affairs
- **Franz Thönnies** on the Baltic Sea Labour Forum

Debate

11:30

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Family Photo

Exhibition Opening “Finland 100 Anniversary Exhibition”

12:30

SECOND SESSION

Democratic Participation & the Digital Age

Moderated by: Carola Veit, MP, Hamburg, President of the BSPC

Prof Jobst Fiedler, Professor of Public and Financial Management, Hertie School of Governance – “Democracy at a Crossroads – Rebuilding Trust through Participation”

Alexander Shishlov, Human Rights Ombudsman for Saint Petersburg - “Digital Age Challenges to Human Rights and Democracy”

Roundtable:

- **Veiko Spolitis**, MP, Latvia
- **Valentina Pivnenko**, MP, Russian Federation

- **Alexander Shishlov**, Human Rights Ombudsman for Saint Petersburg
- **Prof Jobst Fiedler**, Professor of Public and Financial Management, Hertie School of Governance
- **Frank Rieger**, Speaker of Chaos Computer Club
- **Espen Krogh**, Nordic Council Youth President

Debate

15:00

THIRD SESSION

Science and Research

Chaired by: Prof Jānis Vucāns, MP, Latvia, Vice-President of the BSPC, and Prof Aadu Must, MP, Baltic Assembly

Monika Stankiewicz, HELCOM Executive Secretary – “State of the Baltic Sea 2017 – in the present and in the future”

Maira Mora, Director General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States – “Science and Research policy in the Baltic Sea Region and the Baltic Science Network”

Prof Ulrich Bathmann, Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research – “Evidence-based Environmental Management”

Jari Haapala, Finnish Meteorological Institute – “Utility of Regional Climate Models for the Baltic Sea Region”

Prof Robert Feidenhans'l, Director European XFEL – „European X-ray – A new research facility at the forefront of Science”

Debate

Tuesday, 5 September

09:30

FOURTH SESSION

Sustainable Tourism

Chaired by: Pyry Niemi, MP, Sweden, and Dorota Arciszewska-Mielewczyk, MP, Poland (tbc)

Sara Kemetter, BSPC Working Group Vice-Chairperson – “Final report from the BSPC Working Group on Sustainable Tourism”

Friederike Schick and **Elias Lindström**, Baltic Sea Parliamentary Youth Forum – “Reporting back to Plenary: Developing Sustainable Tourism”

Dr Monika Griefahn, Chief Sustainability Officer AIDA Cruises –
“Sustainability at AIDA Cruises”

Alexandr Sirchenko, Vice-Director General on the Development on
Internal Tourism, TUI Russia

Arild Molstad, Author and Journalist, Advisor on conservation and
sustainable tourism to international institutions, Norway – “The Paris
Climate Agreement and tourism: A Roadmap for the future”

Michael Otremba, Managing Director Hamburg Tourismus GmbH
– “Sustainable Tourism in Cities. The permission to grow?”

Debate

11:30

NEW BSPC WORKING GROUP

Migration & Integration

*Chaired by: Franz Thönnies, MP, Germany, and
Per Rune Henriksen, MP, Norway*

Pedro Roque, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the
Mediterranean

Isabel Santos, Vice-Chair of the OSCE PA ad hoc Committee on
Migration and OSCE PA Vice-President – "For a Coherent, Shared
and Responsible Governance of Migration and Refugee Flows"

Debate

12:00

CLOSING OF THE 26th BSPC

Chair: Ms Carola Veit, MP, Hamburg, President of the BSPC

Vice-Chair: Mr Jörgen Pettersson, Åland, Vice-President of the BSPC

- Administrative matters
- Adoption of the Conference Resolution
- Address by the **incoming President** of the BSPC 2017-2018
- Presentation of Next Year's Host Country