

# 25 Years Baltic Sea Parliamentary Cooperation



## 25<sup>th</sup> Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference 29-30 August 2016 Riga, Latvia

*“High Quality Education and Labour –  
The Future of the Baltic Sea Region”*

### Programme

**Monday,  
29 August**

9:00-18:30

Participant registration and information desk available  
*University of Latvia Academic Centre of Natural Sciences  
Jelgavas iela 1, Riga, LV – 1004*

9:30

Cultural introduction – musical performance

#### **OPENING**

*Chair: Dr Jānis Vucāns, President of the BSPC*

*Vice-chair: Ms Carola Veit, Vice-president of the BSPC*

Introductory remarks: **Dr Jānis Vucāns**, President of the BSPC

#### **Welcome address:**

**H.E. Mr Raimonds Vejonis**, President of the Republic of Latvia  
*Confirmed*

**H.E. Ms Ināra Mūrniece**, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia  
*Confirmed*

10:00-13:00

#### **FIRST SESSION**

##### **Cooperation in the Baltic Sea region**

*Chair: Dr Jānis Vucāns, President of the BSPC*

*Vice-chair: Mr Franz Thönnies, MP, Germany*

Report by **Dr Jānis Vucāns**, President of the BSPC

**Mr Valdis Dombrovskis**, Vice-president of the European Commission

*Questions and Answers*

#### **Report from the Council of the Baltic States (CBSS)**

- **Mr Michał Czyż**, Outgoing CBSS Chair, Committee of Senior Officials, Ambassador of Poland
- **Mr Guðmundur Árni Stefánsson**, Committee of Senior Officials, Ambassador of Iceland

11:00

**Family Photo**

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11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30

### **CONTINUATION OF THE FIRST SESSION Cooperation in the Baltic Sea region**

**Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica**, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Latvia

#### **Implementation of the BSPC Resolution**

- **Ms Carola Veit**, Vice-president of the BSPC

#### **Report from HELCOM**

- **Ms Monika Stankiewicz**, Executive Secretary of HELCOM

#### **Report from the Baltic Sea NGO Forum**

- **Ms Darja Akhutina**, Coordinative Committee member, BS NGO Forum and Network, Russian Platform Chairperson
- **Ms Magda Leszczyna-Rzucidło**, BS NGO Network 2016 Forum Coordinator

#### **Addresses by the representatives of other Parliamentary Assemblies and international guests**

**H.E. Ms Maja Gojković**, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) and Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

**Mr Vitaly Busko**, Chairman of the Commission on International Affairs of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus

Discussions

14:00-15:30

### **SECOND SESSION**

#### ***How to develop competitiveness in the Baltic Sea Region by linking education and the labour market***

*Chair: Ms Dorota Arciszewska-Mielewczyk*, MP, Poland

*Vice-chair: Mr Pyry Niemi*, MP, Sweden

- Defining labour market needs, tools for forecasting trends in the labour market; vocational education;
- Cooperation in higher education;
- Corporate social responsibility for systematic and sustainable introduction of work-based learning.

- **Ms Līga Lejiņa**, State Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia
- **Ms Jadwiga Parada**, Director of Vocational and Continuing Education Department from Ministry of National Education, Poland
- **Mr Poul Nielson**, former EU Commissioner and Danish cabinet minister, Author of the announced strategic review of the Nordic labour market
- **Mr Jan Guz**, OPZZ President and the Co-president of the Baltic Sea Trade Union Network

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- **Dr Martin Sauer**, Baltic Sea Labour Forum
- **Mr Vatanyar Yagiya**, Professor of the Saint Petersburg State University and Counsellor to the Chairman of the Saint Petersburg Legislative Assembly

Discussions

16:00-17:00

**CEREMONIAL SESSION in honour of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BSPC**  
**Baltic Sea parliamentary cooperation: yesterday, today, tomorrow**

**Moderator: Ms Carola Veit**, Vice-president of the BSPC

- **Mr Trivimi Velliste**, Former President of the Baltic Assembly, Former member of the Standing Committee of the BSPC, Estonia
- **Mr Franz Thönnies**, Chairman of the delegation of the German Bundestag to the BSPC
- **Ms Anna Abrahamsson**, President of the Nordic Youth Council

Discussions

17:00-18:30

**Meeting of the Drafting Committee** (*if necessary*)

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8:30-14:00 Participant registration and information desk available  
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9:00-11:00

### **THIRD SESSION**

#### ***Realising employment opportunities – Improving labour mobility and combating youth unemployment***

*Chair: Mr Jörgen Petterson, MP, Åland*

*Vice-chair: Ms Giedrė Purvaneckienė, MP, Lithuania*

- Labour mobility, including emigration/immigration aspects, urbanization);
- Trends, causes, solutions of youth unemployment;
- Support mechanisms – the Youth Guarantee (support in the framework of active labour market policies, vocational education opportunities, measures to involve NEETs).

- **Mr Jānis Reirs**, Minister of Welfare, Latvia
- **Ms Algimanta Pabedinskiene**, Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania
- **Ms Anette Kramme**, Parliamentary State Secretary of the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry, Germany
- **Mr Thor Kleppen Sættem**, State Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Norway
- **Ms Egle Käärats**, Deputy State Secretary General on Labour and Employment Policy, Estonia

Discussions

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Contributions by the BSPC Working Group and Rapporteurs:**

- **Interim report by BSPC Working Group on Sustainable Tourism, Ms Sara Kemetter**, WG Vice-Chairman
- **Report by Ms Sonja Mandt**, BSPC Rapporteur on Cultural Affairs

12:00

### **CLOSING OF THE 25<sup>TH</sup> BSPC**

*Chair: Dr Jānis Vucāns*, President of the BSPC

*Vice-chair: Ms Carola Veit*, Vice-president of the BSPC

- Adoption of the Conference Resolution
- Address by the incoming President of the BSPC 2016-2017
- Presentation by the incoming presidency