

BSSSC Annual Conference

Workshop No. 7

Join the Dialogue: Shaping the Future of BSR-Ukraine Cooperation

Event location: ATLANTIC Hotel Kiel, Room Hörn
Date: Friday, 20th Sep. 2024, 10:30-12:00 h
Moderation: **Bartłomiej H. Toszek** (West Pomeranian Marshal Office)

ABSTRACT

1. What BSR could give to Ukraine, what Ukraine could give to us?

Defining mutual expectations in a strategic dimension: how each party perceives the potential cooperation of BSR with Ukraine. What are its potential benefits and what purpose would it serve? An attempt to identify development areas of key importance for both parties: which may be the subject of cooperation.

2. What are our and their expectations, needs and visions of future cooperation?

Determining the possibilities of cooperation in the technical dimension: what are the legal, organizational and financial possibilities of developing cooperation, implementing joint activities and creating organizations coordinating joint short- and long-term projects (in particular, determining the formal and actual conditions for the independence of Ukrainian regions). Identification of existing and potential problems and challenges and outline of proposals for their solutions. Defining the vision of cooperation in the next few years and beyond.

3. Practical aspects of cooperation – political, economic, administrative, social

Determining the external conditions of regional cooperation: to what extent and at what level political contacts are required (to initiate and conduct joint ventures), to what extent it is possible to include non-administrative circles (business, investors, youth, cultural circles, etc.), and what areas should be covered by administrative cooperation? What formula ensures the best results: developing solutions through administrative means or involving social organizations and entrepreneurs?

PROGRAMME

- 10.30 Welcome and presentation of BSSSC, **Bartłomiej H. Toszek** / West Pomeranian Marshal Office
- 10.40 Case Studies of Successful Ukraine-Baltic Sea Region Collaboration – **Nadija Afanasieva** (online) / Ukrainian Institute for International Politics (UIIP) & **Andriy Martynenko** / Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)
- 11.00 Exploring Opportunities for Collaboration: How to Get Started – **Thorsten Kohlisch** / Interreg Europe; BSSSC representative
- 11.15 Ukrainian Perspective: Regional Needs and Opportunities – **Vitalii Bielobrov** / Deputy Mayor of the City of Kherson; Representative of a Ukrainian region
- 11.35 Discussion on BSSSC-Ukraine Cooperation – all panellists & **Olha Novytska** / Consul of the Ukraine in Hamburg
- 11.55 Conclusion and closing of the meeting

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