



**THE 29TH BSSSC
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 7th - 8th 2021, Kaliningrad Region**

Cooperation for a more sustainable Baltic Sea Region.

New opportunities ahead

PROGRAMME

07.10.2021 : Day 1

Introductory session - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. CEST

Moderator: **Mr Damian Urbańczyk**

- Welcome by BSSSC Chairman, **Mr Mieczysław Struk**, Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship – 10:00 – 10:10
- Welcome by **Mr Anton Alikhanov**, the Governor of the Kaliningrad region – 10:10 – 10:15
- Speech by **Mr Normunds Popens**, Deputy Director General in DG REGIO – 10:15 – 10:25
- Speech by **Ms Ska Keller** and **Mr Rasmus Andresen**, Member of the European Parliament (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) – 10:25 – 10:35
- Speech by **Mr Olav Berstad**, Representative of the Norwegian Presidency of CBSS, Chair of CSO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway – 10:35 – 10:45
- Speech by **Mr Igor Kapyrin**, Deputy Director of the Department of European Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation – 10:45 – 10:50

- Speech by **Ms Petra Gombalova Kyslingerova**, Head of Division Eastern partnership, regional cooperation and OSCE – 10:50 – 11:00

Break – 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. CEST

Session II - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CEST

Regions & cities as drivers of green & digital transition in the Baltic Sea Region

Moderator: **Mr Wiktor Szydarowski**, Director of the European Spatial Planning Observation Network Programme, European Grouping on Territorial Cooperation

- **Ms Åsa Bjering**, International Relations H22 – the making of a Smarter City, Representative of Skåne Region
- **Ms Natalia Sibiryo**, Adviser to the Governor of the Kaliningrad region on digitalization
- **Mr Dirk Scheelje**, Member of the Kiel City Council, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Representative of Schleswig - Holstein Region
- **Ms Kaarin Taipale**, Member of the Board of Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council
- **Ms Inese Suija-Markova**, Vice-Chairman of Vidzeme Planning Region Development Council
- **Representative of the BSSSC Youth**
- Q & A session

Lunch break – 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CEST

Restaurant (*refers to in-person participants*)



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Session III - 2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. CEST

Programmes in support of sustainable cross-border cooperation & green transformation

Moderator: **Ms Alla Ivanova**, Minister of International Affairs and Regional Cooperation of the Kaliningrad region

Introduction:

- **Mr Vsevolod Vovchenko**, Head of the Unit for cross-border cooperation development, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Panel Speakers:

- **Ms Marina Kislyak**, Interreg BSR Programme Joint Secretariat, Presentation of the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme (*video demonstration of successful projects*)
- **Mr Michał Ostrowski**, Interreg South Baltic Programme Joint Secretariat, Presentation of the Interreg South Baltic Programme, (*video demonstration of successful project*)
- **Ms Magda Leszczyna-Rzucidło**, Head of Euroregion Baltic International Permanent Secretariat of the Euroregion Baltic, Presentation of the Umbrella 2.0 project (*video demonstration*)
- **Ms Katarzyna Maria Bartnik**, Head of the JTS of Poland – Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme, Presentation of the Poland – Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme (*video demonstration of successful project*)

- **Ms Brigita Serenaite**, Communication and project manager, JTS of Lithuania – Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme, Presentation of the Lithuania – Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme (*video demonstration of successful project*)
- **Ms Daria Akhutina**, Senior Advisor, Head of the Priority Area, CBSS Secretariat, CBSS' experience in supporting and implementing the initiatives and projects in the field of sustainable development of the BSR
- Q & A session

08.10.2021 : Day 2

Break-up sessions - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon CEST (*in a parallel form, please find the overview in a separate document*)

- **The power of Culture to tackle Climate Change (DE)**, Mr **Marcus Hagemann**, Ars Baltica
- **Supporting green business by Pomorskie (PL)**, Mr **Ad Faasse**, Team coach at BEING at Full Potential, **Ms Barbara Stepnowska**, Assistant Professor at Gdansk University of Technology, Regenerative Society
- **Green mobility & transport by ENCN (NO)**, Ms **Ann Irene Saeternes**, Eastern Norway County Network Norway
- **Ecological situation of the Baltic Sea (HELCOM)**, Mr **Dominik Littfass**, HELCOM



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Keynote speech - 12:00 noon - 12:20 noon CEST

Mr Aleksey Ivanov, Head of the Unit of regional cooperation, Second European Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

From 12:20 noon CEST

- Sum-up of the break-up sessions by the BSSSC Youth
- Keynote speech and the presentation of the Conference Resolution by BSSSC Chairman - **Mr Mieczysław Struk**, Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship
- Announcement of the next BSSSC Chairmanship by BSSSC Chairman, **Mr Mieczysław Struk**, Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship
- Speech by the representative of the next BSSSC Chairmanship
- Keynote speech by **Mr Grzegorz Poznański**, Director General of the Secretariat of CBSS

Lunch break – 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CEST
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After lunch - The study tour provided by the Kaliningrad Region (*refers to in-person participants*)



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