

The 11th Baltic Sea Region Forum

Baltic Sea Region Cooperation during Challenging Times

14 May 2018 at Turku School of Economics

Programme

11:00-12:00 Registration

12:00-12:10 Opening

Kari Liuhto, Director & Professor, Centrum Balticum Foundation

Minna Arve, Mayor, City of Turku

Kaisa Leiwo, Managing Director, Turku Chamber of Commerce

12:10-12:30 Keynote speech

Timo Soini, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finland

12:30-14:00 Security and hybrid threats in the Baltic Sea Region

In cooperation with Hybrid CoE - The European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats

Chair:

Mikko Kinnunen, Ambassador for Hybrid Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Mika Aaltola, Programme Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Tadas Jakštas, Energy Security Expert, NATO Energy Security Center of Excellence

Elina Lepomäki, Member of the Parliament, Finland

Annaleena Mäkilä, Chief Executive Officer, Finnish Port Association

Jukka Savolainen, Director, Community of Interest Vulnerabilities and Resilience, HybridCoE

Gary Schaal, Professor of Political Science, Helmut Schmidt University/University of the Federal Armed Forces Hamburg

14:00-14:15 Speech

Donna Welton, Chargé d'Affaires, US Embassy in Finland

14:15-14:45 Coffee break

14:45-16:15 Can engineering save the Baltic Sea? How to deal with nutrient reserves in the seabed
In cooperation with BALEX – Baltic Area Legal Studies

Chair: **Allan Rosas**, Judge, European Court of Justice
Erik Bonsdorff, Professor of Marine Biology, Åbo Akademi University, Professor of the Year 2017
Maria Laamanen, Environment Counsellor, Finnish Ministry of the Environment
Michelle McCrackin, Research Scientist, Stockholm University's Baltic Sea Centre
Henrik Ringbom, Professor II, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo/
Adjunct Professor (Docent), Åbo Akademi University
Lars Sonesten, Chair of the HELCOM Pressure Working Group, Researcher,
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
Milja Vepsäläinen, Project Manager, Vahanen Environment Oy

16:15-16:45 Break

16:45-18:15 Digitalisation – positive challenge to BSR maritime sector
In cooperation with the Pan-European Institute

Chair: **Eini Haaja**, Deputy Director, Pan-European Institute, University of Turku
Johanna Boijer-Svahnström, Vice President of Corporate Communications, Viking Line
Harri Kulmala, Chief Executive Officer, DIMECC Ltd
Jon Rysst, Senior Vice President and Regional Manager Maritime North Europe, DNV GL
Niels Gorm Malý Rytter, Associate Professor, Aalborg University
Ari Viitanen, Chairman of the Board, Carinafour
Elina Vähäheikkilä, Chief Executive Officer, Finnish Marine Industries

18:15-18:30 Closing keynote speech

Alexey Vedev, Deputy Minister of Economic Development (2014-2017), Russia

18:30-18:45 Closing

Taneli Lahti, Director, EU Affairs and Trade Policy, Confederation of Finnish Industries

18:45 Reception at the Turku School of Economics hosted by the City of Turku

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