

Programme of the 16th EUSBSR Annual Forum

Tuesday, 28 October 2025					
09:00-17:00	BSSSC Day of Cities and Regions (back-to-back event), Sheraton Hotel, Sopot				
Annual Forum Day 1, Wednesday, 29 October 2025 Radisson Blu Hotel, Sopot					
08:00-09:00	Registration open <i>Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Reception area - level 1</i>				
09:00-09:30	Welcome address <i>Venue: Bluegrass Hall</i> Mr Mieczysław Struk - Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship Mr Ignacy Niemczycki - Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland Mr Vitali Klitschko - Mayor of Kyiv, video message (tbc)				
09:30-10:30	Plenary session - Security <i>Stronger Societies: Resilience in Time of Disruption</i> <i>Venue: Bluegrass Hall</i> <i>Moderation: Mr Rafał Ożarowski, Eugeniusz Kwiatkowski University of Business and Administration in Gdynia, Vice President of the Polish Society for National Security</i> Mr Igor Taro - Minister of the Interior, Estonia Mr Ignacy Niemczycki - Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland Mr Gustav Lindström - Director General of the CBSS Secretariat Ms Małgorzata Bonikowska - Chairwoman of the Center for International Relations, Poland Ms Linda Hart - D.Soc.Sc., Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland				
10:30-11:00	Networking coffee break				
11:00-12:15	Parallel Sessions - first session block				
	Connected Capitals: Local Action, Regional Resilience in the Baltic Sea Region <i>Venue: Atrium C</i>	The Baltic Sea Region AI Challenge: Co-Creating Future-Ready Businesses, Communities and Innovation Ecosystems <i>Venue: Bluegrass Hall Part 2</i>	An Economy of Wellbeing of People - Connecting Minds for a Sustainable Working Life and Healthy Ageing <i>Venue: Atrium A</i>	Towards a Climate-Resilient Baltic Sea Region <i>Venue: Bluegrass Hall Part 1</i>	Extension of the Coastal Tourism Season as a Tool for a Prosperous Archipelago All Year Round <i>Venue: Atrium B</i>

Networking Village



12:15-12:45	Family photo <i>Venue: Patio</i>					
12:45-14:00	Networking lunch					
14:00-15:00	Plenary session - Energy <i>Powering the Future: Energy Security in a Shifting World</i> Venue: Bluegrass Hall <i>Moderation: Ms Sylwia Mrozowska, Centre for Sustainable Development at the University of Gdańsk</i> Mr Johan Magnusson - Senior Expert, DG REGIO, European Commission Mr Rafał Miętkiewicz - Naval Academy in Gdynia, Ignacy Lukaszewicz Institute for Energy Policy, Captain, Poland Mr Sławomir Staszak - Board Member, Orlen, Poland Mr Kyriakos Kourtidis - BSRYF Working Group on Energy and Transport, Project Officer in the Interreg South Baltic Programme “Supporting the Transition Towards Green Energy”					
15:00-15:30	Networking coffee break					
15:30 -16:45	Parallel Sessions - second session block					
	Sustainable Security - How to Sustain Development of Regions Bordering Locked Down and Insecure Frontiers? Venue: Bluegrass Hall Part 2	Energy transformation: Pathways to Baltic Sea Region's Energy Resilience Venue: Atrium C	From Learning to Earning: Regional Models for Sustainable Competence Development Venue: Atrium A	New Circular Economy Solutions Venue: Atrium B	Routes That Resonate: Tourism and Culture as Bridges in the Baltic Sea Region Venue: Orangery	Beyond Borders: Interreg Results in Action for a Resilient and Safe Baltic Sea Region Venue: Bluegrass Part 1
16:45-19:00	Free time					
19:00-22:00	Gala dinner Venue: Bluegrass Hall					



Annual Forum Day 2, Thursday, 30 October 2025 Radisson Blu Hotel, Sopot						
08:30-09:00	Check-in <i>Venue: Reception area - level 1</i>					Networking Village
09:00-10:15	Parallel Sessions - third session block					
	The Soft Core of Hard security: Community Cohesion and Agency in Times of Security <i>Venue: Bluegrass Hall Part 1</i>	Are Our Green Fuels Ready for Green Shipping Corridors? <i>Venue: Atrium B</i>	When Yoga Session Is Not Enough. How to sustainably promote mental well-being at work? <i>Venue: Bluegrass Hall Part 2</i>	Counteracting Baltic Sea Region Scarcity - Building water-smart cities through regenerative water and nutrient cycles <i>Venue: Atrium C</i>	AI Without Borders: Shaping the Framework for AI Development in the Baltic Sea Region <i>Venue: Atrium A</i>	
10:15-11:15	Parallel events					
	Oxford style debate: Future and Learning: Academia vs. Micro-Skills in a Shifting World <i>Everyone interested is welcome to join!</i> <i>Venue: Atrium C</i>		Movie Screening <i>Ant/Artic Women</i> <i>Venue: Atrium A</i>	Networking coffee break		
11:15-12:30	Plenary and closing session - Economy/ Labour Market <i>The Baltic Edge: Staying Competitive in a Fast-Changing World</i> <i>Venue: Bluegrass Hall</i> <i>Moderation: Mr Tomasz Kalinowski, Senior adviser to the Rector at Sopot University of Applied Sciences</i> Ms Claudia Müller - Member of the Bundestag Committee on Research, Technology, Space and Technology Assessment, Germany Mr Jyri Arponen - Mayor of Regional Council of Southwest Finland Mr Johannes Sundelin - Vice President of the Assembly of European Regions Mr Grzegorz Rabsztyn - Head of the European Investment Bank Group Office in Poland <i>This session will also include a brief announcement of the organizers of the EUSBSR Annual Forum 2026</i>					
12:30-13:30	Farewell lunch					
14:30-16:30	Youth Firebrigades Show and Competition <i>Place: The square in front of Sopot Pier</i>					

Overall moderation by
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