

BSSSC Day of Cities and Regions

BREAKING DOWN THE SILOS IN BALTIC SEA REGION COOPERATION

28 October 2025, 09.00 – 17.00, SHERATON Hotel
Powstancow Warszawy 10, Sopot

Draft Programme

Moderator: Damian Urbanczyk

08.30 – 09.00 **Arrival & Registration**

09.00 – 09.15 **Welcoming Words**

Marcin Skwierawski (Deputy Marshal of Pomorskie Region)

Werner Schwarz (BSSSC Chairman)

Magdalena Czarzynska-Jachim (Mayor of the City of Sopot)

PART One // Working in the Engine Room of Baltic Sea Cooperation

09.15 – 10.15 **Matching Needs and Ideas within Multilevel Governance**

Interactive workshop facilitated by: Joanna Kurvits, DD Foundation, Estonia

10.15 – 10.45 **Coffee Break**

10.45 – 12.15 **Reaching Further: Designing Interreg Baltic Sea Region that Belongs to Everyone**

Interactive workshop facilitated by: Joint Secretariat Interreg Baltic Sea Region

12.15 – 13.15 **Buffet Lunch**

PART Two // Multilevel Governance in Practice: Setting the Agenda with Policy Makers

- 13.15 – 14.30** **Regional Leaders Panel: Multiple Dimensions of the Same Goal
Baltic Sea Region Security as the Key Multilevel Challenge**
Political messages from local and regional representatives
- Marcin Skwierawski, opening remarks (*Deputy Marshal of Pomorskie Region, Poland*)
Werner Schwarz (*BSSSC chairman, Minister for European Affairs, Land Schleswig-Holstein, Germany*)
Filip Reinhag (*CPMR President, Sweden*)
Sari Rautio (*Head of the Baltic Sea Intergroup at CoR, Finland*)
Inese Suija-Markova (*Regional Mayor Vidzeme Planning Region, Latvia*)
Niina Pautola-Mol (*Regional Mayor / Director Päijät-Häme Regional Council, Finland*) **tbc**
Mantas Jurgutis (*President of the UBC, Lithuania*) **tbc**
René Jaramillo (*former President of Euroregion Baltic*) **tbc**
Magdalena Czarzynska-Jachim (*Mayor of the City of Sopot, Poland*)
- 14.30 – 15.00** **Coffee Break**
- 15.00 – 15.30** **Viewpoints on BSR Security from the Parliamentary, National and EU Level**
- Katarzyna Barcikowska (Polish CBSS Presidency)*
Kristina Herbst (BSPC President Schleswig-Holstein)
Sabrina Repp (MEP Mecklenburg-Vorpommern) **tbc**
- 15.30 – 16.00** **What is Security for the Youth in the BSR?**
Facilitated by: BSRYF/CBSS Youth
- 16.00 – 16.30** **Presentation of Joint Statement to the Annual Forum**
- Joint formulation of goals and actions for the Baltic Sea Region
Werner Schwarz (BSSSC Chairman)
- Closing Message from Tõnis Nirk (Estonian Chair of EUSBSR)**
- 16.30 – 17.00** **Looking into the Crystal Ball: What does Futurology tell us about the Fate of the Baltic Sea Region**
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- 18.30 – 22.00** **Cultural Pearls Evening Event**
Cultural networking event (buffet dinner and drinks) in cooperation with the "BSR Cultural Pearls" project
at St. John's Centre, Ulica Świętojańska 50, Gdansk