

The 31st Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference

PROGRAMME 12–14 JUNE 2022

THE RIKSDAG, STOCKHOLM

The Future of the Baltic Sea Region

*The answer to Russia's invasion of
Ukraine: Strong democracies, protection of
human rights and sustainable development*



SUNDAY, 12 JUNE

- 10.00** **Participant registration. Information desk available**
Venue: Norrbro 1A, the Riksdag
- 11.00–13.00** **Meeting of the BSPC Drafting Committee**
Venue: RÖ9-54
- 13.00–13.30** **Coffee break / snacks**
Venue: The Grand Gallery
- 13.30–15.00** **Meeting of the BSPC Standing Committee**
Venue: RÖ9-54
- 16.30** *Transport by bus from Scandic Grand Central
and Scandic Continental to Skansen*
- 17.00–18.00** **Excursion to the Baltic Sea Science Center, Skansen**
Venue: Skansen, Stockholm
- 18.15–20.00** **Dinner reception at Solliden, Skansen**
Venue: Sollidsbacken, Stockholm
Transport by bus to Scandic Grand Central and Scandic Continental

MONDAY, 13 JUNE

- 07.30** **Participant registration. Information desk available**
Venue: Norrbro 1A and Norrbro 1B, the Riksdag
- 08.30–09.15** **Administrative matters for the members of the BSPC**
Chair: Mr Pyry Niemi, President of the BSPC
Venue: Former Second Chamber
- 09.30** **OPENING**
Chair: Mr Pyry Niemi, President of the BSPC
Co-Chair: Mr Johannes Schraps, BSPC Vice President
Venue: Former Second Chamber
Dr Andreas Norlén, Speaker of the Riksdag, Opening speech
Ms Ann Linde, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sweden
Mr Pyry Niemi, President of the BSPC 2020–2022
- 10.00** **Family photo**

10.15–12.00 FIRST SESSION

Peaceful and reliable neighbourliness and intense cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region in times of crisis – how do we go forward?

Chair: Mr Pyry Niemi, President of the BSPC

Co-Chair: Mr Johannes Schraps, BSPC Vice President

Mr Jan Eliasson, Former Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden

10.45–11.00 Coffee break

11.00–11.30 Report from the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

Ms Anniken Huitfeldt, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway

Norwegian Presidency 2021–2022 of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (video message)

Ms Annalena Baerbock, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Germany

German Presidency 2022–2023 of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (video message)

11.30–12.00 Addresses by representatives of other parliamentary assemblies, international guests and BSPC observer organizations

Mr Gennaro Migliore, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean

Ms Cecilia Widegren, Vice President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Ms Josefin Carlring, Baltic Sea NGO Network, Secretary General, the Nordic Association in Sweden

Ms Annika Annerby Jansson, President of the Regional Assembly, Region Skåne

12.00–13.30 Lunch

The Grand Gallery

13.30–15.00 SECOND SESSION

Democracy and freedom of expression – how do we secure free media in the Baltic Sea Region?

Chair: Ms Bryndís Haraldsdóttir, MP, Iceland

Co-Chair: Mr Wille Valve, MP Åland

Mr Michael Jarlner, Journalist and international editor at Politiken

Ms Valentyna Shapovalova, PhD fellow at Copenhagen University

Ms Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, Associate Professor, LL.D., Director at the Åland Islands Peace Institute

Open debate

15.00–15.30 Coffee break

15.30–17.00 THIRD SESSION

Mitigating climate change, preserving biodiversity and adapting to climate change

Chair and Moderator of the Panel Discussion:

Ms Cecilie Tenfjord-Toftby, MP Sweden, Chair of the BSPC Working Group on Climate Change and Biodiversity

15.30–16.00 Conclusions from the Stockholm+50 Conference

Mr Anders Grönvall, State Secretary to Sweden's Minister for Climate and the Environment

Questions and contributions from the floor

16.00–17.00 Panel discussion on climate change and biodiversity – best practices and initiatives

Dr Lilian Busse, HELCOM Chair

Ms Inger Melander, Expert Fisheries and Market, WWF Sweden, Representative of the Baltic Sea NGO Forum

Mr Dennis Hamro-Drotz, Senior Programme Manager, Nefco
Representative of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Youth Forum

18.45 *Transport by bus from Scandic Grand Central and Scandic Continental to Moderna Museet*

19.00–21.30 Dinner hosted by the Riksdag at Moderna Museet (Museum of Modern Art)

Venue: Exercisplan 4

TUESDAY 14 JUNE

08.00 **Participant registration. Information desk available**

Venue: Norrbro 1A and Norrbro 1B, the Riksdag

09.00–10.15 **FOURTH SESSION**

Demographic challenges in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine; migration, labour market and the social welfare model

Chair: Ms Carola Veit, former BSPC President

Co-Chair: Mr Hans Wallmark, MP, Sweden

Ms Ylva Johansson, European Commissioner for Home Affairs

Ms Justina Jakštienė, Vice-Minister for Social Security and Labour, Republic of Lithuania

Professor Maciej Duszczuk, Centre for Migration Research, University of Warsaw

Open debate

10.15–10.30 **Coffee break**

10.30–12.00 **General debate**

Chair: Prof Jānis Vucāns, former BSPC President

Co-Chair: Mr Jarosław Wałęsa, MP, Poland

12.00–13.15 **CLOSING SESSION**

Chair: Mr Pyry Niemi, President of the BSPC

Co-Chair: Mr Johannes Schraps, Vice-President of the BSPC

Reports by BSPC Rapporteurs

Ms Beate Schlupp, BSPC Observer at HELCOM

Mr Philipp da Cunha, BSPC Rapporteur on Integrated Maritime Policy

Administrative matters

Adoption of the Conference Resolution

Address by the incoming President of the BSPC 2022–2023

13.15–14.00 **Light lunch**

Venue: The Grand Gallery

Departure