**Baltic Sea
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16th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC)
27-28 August 2007 in Berlin

Tentative programme
Status as of: 27th March 2007

Monday, 27 August 2007

Place: CDU/CSU "Fraktionssaal"

9:00   Opening statement by the Head of the German Delegation,
 Franz Thönnes

Welcoming speech by the President of the German Bundestag,
Dr. Norbert Lammert

Statement by Christopher Beazley, Chair Baltic Europe
Intergroup (tbc)

Statement by Hill-Marta Solberg, Chair of the Standing
Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region (SCPAR)
(tbc)

Statement by Berit Brørby, Vice-President of the Nordic
Council

Speech by representatives of other parliamentary assemblies,
a representative of PABSEC (tbc)

9.30 – 12.00	**FIRST SESSION**
	Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region, including Energy Issues

Place: CDU/CSU "Fraktionssaal"

Chair: Dorota Arciszewska-Mielewczyk (Poland)
             Gennady Khirpel (Russia)

Report by the Chairman-in-Office of the Council of Baltic Sea States, Latvian Foreign Minister Artis Pabriks (tbc)

Report by the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference, Franz Thönnes

Statement by the Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Statement by the Energy Commissioner of the European Commission, Andris Piebalgs (representative, tbc)

Statement by a high representative of BASREC (Baltic Sea Region Energy Cooperation) (N.N.)

Statement by a high representative of Poland (N.N)

11:00	Press Conference
11:00	Plenary discussion
12.00	Deadline for submitting amendments to the Resolution
12:15	Lunch ("Fraktionsebene", tbc)
13:30 – 14:30	Meeting of the Extended Standing Committee (drafting committee)
	Place: Reichstag, Room 3.N 040

14:30 – 18:00	**SECOND SESSION -**
	Labour and Social Welfare in the Baltic Sea Region
	Place: CDU/CSU *"Fraktionssaal"*
	Chair: Franz Thönnes, MdB, Chairman of Standing Committee and a representative of the Nordic Council countries
	Statement by the Federal Minister for Labour and Social Affairs, Franz Müntefering
	Statement by a representative of the EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities (Nikolaus van der Pas, Director General) (tbc)
	Statement by a BASTUN representative (Baltic Sea Trade Union Network) (N.N.)
	Statement by the chairperson of the BUSINESSEUROPE working group on Immigration (The Confederation of European Business), Sverker Rudeberg
16:00	*Coffee break*
16:30	Plenary debate
from 17:30 – 19:00	Meeting of the Extended Standing Committee with discussion of resolution and transfer of chairmanship Place: Reichstag, Room 3.N 040
19.45	Bus transfer from the hotels to the House of Representatives
20:00	Reception given by the Speaker of the Berlin House of Representatives, Walter Momper
approx. 22:00	Transfer Bus from House of Representatives to the Hotels

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9:00 THIRD SESSION -

Integrated Maritime Policy in the Baltic Sea Region

Place: CDU/CSU "Fraktionssaal"

Chair: Erika Zommere (Latvia), President of the Baltic
Assembly
Martin Kayenburg, President of the Landtag of Schleswig-
Holstein

Statement by the European Commissioner for Fisheries and
Maritime Affairs, Joe Borg, on European maritime policy and
the green book process (tbc)

Statement by the Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature
Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Sigmar Gabriel

Russia, N.N., paper on trans-European networks (transportation
infrastructures, security)

Statement by Ann Christine Brusendorff, Executive Secretary
of HELCOM (Helsinki Commission) (tbc)

Final report by the Chairman of the Working Group on
Eutrophication, Asmund Kristoffersen, on the activities of the
working group

10:15 *Coffee break*

11:00 Plenary discussion

12:00 Presentation of the new host country (Sweden)

12:30 -13:30 Press conference and press release (Bundestag website)

12:30 Standing lunch on the parliamentary group floor

Departure of the participants - Shuttle service to the airport