***Latvian Presidency in CBSS EGSME***

**CONFERENCE**

**Development of sustainable maritime economy: opportunities and challenges for small and medium ports in the Baltic Sea Region**

**VENUE: Jurmala, Baltic Beach Hotel&Spa / Latvia**

**April 3rd – 4th 2019**

***Wednesday, 3rd of April***

11:30 Registration

*12:00 – 13:00 Lunch*

13:00 – 13:20 Opening of the Conference

• **Tālis Linkaits,** Minister of Transport of Latvia (video greetings on-line)

• **Maira Mora,** Director General, Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States

• **Reka Rozsavolgyi**, Policy Officer, European Commission
DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE)

13:20 – 13:40 Further development of the Swedish Presidency's priority: UN Sustainable Development Goal 14

• **Mattias Rust,** Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Government of Sweden, previous chair of the CBSS EGSME

13:40 – 15:00 **Session (1):****Strategic Planning for Sustainable Blue Growth in the Baltic Sea Region, in the context of the EUSBSR and in other cooperation fora**

**Moderator: Daria Akhutina,** Senior Advisor at the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat.

**• Helena Tuuri**, Finland, National Coordinator of the EUSBSR (TBC)

**• Reka Rozsavolgyi**, Policy Officer, European Commission
DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE)

**• Carsten Beyer,** Member of Submariner Network – Baltic Blue Growth

**• Åsa Bjering,** Executive Secretary of the Baltic Sea Commission of CPMR

**• Mattias Rust,** Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Government of Sweden, previous chair of the CBSS EGSME

**•** **Elīna Veidemane,** Deputy Head of VASAB Secretariat

*15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break*

15:30 – 17:00 **Session (2):** **The role of small and medium ports in the development of regions and municipalities**

* **Conceição Santos,** Head of Strategy Department, Directorate on Maritime Policy in Portugal, Portuguese Port Tech Cluster initiative

• **Villu Vatsfeld,** Baltic Ports Organisation

**• Thomas Boardley,** Secretary General, Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Europe

• **Dagnis Straubergs**, Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments

 (Latvian Association of Coastal Municipalities)

**• Jānis Megnis,** Latvian Association of Small Ports

* **Dr. Andreas Schubert**, urban development expert, City of Rostock
* **Alexandra Bachmutskaja,** Head of Agency of External Transport of St Petersburg City Administration

*18:30* *– 20:30 Dinner*

***Thursday, 4th of April***

09:30 – 11:00 **Session (3): Small and medium ports of the Baltic Sea region: opportunities, solutions, best practices in small and medium ports**

Port infrastructure

Maritime safety and security

Environmental and port technology issues

Tourism, marketing, employment

**• *Representatives from the Baltic Sea Region’s ports:***

**Kristina Gontier**, International relations manager of Klaipeda State Seaport Authority, Lithiuania

**Thomas Bendtsen**, CEO of Port of Roenne A/S, Denmark

**Yrjö Vainiala,** Director of the Port of Naantali, Finland

**Dick Netterlid,** Secretary General, Swedish Union of Guestharbours

**Helen Ormus**, Managing Director of Small Harbours Development Center, Estonia

**Russian representative:** Kaliningrad Port(TBD)

*11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break*

11:30 – 12:15 **Session (4):** **Available financial tools and good practices for developing small and medium ports**

• **Jose Fernandez Garcia**, Policy Officer, EC DG Mobility and Transport

• **Øyvind Mørkeset Sandbakk,** Senior Advisor,The Norwegian Coastal

 Administration, Head office

12.15 – 12.30

* **Yuriy Kostin**, Director of the Department of the Maritime and River Transports’ State Policies, Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, member of CBSS EGSME

*12:30 – 13:30 Lunch*

13.00 – 13.30 **Reports from EGSME Strategic Partners**

Report from BSPC:

* **Jörgen Pettersson, member of the Parliament,** BSPC Rapporteur on Integrated Maritime Policy, Mariehamn, Åland

Report from BSSSC:

* **Janne Tamminen**, BSSSC Rapporteur on Maritime Policy

**Address by the incoming EGSME Danish Presidency with an overview of the priorities:**

• **Josefine Pallesen,** Head of Section, Danish Maritime Authority, Blue Growth and Maritime Policy

13:30 – 13:45 **Summary of the meeting**

• **Andris Maldups**, Director of Department of Transit Policy

14:15 – 16:00 **CBSS EGSME Meeting (for EGSME members and observers only)**

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