

Dear Friend,

We have the honour to invite you/your representative to the conference *EU Enlargement, Poland and the New Neighbours - Focus on Early Warning and Civic Security* to be organised in Gdansk, 10-12 September, 2004. The conference is organised by The Nordic Forum for Security Policy in co-operation with the local partners (international department of the Pomerania Voivodship, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Poland, Gdansk Institute for Market Economy). STETE (The Finnish Committee for European Security) co-ordinates the work of the Forum.

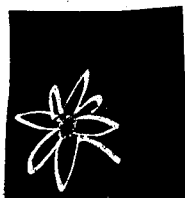
The purpose is to promote discussion on the region's stability and cross border co-operation in the new period in the framework of the Northern Dimension - from people's perspective. Northern Poland gives us a particularly good opportunity for dialogue, confidence building and networking among the Baltic Sea states and individuals from different organisations. This event is also regarded as a part of the Polish CBSS presidency.

The forum is targeted at very broad participation of different actors. A dialogue between politicians, business representatives, researchers, journalists and NGO people as well as other active individuals from Poland, the Baltic countries, the Scandinavian countries, Russia, Belarus and from international organisations is important when we think about the relations between real life and decision making. The Nordic Forum for Security Policy has a lot of experience with similar kind of forums, last ones were successfully organised in Murmansk 2003 and in Kaliningrad 2001.

Please find enclosed the conference programme, a registration form as well as a sheet with practical information. Please register to the conference by **30 June 2004**.

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We hope to count you among participants!



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Eu Enlargement, Poland and the New Neighbours

- *[Focus on Early Warning and Civic Security]*

September 2004, Gdansk (10 – 12 September)

Friday, 10 September:

14 – 15 Press conference & Coffee

High level opening session

15 – 17

Lessons from the Northern Dimension for the New Neighbours

Chairs: MP ***Sinikka Hurskainen***, Chair of the Finnish Committee for European Security & Marshall of the Pomerania Voivodship ***Jan Kozłowski*** (confirmed)

Opening address:

Marshall of the Pomerania Voivodship ***Jan Kozłowski*** (confirmed)

Speakers:

Ministers from the different Baltic Sea states

17 - 17.30 *Coffee Break*

17.30 – 18.30

Political possibilities to strengthen regional cooperation

High level representatives from

- Representative from the European Commission
- Under-secretary of State ***Jan Truszczyński***, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Poland (Representing Poland's chairmanship in the Council of Baltic Sea States) (confirmed)
- Ambassador ***Minuto Rizzo***, NATO (confirmed)

19 – 21

Reception

White Hall, Gdansk

Saturday, 11 September - 9 – 12.30 Division into working groups I, II, III (Coffee break at 11.00)

Working group I

Citizens and Security cross borders

Chairs: *Senator Edmund Wittbrodt, Poland & MP, Denmark (invited)*

- **Introduction to theme/ Ambassador Jan Store** (from September), Finnish Embassy in Poland (confirmed)
- **The role of the BSSSC in regional co-operation/** Chair of the Board, President of the Regional Parliament *Brunon Synak* (confirmed)
- **"Case Imatra-Svetogorsk" - cross border co-operation /** MP, STETEs chair *Sinikka Hurskainen* (confirmed)
- **Reporting on the functioning of the civil society/** Writer of the BSCP report MP *Outi Ojala*, Vice-chair of STETE (confirmed)
- **Best practices for future trilateral programmes/** Representative of the NGO Centre of Gdansk (name to be confirmed)
- **Example Gdynia – Kaliningrad/** Speakers from Kaliningrad and Gdynia (to be invited)
- **Belarus: the role of the civil society/** *Inna Kulej*, Charity Foundation "Nasa Veza"
- **Ukrainian perspective: Director Borys Tarasyuk**, Institute for Euroatlantic co-operation (invited) & **Pauci programmes and projects/** *John Somers*, Director of Pauci (confirmed)
- **Importance of City Twinning/** Mayor from Gdansk and Former Mayor Kalmar *Anders Engström* (confirmed)

Working group II

Economic Stability

Chairs: STETE's vice-chair *Heikki Järvenpää* & Professor *Leszek Pawłowicz*, Gdansk Institute for Market Economy (confirmed)

- **Introduction to the theme (Lisbon strategy):** Professor, Director *Kari Liuhto*, Pan European Institute, Turku School of Economics and Business Administration (confirmed)

Case I: Energy

The policies of energy security in the Baltic Sea region

- Director *Wojciech Tabis*, , Department of Energy Security, Ministry of Economy, Labour and Social Policy
- German development and privatisation strategy (international links, state aid, use of EU funds (Germany)

Case II: Financial security - Stability on the Single Financial Market in European Union

- Who pays for Bank Insolvency/ Professor *David G. Mayes*, Bank of Finland, Research Department (confirmed)
- Cross-border Integration of Banking Supervision/ Professor *Leszek Pawlowicz*, Deputy Chairman of Gdansk Institute of Market Economy Research (confirmed)

Case III: Business

How to encourage small and medium size enterprises?

- Special Representative Dr. *Ottokar Hahn*, German Council on Foreign Relations (invited)
- Senior vice president *Stefan Widomski* (confirmed)

Working group III

Baltic Sea and civil protection

Chairs: Advisor to the Head *Barbara Polak*, State Fire Service Headquarters (Poland) & STETE's vice-chair, Researcher *Tomas Ries*, Department of Strategic and Defence Studies, National Defence College of Finland (confirmed)

- Introduction to the theme by the Swedish representative and the representative of the Ministry of Interior of Poland (name to be confirmed)
- How to listen to early warning messages? When to react internationally?/ Director *Alyson Bailes*, SIPRI (confirmed)
- Challenging disasters - and what is the threat? Director *Timo Hellenberg*, Eurobaltic Interreg IIIb (confirmed)
- Eurobaltic programme/ Advisor to the Head *Barbara Polak* (confirmed)
- Maritime safety/ President & CEO *Eero Rantala*, Entendu Oy (invited)/ Representatives from the Gdansk Maritime Institute & St. Petersburg (name to be confirmed)
- Director General *Marie Hafström*, Coast Guard of Sweden (invited)
- Developing rescue/emergency capabilities/ Russian speaker (Kaliningrad, name to be confirmed)
- Environmental Remediation as a Tool of European Integration/ *Alexander Thomas Jakubick*, Wismut GmbH (Germany) (confirmed)

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch & Press Conference

13.30 – 14.30 Working groups continue

14.30 - 16

Plenary Session

Conclusions from the working groups

Closing words by Ambassador Jozef Wiejacz, MFA of Poland and by Mr Gunnar Lassinantti, the Nordic Forum for Security Policy (confirmed)

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Departure to evening activities

16.30 - 17.30

Cultural programme: Concert in the Oliwa Cathedral

18 - 20

Evening reception at the Dwor Oliwska

Sunday, 12 September:

Excursion

NATO naval base in Gdynia (by a military boat/coast guard boat)
(Exact programme of the excursion to be confirmed later)

Departure