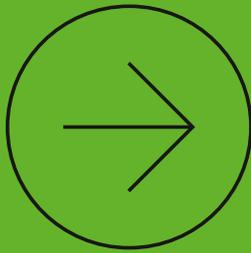


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DIALOGUE IN THE
BALTIC SEA REGION



PROGRAMME

6 MAY 2015

VENUE

Eigtveds Pakhus, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Copenhagen



WELCOME

Baltic Development Forum is pleased to welcome participants from governments, business and other stakeholders in the energy sector to the energy dialogue conference. The plans for a European energy union with forward looking climate policies and an ambitious economic growth strategy call for enhanced energy cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region. While the region already benefits from substantial energy cooperation more should be done to strengthen regional integration in energy to address the challenges and seize the opportunities from renewed growth, security of energy supply and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

With this event, Baltic Development Forum is hoping to strengthen the energy dialogue in the Baltic Sea Region and provide a regional public-private platform for discussions on the challenges in the Baltic Sea Region. It is our aim to issue a range of short policy papers putting spotlight on various key aspects of the regional energy cooperation and develop recommendations on how to meet the challenges, increase regional cooperation and contribute to economic growth, competitiveness and sustainability.

I hope that the conference will also serve as an opportunity to establish new partnerships and networks among public and private stakeholders in this field.

We warmly welcome your ideas for the energy dialogue initiative and invite you to join our efforts of building a stronger energy dialogue in the Baltic Sea region.



Lene Espersen
BDF Chairman



Martin Lidegaard
Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs

While energy security is of key national importance, it is also an area where regional co-operation and an integrated energy market are essential tools for long-term sustainable solutions. As Presidency of the NB8 Denmark is increasing focus on regional co-operation on energy issues in order to improve security of supply, create more competition and promote the transition to a sustainable, low-carbon and climate-friendly economy that is designed to last. The Energy Union is the right initiative at the right time, and my hope is that today's discussions will add value to this important work.

Energy security is a complex issue and we must attempt to address the many aspects that can promote secure, sustainable and competitive energy. This includes enhancing energy efficiency, diversifying supply, decarbonising the economy, as well as ensuring both interconnectivity and a well-functioning internal market for energy. Our increased co-operation on these issues is also important for successful deliberations at COP21 in Paris, where an ambitious climate agreement is paramount in the fight against global warming. It is my goal that the Energy Dialogue in the Baltic Sea Region will sustain and add momentum for increased regional co-operation on energy policy, and that we leave the conference with a firm notion of how we can engage relevant stakeholders in developing sustainable ways of overcoming our common challenges.





CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Moderator:

Verner Kristiansen, *Communication Advisor*

14:00 – 14:30

REGISTRATION

Coffee upon arrival

14:30 – 14:45

WELCOMING ADDRESSES

Lene Espersen, *BDF Chairman*

Martin Lidegaard, *Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs*



14:45 – 16:00

SESSION

ECONOMIC GROWTH, CLIMATE CHALLENGE AND ENERGY SECURITY IN A BALTIC SEA CONTEXT – A REGIONAL VISION

What are the visions for energy policy in the Baltic Sea Region? What is the new agenda for energy cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region? Coupling of energy security and energy efficiency. How are the EU-goals and initiatives aligned with regional priorities with regard to energy security in the Region, in terms of interconnectivity across borders, energy efficiency and diversification of supply? Considering geographical diversification and different political mandates, how does the region ensure the necessary co-operation for optimal resource use? How can industry and private sector be better involved in the regional energy plans?

Introduction

Rasmus Helveg Petersen, *Danish Minister for Climate, Energy and Building*

Panel discussion

Nordic and Baltic Foreign Ministers (*exact countries tbc*)

Comment

Jukka Pertola, *CEO, Siemens Denmark*

16:00 – 16:10

SHORT ENERGY BREAK



16:10 – 17:25

SESSION

BUILDING AN ENERGY DIALOGUE – POSSIBILITIES FOR ENHANCED REGIONAL CO-OPERATION ON ENERGY SECURITY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Mapping the way ahead: What are the possible ways towards the regional energy goals? What are the trends and co-operation patterns in the energy field? What is the model for future cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region? Can the Nordic experience serve as inspiration? What needs to be done to reach the targets, ensure energy security, revitalize the economy and create green jobs?

Panel discussion

Representative of the European Commission, *DG ENERGY*

Hans Jørgen Koch, *Executive Director, Nordic Energy Research*

Preben Birr-Pedersen, *CEO, CLEAN; Chairman, Innovation Network Smart Energy*

Magnus Rystedt, *Managing Director, NEFCO*

Pekka Salomaa, *Director of Electricity Market, Finnish Energy Industries*

17:25 – 17:30

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Lene Espersen, *BDF Chairman*

NETWORKING

Light sandwiches and a glass of wine



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As President for Nordic-Baltic co-operation (NB8), Nordic co-operation (N5) and the Nordic Council of Ministers in 2015, Denmark has a unique opportunity to promote regional co-operation, not least in the area of energy security. Energy Dialogue in the Baltic Sea Region is a part of the Presidency's NB8 focus area energy security, which aims to promote strategic regional co-operation in energy policy.

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