



# PROGRAMME

20TH BALTIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
FORUM SUMMIT

TIME FOR A BSR 2.0?

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## PROGRAMME

**8:30** Coffee & Registration

**9:15** Reflection on the BSR in a 20-year BDF perspective

Welcome by

Lene Espersen, *BDF Chairman, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark*

**9:30** Political State of the Baltic Sea Region

Moderated by Prof. Zaneta Ozolina, *University of Riga*

Introduction by

Per Carlsen, *Ambassador, Senior Advisor, Baltic Development Forum*

Presentation of the 2018 Political State of the Region Report "Flexible Europe – what does it mean for the Baltic Sea Region", report published by Baltic Development Forum and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung for the 20th BDF Summit.

Report presented by

Dr. Jana Puglierin, *Head of the Alfred Oppenheim Center, German Council of Foreign Relations*  
Igor Gretskiy, *Ass. Prof., St. Petersburg State University*

Panel debate

Andrius Kubilius, *former Prime Minister of Lithuania*  
Andris Piebalgs, *former European Commissioner*  
Vygaudas Usackas, *former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania*  
Anders Åslund, *Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council*

**10:45** Coffee break

**11:10** Celebrating BDF – a flashback on 20 years of BDF Summits

**11:15**

**The BSR Economies: Progress and Priorities – A 20-year Perspective.** Report published by Baltic Development Forum for the 20th BDF Summit with support from the Nordic Investment Bank.

Report presented by **Author Dr. David Skilling**, *founding director, Landfall Strategy Group.*

Comments to the report by

Thomas Wrangdahl, *First Vice-President, Nordic Investment Bank*  
Kaarel Ots, *Chairman of NASDAQ Tallinn*  
Jukka Luukkanen, *Head of Office, European Investment Bank, Helsinki*

**12:00**

**Closing Session: "What's next for the Baltic Sea Region?"**

H.E. Kersti Kaljulaid, *President of the Republic of Estonia*  
Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, *founder of BDF, former Foreign Minister of Denmark*

**12:30**

End

## BDF AT THE 9TH EUSBSR ANNUAL FORUM

**16:00**

**Plenary "A Coherent Digital Baltic Sea Region"**

Keynote by Vice President Andrus Ansip, *European Commission*;  
State of the Digital Region report by **Professor Martin Andersson**, *Blekinge Institute of Technology & Lund University*;

Panel debate:

Andrus Ansip, *VP European Commission*  
Karol Okonski, *Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Digital Affairs Poland*  
Katariina Ora, *Associate General Counsel Western Europe, Microsoft*  
Jessica Blechingberg, *Community Operations, Maria O1 start-up community, Finland*  
Åsa Zetterberg, *Government Chief Digital Officer, Sweden*