PROGRAMME

20TH BALTIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM SUMMIT

TIME FOR A BSR 2.0?

4th June, 2018
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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


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

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 01 start-up community, Finland

Åsa Zetterberg, Government Chief Digital Officer, Sweden