

PROGRAMME

8:30 Coffee & Registration

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

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

9:30 Presentation of 2018 Political State of the Region Report by Baltic Development Forum and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Dr. Jana Puglierin, *German Council of Foreign Relations*

Igor Gretskiy, *Ass. Prof., St. Petersburg State University*

Panel debate

Moderated by: Zaneta Ozolina, *University of Riga*

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 achievements

11:15 A 20 year perspective on growth, outlook for the future

Presentation of report by:

David Skilling, *Founding Director, Landfall Strategy Group. Report by the Baltic Development Forum with support from the Nordic Investment Bank.*

Panel Debate

Moderated by: David Skilling

Dr. Christian Ketels, *Chief Economist, Boston Consulting Group, lead-author of the BDF State of the Region Report.*

Helge J. Pedersen, *Group Chief Economist, Nordea Bank, co-author of the BDF State of the Region Report (tbc)*

Nordic Investment Bank

12:15 What's next for the Baltic Sea Region? - A final word from Baltic Development Forum

Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, *former Foreign Minister of Denmark, Founder of BDF*

12:30 Closing the 20th BDF Summit

BDF AT THE 9TH EUSBSR ANNUAL FORUM

16:00 Plenary "A Coherent Digital Baltic Sea Region"

Presenting State of the Digital Region 2017 report, keynote by Vice President Andrus Ansip, European Commission and panel debate