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## Conference

## "Security Challenges in the Baltic Sea Region: Historical Perspectives and the Way Forward"

## 22 April 2017 Stockholm

Stockholm City Conference Centre (Norra Latin), Drottninggatan 71B

## PROGRAMME

- 12.30- Registration & Coffee
- 12.55
- 13.00 Opening Addresses & Welcome

-**Mrs. Leelo Pukk,** Chair of the Estonian National Congress in Sweden (REL Esinduskogu)

- **Mrs. Marju Rink-Abel,** Chair of the Estonian World Council (ÜEKN)

-**Mrs. Elisabeth Bauer**, Head of the Office for the Nordic and Baltic countries of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)

13.10 Introduction and Overview of the Conference -**Mrs. Anna Wieslander** (Moderator), Director for Northern Europe at Atlantic Council; Secretary General of the Swedish Defence Association







|                 | Keynote speech: <b>Germany's Role in</b><br>the Baltic Sea Region  | - <b>Ambassador Hans-Jürgen Heimsoeth</b> ,<br>Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in<br>Sweden  |
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| 13.30           | Panel Discussion<br>" <b>Security Challenges in the Baltic</b><br><b>Sea Region</b> : <b>Lessons from History"</b>               | - <b>Dr Hans-Jürgen Heimsoeth</b> , Ambassador of<br>Germany<br>- <b>Prof. Hain Rebas</b> , Sweden and Estonia<br>- <b>Mr. David Lindén</b> , Närkes Allehanda, Sweden<br>- <b>Mr. Ilmar Metsalo</b> , The Ulkopolitist, Finland  |
| 14.30-<br>14:55 | Coffee break   |   |
| 15.00           | Introductions  | <b>Mrs. Riina Kaljurand</b> (Moderator), Research<br>Fellow at the International Centre for Defence<br>and Security in Tallinn (ICDS); Director of<br>Lennart Meri Conference, Estonia  |
|                 | Keynote speech: <b>Security Challenges</b><br>for NATO and its Partners in the<br>Baltic Sea Region                              | - <b>Ambassador</b> Wiesław Tarka, Embassy of the<br>Republic of Poland in Sweden   |
|                 | Panel Discussion<br>"Future Security Challenges in the<br>Baltic Sea Region: Possibilities,<br>Problems and Effective Responses" | <ul> <li>Ambassador Eitvydas Bajarunas, Ministry of<br/>Foreign Affairs of Lithuania</li> <li>Mrs. Lolita Čigāne, Member of Saeima,<br/>Latvia</li> <li>Mr. Marko Mihkelson, Member of Riigikogu,<br/>Estonia</li> <li>Major General (ret) Karlis Neretnieks,<br/>Swedish Academy of War Sciences</li> <li>Dr. Jana Puglierin, German Council on<br/>Foreign relations (DGAP)</li> <li>Prof. Matthew Rhodes, George C. Marshall<br/>European Centre for Security Studies, Germany</li> <li>Dr. Mike Winnerstig, ICDS and Swedish<br/>Defence Research Agency (FOI), Sweden</li> </ul> |
| 16.45           | Closing Remarks  | <b>Dr. Björn von Sydow</b> , Chairman of the Swedish<br>Defence Commission (Försvarsberedningen);<br>Member of Riksdagen, Sweden  |
| 16.55           | Conference Conclusions   | - <b>Mrs. Sirle Sööt,</b> Chair of the Association of<br>Estonians in Sweden<br>- <b>Mr. Marcus Kolga</b> , Chairman of the Estonian<br>Central Council in Canada   |
| 17.00-<br>18.30 | Networking Opportunity   | Baltic History Exhibition:<br>"Struggling for Freedom in Exile"   |

(from 18.30 – Dinner & Dance, for those registered and in possession of a Dinner ticket!)