

Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Stockholm

















CLEAN AND SAFE BALTIC SEA

Poland is assuming the presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States as of 1 July 2015. The main priorities of the presidency are: sustainable and prosperous growth, regional identity, safe and secure region. The seminar is about to present an important aspect of regional safety: a clean environment. Since the beginning of Polish transformation 25 years ago, Poland has been trying to decrease the level of pollution and to contribute to a better quality of the sea waters. The environment of the Baltic Sea is unique and fragile. Challenges standing in front of Poland in scope of Baltic Sea's protection are huge. What actions should be undertaken by the Baltic Sea countries including Poland to achieve targets of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan and save the sea?

SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION

For the last two years the security environment in the Baltic region has been deteriorating rapidly due to the resurgence of traditional challenges and as well as the rise of new ones. Although non-aligned, Sweden remains an important regional stakeholder and increasingly so is Poland - a country undergoing a vast army modernization program and an active NATO member state. The discussion aims to identify main threats to regional security and assess available ways to prevent them: what is the scope and limits of regional cooperation? How effective have regional stakeholders been so far in managing tensions? What possible scenarios should we envisage and plan for? What is the role of NATO and how should it adjust to the changing environment?

Seminar:

CLEAN AND SAFE BALTIC SEA

Co-organization:

European Commission Representation in Sweden, Embassy of the Republic of Poland, Council of the

Baltic Sea States

Date:

30/6

Time:

08:30 - 09:45

Language of seminar:

English

Venue:

Strandvägen, H526 Europahuset pavilion

Speakers:

Artur Nowak-Far,

Undersecretary of State, MFA, Poland,

Katarina Areskoug Mascarenhas, Head of the

European Commission Representation in Sweden,

Wiesław Tarka,

Ambassador of Poland to Sweden,

Jan Lundin,

Director of the Secretariat of the Council of the

Baltic Sea States,

Rolf Brennerfelt,

Director General of Swedish Metrological and Hydrological Institute,

Andrzej Jagusiewicz,

former Head of Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection, Poland. Seminar:

SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE BALTIC

REGION

Co-organization:

Swedish General Defense Association.

Date:

30/6

Time:

11:45 - 12:30

Language of seminar:

English

Venue:

S:t Hansgatan 11, Försvarspolitisk Arena

Speakers:

Artur Nowak-Far,

Undersecretary of State, MFA, Poland

Jan Salestrand,

State Secretary, Ministry of Defense,

Wiesław Tarka,

Ambassador of Poland to Sweden,

Martin Hurt,

Deputy Director, International Center for

Defense and Security Tallinn,

Katarina Tracz,

Director of Stockholm Free World Forum,

Stefan Ring,

Moderator Secretary General, Swedish General

Defense Association.

IN SEARCH OF BALTIC IDENTITY
Reading Polish and Swedish Poetry

H.E. Wiesław Tarka Ambassador of Poland

Mr. Olle Jansson

Adviser to the Vice-Chancellor
for Campus Gotland

Uppsala University

Selected poems of CZESŁAW <mark>MIŁ</mark>OSZ TADEUSZ RÓŻEWICZ

ADAM ZAGAJEWSKI

Co-organization:

Embassy of the Republic of Poland, Baltic Centre for Writers and Translators

Date:

30/6

Time:

14:30 - 15:30

Language of event:

Swedish and Polish

Venue:

Baltic Centre for Writers and Translators

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