



Baltic Sea Security Initiative

Baltic Sea Security Conference:

"Baltic Sea Security - Towards Coherent Strategy for the Region"

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Aim of this one Day event - International Conference is to convene a public expert discussion on the Baltic Sea Security issues, focusing on the cooperation and "Baltic Sea Security strategy making".

Regional security developments since 2014 has led to more intense security cooperation within the Baltic Sea Region, and while there are different formats of cooperation, a more strategic regional approach is still to be found, which could open avenues for broader defense and security synchronization, and provide grounds for certain security and defense related regionally focused projects.

Within the Baltic Sea Security Initiative (BSSI) - experts and professionals of the Baltic Sea partnering countries assess and analyze current volume of defense and security cooperation among the Baltic Sea partnering nations, developing recommendations for Decision makers in a way to strengthen defense and security cooperation leading to more coherent defense and security strategy for the region. Our study is focused on four defense and security related domains - Defense, Societal Security, Economic Security and Cyber Security.

This Project is led and managed by the Baltic Security Foundation in cooperation with Latvian Political Science Association. Currently BSSI is supported by the Baltic American Freedom Foundation and The Jamestown Foundation. Our partnering organizations are the Warsaw Institute, Institute of Central Europe (Poland), Lithuanian Defense Academy, University of the Federal Armed Forces Hamburg (Germany), BW Consulting Berlin (Germany), Eastern European Security Studies Center and Vilnius Institute for Policy Analysis (Lithuania), International Centre for Defense and Security, Tallinn (Estonia), Texas A&M University, College Station (USA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania and others.

Most recent Project led by our Team is the Baltic Security Strategy Project. Both publication of this Project is already available online (Baltic Interoperability Report 2019 and Baltic Security Strategy Report @The Jamestown Foundation):

<https://jamestown.org/product/baltic-security-strategy-report/>

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BSSI is a logic continuation of Baltic Security Strategy Project and this time we take not only broader regional focus, but also address public attention to the issues of Security Cooperation among the Baltic Sea partnering Nations

Questions for the public address and expert discussions during the Conference are:

- 1) What is the current state of cooperation between the Baltic Sea partnering countries in terms of maritime and air defense, societal security (incl. Issues of disinformation, environmental security, urban resilience and migration/refugee), economic security and cyber security?
- 2) How can Baltic Sea security cooperation benefit to deterrence against the potential regional adversary within National and Collective security dimensions?
- 3) What are the current technical, practical or policy impediments to further multilateral military interoperability, and how can these be overcome?
- 4) How will strengthening Baltic Sea security cooperation benefit NATO's collective security and Common European Defense and Security Policy and partnership with the United States?
- 5) What regional arrangements should be reinforced or introduced in response to potential hybrid threats and securing the informational space throughout the Baltic Sea Region?
- 6) What are the common security strategy instruments within fields of defense and deterrence, economic security and societal security, which should be reinforced or introduced in order to strengthen Baltic Sea security cooperation?

As speakers/participants for this Conference we invite high level stakeholders, holding governmental, non-governmental (including private business) or academic positions.