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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- 12.55	Registration & Coffee	
13.00	Opening Addresses & Welcome	<p>-Mrs. <b>Leelo Pukk</b>, Chair of the Estonian National Congress in Sweden (REL Esinduskogu)</p> <p>- Mrs. <b>Marju Rink-Abel</b>, Chair of the Estonian World Council (ÜEKN)</p> <p>-Mrs. <b>Elisabeth Bauer</b>, Head of the Office for the Nordic and Baltic countries of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)</p>
13.10	Introduction and Overview of the Conference	-Mrs. <b>Anna Wieslander</b> (Moderator), Director for Northern Europe at Atlantic Council; Secretary General of the Swedish Defence Association



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	<b>Keynote speech: Germany's Role in the Baltic Sea Region</b>	<b>-Ambassador Hans-Jürgen Heimsoeth, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Sweden</b>
13.30	Panel Discussion <b>"Security Challenges in the Baltic Sea Region: Lessons from History"</b>	<b>-Dr Hans-Jürgen Heimsoeth, Ambassador of Germany</b> <b>-Mr. Gunnar Hökmark, Member of the European Parliament, politician (M), Sweden</b> <b>- Prof. Hain Rebas, Sweden and Estonia</b> <b>-Mr. David Lindén, Närkes Allehanda, Sweden</b> <b>-Mr. Ilmar Metsalo, The Ulkopolitist, Finland</b>
14.30-14:55	Coffee break	
15.00	Introductions	<b>Mrs. Riina Kaljurand (Moderator), Research Fellow at the International Centre for Defence and Security in Tallinn (ICDS); Director of Lennart Meri Conference, Estonia</b>
	<b>Keynote speech: Security Challenges for NATO and its Partners in the Baltic Sea Region</b>	<b>- Ambassador Wiesław Tarka, Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Sweden</b>
	Panel Discussion <b>"Future Security Challenges in the Baltic Sea Region: Possibilities, Problems and Effective Responses"</b>	<b>- Ambassador Eitvydas Bajarunas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania</b> <b>- Mrs. Lolita Čigāne, Member of Saeima, Latvia</b> <b>-Major General (ret) Karlis Neretnieks, Swedish Academy of War Sciences</b> <b>- Dr. Jana Puglierin, German Council on Foreign relations (DGAP)</b> <b>- Prof. Matthew Rhodes, George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies, Germany</b> <b>-Dr. Mike Winnerstig, ICDS and Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI), Sweden</b>
16.45	Closing Remarks	<b>Dr. Björn von Sydow, Chairman of the Swedish Defence Commission (Försvarsberedningen); Member of Riksdagen (S), Sweden</b>
16.55	Conference Conclusions	<b>-Mrs. Sirle Sööt, Chair of the Association of Estonians in Sweden</b> <b>- Mr. Marcus Kolga, Chairman of the Estonian Central Council in Canada</b>
17-17.30	Press Corner	Speakers are available for interviews
17.00-19.00	Networking Opportunity	

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