



Deutscher Bundestag

To the Chairpersons
of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups
in the Norwegian Storting
in the Swedish Riksdagen
in the Finnish Eduskunta
in the Polish Sejm
in the Lithuanian Seimas
in the Latvian Saeimas
in the Estonian Riigikogu
of the Foreign Affairs Committees
in the Icelandic Althingi
in the Danish Folketing
in the Duma of the Russian Federation

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Invitation to the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue on 24 April 2012 / Germany Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States / Baltic Sea Days

Dear Madams, Dear Sirs,

The Baltic Sea Days, organised by the German Federal Foreign Office, are taking place in Berlin from 23 to 25 April 2012 under the German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States.

As part of the planned events, I would like to extend a warm invitation to you and a further interested member of your Parliamentary Friendship Group/Committee, on behalf of the Chairpersons of the German-Baltic, the German-Nordic, the German-Polish and the German-Russian Parliamentary Friendship Groups, Members of the Bundestag Dr. Christel Happach-Kasan, Franz Thönnies, Georg Schirmbeck and Bernhard Kaster, to take part in a

**Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue on Tuesday, 24 April 2012
from 12.00 – 16.30 h
in the German Bundestag in Berlin,**

**followed by a Gala Event hosted by the Federal President
of the Federal Republic of Germany
in Berlin from 17.00 – 19.00 h.**

The Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue is taking place in conjunction with the Baltic Sea Youth Parliament and Baltic Sea NGO Forum involving young people and representatives from all states in the Baltic Sea Region which are being organised on the same day by the German Federal Foreign Office. One of the purposes of this Parliamentary Dialogue is to give those participating in these two events the opportunity to discuss the subjects of their deliberations with parliamentarians. To



this end we are also inviting all members of the German Parliamentary Friendship Groups associated with the Baltic Sea Region and your Ambassadors to this event.

The **programme** is as follows:

Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue on 24 April 2012,
German Bundestag, Paul Löbe Building,
Konrad-Adenauer Str. 1, 11011 Berlin, West Entrance, opposite the
Federal Chancellery

Arrival by 11.30 h

**12.00-
13.00 h** **Welcome by the Chairpersons of the German Parliamen-
tary Friendship Groups**

**followed by
Get-together and Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue
in the form of a reception with buffet lunch**

Venue: **Outside meeting rooms PLH E.300/E.400**

**13.00 –
15.00 h** **A) Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue with representa-
tives of the Baltic Sea Youth Parliament: “We are the
future of the Baltic Sea Region – Youth exchange and
encounter to promote the creation of a common Baltic
Sea identity”
Room PLH E.300**

**B) Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue with representa-
tives of the Baltic Sea NGO Forum: “Social capital for a
sustainable Baltic Sea Region – 11 years of the NGO Fo-
rum of the Council of the Baltic Sea States”
Room PLH E.400**

**15.00 –
16.00 h** **Guided tour of the German Bundestag in English**

**17.00 –
19.00 h** **Gala Event hosted by the Federal President of the Fed-
eral Republic of Germany**

Venue: **Federal Foreign Office**

The Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue and the Official Ceremony are part of a series of events organised by the Federal Foreign Office, the Embassies of the Member States of the Council of the Baltic Sea States, the Representations of various *Länder* and other organisations which



are taking place in Berlin during the Baltic Sea Days from 23 to 25 April 2012. Details of these events are provided in the enclosed information. If you are interested in taking part in any of these events, you are welcome to do so.

We regret we are unable to pay for your accommodation or travel or to organise your accommodation for you. We hope very much that you will be able to attend the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue and the Gala Event hosted by the Federal President.

We would be very grateful if you could register by fax/e-mail by 16 April 2012, using the attached form. Please also indicate if you would like to take part in the dialogue with representatives of the Baltic Sea Youth Parliament or the Baltic Sea NGO Forum and the Gala Evening hosted by the Federal President.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Jana Leichsenring

Baltic Sea Parliamentary Dialogue Do you wish to attend
12.00-13.00 h Welcome and Get-Together?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
13.00-15.00 h Dialogue?
A) We are the future: PLH E 300
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
B) Social capital: PLH E 400
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
15.00-16.30 h Guided tour of the Bundestag?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
17.00 h Gala Event hosted by the Federal President of the Federal Republic of Germany?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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