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The BSPC Standing Committee decided unanimously in its digital meeting on 31 May to hold a Digital Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference on 30 August 2021, 9.30 CEST, and also plans to adopt a resolution.

Timetable:

- Outline 0.0 circulated for discussion
including input from WG on Climate Change and Biodiversity
- Discussion at digital SC 31 May 2021
- Input from WG CCB
- Additional input from SC Members (by e-mail) up till 30 June
- Based on the above, Sec Gen is mandated to elaborate the Baseline draft
- Official Draft Baseline version out 15 July
- Amendment proposals in until 12 August
- Compilation of amendments proposals out 19 August
- Digital Drafting Committee meeting 26 August 10:00

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Conference Resolution Official Draft Baseline 15 July 2021

Adopted by the 30th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC)

The participants, elected representatives from the Baltic Sea Region States, assembling in digital form on 30 August 2021,

- renew again – amidst the current process of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and coping with its consequences – the urgent need and the expectation that all Baltic Sea States endure to make every effort to ensure the Baltic Sea Region continues to be a region of peaceful and close neighbourliness as well as intense co-operation;

- underline that democratic values, the rule of law, human rights as well as equal opportunities for all are the foundation of our cooperation;

- use their influence on the regime in Belarus to establish and sustainably consolidate human rights, peace and democracy in the country as an important part of the Baltic Sea Region and Europe;

- point out that close and intensive people-to-people contacts on all levels – parliaments, governments and civil society – are the backbone for peace, prosperity and protection of the environment in the Region;

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- highlight that the exchange among and the inclusion of the youth and young people are the prerequisite for guaranteeing and securing these foundations of the Baltic Sea Region for future generations as well,
- welcome the renewed strategic vision – the Vilnius II Declaration “A Vision for the Baltic Sea Region by 2030” – and the subsequent CBSS Action Plan, which were adopted during the CBSS Ministerial Meeting on 1 June 2021

call on the Governments in the Baltic Sea Region, the CBSS and the EU,

Regarding Cooperation in the Region to

use the restart after the pandemic and the current decade to

1. be committed to building, expanding and deepening trust between its nations and in all its collaborations;
2. strengthen prosperity, safety and security for all people in the Baltic Sea Region;
3. focus on sustainability in its economic growth, development and innovation and to reach a sound and sustainable ecological status of the Baltic Sea and its environment;
4. strive for better inclusion, prosperity, public health and social cohesion while also decreasing existing gaps between BSR countries by joint efforts;
5. tackle current and future challenges and crises through increased joint action;
6. promote elements of a common regional identity and shared values through culture, research, education and science;
7. be committed to pursuing vibrant and enhanced exchanges between its people and facilitate, broaden and deepen personal contacts and the face-to-face interaction of ideas, experiences and views based on active civil societies;
8. pursue continuity in the participation of young people, promote meaningful exchange of views and ideas with, and among, young people based on dialogue and real influence and involve the youth in decision-making processes;
9. use and fundamentally improve the possibilities of digitisation for communication, accessible for all people, and close the digital gaps across the Region;
10. protect the vulnerable and optimally integrate those who legitimately seek protection from persecution in the Region;
11. consider the prosperity and a stable ecological environment for future generations as a fundamental right in today's decision-making processes;
12. foster regional cooperation in civil protection, including the prevention of, preparedness against and response to emergencies, the protection of children at risk and fighting organised crime;
13. promote tourism and reduce travel barriers in the Region, for example, by easing the existing visa restrictions;

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113 14. resume regular meetings of Heads of Government of the Baltic Sea States as soon
114 as all necessary conditions are met;
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116 15. strengthen the link between national, regional and municipal levels of Baltic
117 cooperation by means of further encouraging collaboration between the CBSS, the
118 BSSSC and the UBC and inviting a wider range of territories and cities to
119 participate in it;
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121 16. reinforce the financial basis of practical cooperation in the Region by enlarging the
122 scope of the CBSS Project Support Facility, inter alia, by using public-private
123 partnership mechanisms;
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125 17. foster collaboration in healthcare in the Baltic Sea Region in order to better handle
126 situations like the current COVID-19 pandemic as well as to exchange experience
127 and best practices in this area;
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129 18. support the synchronisation of the Chairmanship in the Group of Personal
130 Representatives of the Baltic States' Heads of Government on countering
131 organised crime with the Presidency in the CBSS, which started on 1 July 2021,
132 the incumbent Chair of both structures being Norway;
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134 19. support the project development process and concept with the title "Baltic Sea
135 Cultural Cities and Regions (BSCCR)" under the motto "Water connects us, but
136 culture unites us" with the CBSS as Lead Partner aimed at connecting cities and
137 regions, people, cultural organisations and professionals by increasing the
138 visibility of the cultural diversity within the Baltic Sea Region.
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142 **Regarding Democracy in a Changing Media Landscape:**

143 **Digitisation, Combating Disinformation and Fake News as well as Protecting** 144 **Free Media and Freedom of Speech, to**

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147 [20.](#) enforce constant engagement and commitment as well as strong efforts and
148 support to strengthen confidence in democratic structures, to promote tolerance
149 and open-mindedness, freedom of press and expression as cornerstones of the
150 democracies in the Baltic Sea Region;
151 [21.](#) [to expand the promotion of media literacy among young people in order to enable](#)
152 [them to think critically and evaluate information;](#)
153 ~~20-22.~~ [to use the potential of social media to motivate young people for](#)
154 [participation in political discussions and decision-making processes;](#)
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156 ~~21-23.~~ [adopt legal regulations and national strategies – including areas such as](#)
157 [the judiciary, defence, schools, research, public education, the library system,](#)
158 [cultural institutions, media, civil society and business – to strengthen democratic](#)
159 [resilience against digital violence and criminal offences via the Internet and to](#)
160 [prevent and combat online hate speech;](#)
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162 ~~22-24.~~ [debate, develop and adopt an International Code of Ethics for the digital](#)
163 [transformation;](#)
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165 ~~23-25.~~ [support the promotion and implementation of democratic principles in the](#)
166 [global information and communicative space;](#)
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168 ~~24-26.~~ [take measures against the aggressive misuse of social media as a form of](#)
169 [digital violence and put a victim-centred approach into the focus of action;](#)

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~~25-27.~~ initiate measures for the implementation of United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 under the aspect of access to free information and freedom of expression.

Regarding Safeguarding the Baltic Sea and our Environment for Future Generations, Climate Change and Biodiversity to

~~26-28.~~ adopt an ambitious update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan and to ensure – through regular monitoring of its implementation – that its objectives are implemented in all countries of the Baltic Sea Region more quickly and consistently than before to achieve a good ecological status of the Baltic Sea and its environment by the end of the decade;

~~27-29.~~ focus on ecological sustainability of the Baltic Sea, continuing joint structured efforts to reduce the outlet of nutrients;

~~28-30.~~ take significant steps in line with the UN Agenda 2030, the Paris Agreement and the Baltic 2030 Action Plan to reach climate resilience of key economic sectors, including industry, transport and construction, as well as enhancement of natural carbon sinks, such as forests;

~~29-31.~~ acknowledge that global action and cross-border cooperation are needed to mitigate the effects of climate change, preserve and protect biodiversity and support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a focus on climate (SDG13), oceans (SDG14) and biodiversity (SDG15);

~~30-32.~~ promote and financially support both regional and local projects that, based on research, aim to improve and preserve the marine as well as the land-based environment and ecosystems in the Baltic Sea;

~~31-33.~~ further involve and inform the local communities in the current situation to gain support and commitment in all parts of society, including businesses and civil society in long-term work to regain a good ecological status in coastal areas;

~~32-34.~~ support the development of technology and innovations that will reduce the eutrophication of the Baltic Sea;

~~33-35.~~ take further actions in order to reduce ship emissions in the Baltic Sea;

~~36.~~ continue to support investments in hydrogen technologies in order to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide;

~~34-37.~~ cooperate and exchange information with regard to risk assessment and necessary coastal protection measures due to the rising sea levels caused by climate change;

~~35-38.~~ concerning the impacts of plastics on the environment, climate change and biodiversity, to

- a. consider that, due to the transboundary nature of marine litter and the particular vulnerability of the enclosed Baltic Sea area, prevention of plastics entering the environment by reduction of unnecessary plastics at the source and the sustainable management of plastic waste is of mutual interest;

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- b. therefore, commit to intensify the implementation of the HELCOM Regional Action Plan against Marine Litter and measures contained therein, being part of the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan, at the regional level and
 - c. support the start of negotiations on a new ambitious global agreement at UNEA 5.2 to take the next decisive step at the international level;

233 36-39. concerning the impacts of increased shipping and cruise-ship tourism on
234 climate change and loss of biodiversity in the Baltic Sea, to

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- a. recognize that the Baltic Sea is the sea with the highest shipping levels and consists of inland water with low water exchange;
 - b. acknowledge that global action and cross-border cooperation are needed to mitigate the emissions of increasing cruise-ship tourism and other shipping in the Baltic Sea;
 - c. promote and accelerate the transition of ships and in particular cruise-ships away from fossil fuels towards sustainable renewable fuels in order to make shipping climate-neutral, and less polluting, and aim to improve and preserve the marine as well as the land-based environment and ecosystems in the Baltic Sea;
 - d. support the development of technology and innovations that will reduce the littering of the Baltic Sea through ballast water and disposal of waste from ships;
 - e. take further actions in order to reduce black carbon ship emissions in the Baltic Sea, including support in technologies and infrastructure on shore power supply of harbours;

253 37-40. concerning sea-dumped munitions, to

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- a. strengthen efforts to recover and neutralise explosive ordnance in the Baltic Sea with concrete measures through multinational cooperation according to the 28th and 29th BSPC Resolutions as well as the interim and final BSPC rapporteur's reports on sea-dumped munitions;
 - b. bring together the different national findings, research results and data in an expert group - if possible, at HELCOM - and, on this basis, prepare concrete actions for the removal of explosive ordnance in the Baltic Sea;
 - c. strive for an international donor fund in the concretisation of the financial instrument mentioned in the 28th BSPC Resolution and consider whether HELCOM could manage such funds;
 - d. establish the Baltic Sea Region as a global model region for the environmentally sound, rapid and affordable salvage and decontamination of explosive ordnance dumped in the sea;
 - e. take all necessary measures to complete the disposal and rendering harmless of explosive ordnance and other hazardous products in the Baltic Sea within the next 20 years;
 - f. include this task as a long-term ecological priority explicitly in the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan.

275 **Furthermore, the Conference Decides to**

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277 38-41. welcome with gratitude the kind offer by the Parliament of Sweden to host
278 the 31st Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference in Stockholm on 12-14 June 2022.
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