

International Conference of the Baltic Forum

Transformations in Eurasia: the search for adequate responses to the challenges of our time

October 25 - 26, 2013
Baltic Beach Hotel, Jurmala, Latvia



PROGRAMME

Significant changes in global and regional energy supply and demand, as well as their influence on the political decision-making determine the need to restore proper expert analysis of problems and development perspectives.

Traffic streams, especially energy resource transit, are directly subordinate to the changes in the relations between the countries of the world. Logistics cannot be considered in isolation from the international security and energy policy.

The ensuring of Euro-Atlantic security to the countries and country groups in the surrounding turbulent world is one of the most important and topical issues for joint consideration.

Friday, October 25

09:00 - 10:00 **Registration of the participants of the conference**

10:00 - 11:30 **Opening of the conference**

Jānis Urbanovičs - President of the Baltic Forum

Keynote speakers:

Nils Ušakovs - Chairman of the Riga City Council

Viktors Makarovs - Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Latvia)

Anrijs Matīss - the Minister of Transport of the Republic of Latvia

Igor Levitin - Aide to the President of the Russian Federation

Yang Jiemian - Chairman of the Council of Academic Affairs of Shanghai Institute of International Relations (China)

Igor Yurgens - Chairman of the Board of the Institute for Contemporary Development (Russia), Chairman of the Advisory board of the Baltic Forum

Robert Nurick - Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council (Washington, DC, USA)

11:30 - 13:00 **Discussion**

Moderators:

Jānis Urbanovičs - president of the Baltic Forum

Igor Yurgens - Chairman of the Board of the Institute for Contemporary Development (Russia), Chairman of the Advisory board of the Baltic Forum

Participants of the discussion:

Alexei Arbatov - Director of the Center for International Security of the Institute for World Economy and International Relations (Russia)
Andris Sprūds - director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs
Thomas Gomart - Vice President for strategic development and Director of the Russia/NIS Centre at the French Institute of International Relations (France)
Igor Bunin - President of the Center for Political Technologies (Russia)
Fuad Muradov - MP of Azerbaijan
Sergey Tsyplyaev - President of fund "Respublika" (Russia)

13:00 - 14.00 **Lunch**
14:00 - 17:00 **Discussion**

Moderators:

Juris Paiders - President of the Latvian Union of Journalists, deputy editor of the newspaper 'Neatkarīgā Rīta Avīze'
Aivis Ronis - former Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Minister of Transport of the Republic of Latvia

Participants of the discussion:

Yulia Zvorikina - Adviser on Transport to the Permanent Mission to the European Union of Russia (Russia)
Māris Kancāns - "LDZ CARGO - Loģistika" Chairman of the Board (Latvia)
Li Xin - Professor, Institute for World Economy Studies/ Director, Center for Russian and Central Asian Studies, Shanghai Institute for International Studies (China)
Aleksandr Dynkin - Director of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)
Sergey Kulik - Director for International Development of the Institute for Contemporary Development (Russia)
Alexey Voroncov - President of the Transport Integration Group (Russia)
Nikolai Mezhevich - Department of European Studies, Faculty of International Relations, Saint Petersburg State University, Russia

Saturday, October 26

09:00 - 10:00 **Registration of the participants of the conference**

10:00 - 10:30 **Opening of the second day of the conference**

Keynote speakers:

Alexander Rahr - Senior Adviser Russia at Wintershall Holding GmbH, Advisor to the President of the Russian-German Chamber of Commerce, scientific director of the German-Russian Forum (Germany)

10:30 - 13:00 **Discussion**

Moderator:

Sergey Tsyplyaev - President of fund "Respublika" (Russia)

Participants of the discussion:

Elena Telegina - Director of the Institute for Geopolitical Research and Energy Security (Russia)

Mikhail Kovalchuk - Director of the Scientific Centre "Kurchatov Institute" (Russia)

Amanda Paul - Policy Analyst and Programme Executive at the European Policy Centre (Brussels)

Justas Vincas Paleckis - Member to the European Parliament from Lithuania

Nadezhda Arbatova - Head of the Department for European Political Studies, the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (Russia)

Michael Emerson - Associate Research Fellow, Center for European Policy Studies (Belgium);

Dmitry Vydrin - Advisor to the President of Ukraine, Member of Parliament of Ukraine of 5th convocation, writer (Ukraine)

Rovshan Rzayev - MP of Azerbaijan

Rene Nyberg - CEO of the East Office of Finnish Industries (Finland)

Elena Prokhorova - Senior Expert, EU Neighbourhood Info Centre (Brussels)

Artyom Malgin - Vice-Rector for general matters of Moscow State Institute of Foreign Relations (Russia)

Greta Monika Tučkutė - Director of the Centre for Geopolitical Studies (Lithuania)

Yuri Sizov - President of the international fund "Amber Bridge" (Russia)

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 - 16:00 **Discussion continued**

16:00 **Closing of the conference**