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Baltic Sea Strategy Forum 2023

“The Baltic Sea after NATO Enlargement and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine:
NATO lake or geopolitical hotspot?”

*Thursday, 11 May 2023
Frederiksberg Castle, Copenhagen*

10:00 – 12:00 **Arrival, registration, coffee, and informal consultations**

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 – 13:15 **Opening and welcome remarks**

Dr. Henrik Breitenbauch, dean of the Royal Danish Defence College

13:15 – 14:30 **Panel 1: The Strategic Setting**

Panel 1 discusses the strategic consequences of the military and political events since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. It focuses on NATO’s enlargement with Finland and Sweden and on Russia as a potential adversary.

Moderator: **Dr. Sebastian Bruns, ISPK**

- **Consequences of Swedish and Finnish NATO membership**
Dr. Matti Pesu, Finnish Institute of International Affairs
- **MARCOM perspective on the Baltic Challenge**
Dr. James Bergeron, political advisor to the commander at NATO MARCOM
- **NATO’s plans and posture in the Baltic Sea region**
Arda Karakaya, Head of Plans, International Staff, NATO HQ
- **Russia as an adversary after Ukraine**
Cdr. Anders Puck Nielsen, military analyst at RDDC
- **NATO’s approach to critical maritime infrastructures protection**
Dr. Christian Bueger, professor at University of Copenhagen

14:30 – 15:00 **Coffee break**



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15:00 – 16:15 Panel 2: Operational challenges

Panel 2 addresses the operational challenges facing the navies, coast guards, maritime institutions, and decisionmakers. The confined space and politically complex geography create particular challenges in the Baltic Sea that planners have to consider.

Moderator: **Niklas Granholm, FOI**

- **The Air War and A2/AD – It's about time!**
Andreas Hörnedal, Deputy Research Director at FOI
- **Is the Baltic Sea a NATO lake?**
Julian Pawlak, University of the German Armed Forces, Hamburg (Hamburg, GER)
- **Societal security as a response to hybrid threats**
Dr. Rasmus Dahlberg, head of Center for Societal Security at RDDC
- **Mine warfare in the Baltic Sea**
Cdr. Ott Laanemets, Estonian Navy, fmr. commander of NATO SNMCMG1

16:15 – 16:45 Reflections from Navy Leaders

- **RADM Henrik Ryberg, Chief of the Danish Navy**
- **RADM Ewa Skoog Haslum, Chief of the Swedish Navy**
- **Dr. Patricia Schneider, Political Adviser to the Chief of the German Navy**

16:45 – 17:00 Wrap up

17:00 – 18:00 Reception and networking, followed by departure of participants



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