

The Baltic Sea Region – a key Region for European energy resilience in a challenging geopolitical context

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Russia's unprovoked aggression in Ukraine has exacerbated the unprecedented situation in the energy market in the EU, including the Baltic Sea Region. In light of a new geopolitical context and the accelerating global climate crisis, the aim of the seminar is to discuss the current energy challenges in the Baltic Sea Region and the sustainable solutions and actions being developed with the support of the EU. The seminar aims to showcase and further brainstorm the activities in the Baltic Sea Region as a frontrunner in the deployment of renewable energies, including the role of innovative companies contributing to the overall green transition of the EU and European energy sovereignty and security.

AGENDA

13:00	Welcome coffee
13:30-13:40	Opening remarks, Mr Nils Torvalds , Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of SEArca Intergroup in charge of Baltic
13:40-14:30	<p>Perspective to cope with the energy challenges in the Baltic Sea Region</p> <p>Introductory remarks and moderation: Mr Markku Markkula, Chair of the BSC Energy/Climate Working Group and President of Helsinki-Uusimaa Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accelerating the rollout of renewables energies in the Baltic Sea Region - The deployment of offshore wind energy. By Ms Claire Sandevour, policy advisor, Vattenfall Perspectives on the bioenergy market, by Ms Carina Christiansen, Bioeconomy Coordinator at North Sweden EU Office <p><i>Discussion with the audience</i></p>
14:30-14:45	EU support to strengthen energy resilience, Mr Eero Ailio , Special Advisor, Directorate-General for Energy of the European Commission

<p>14:45-15:25</p>	<p>Innovation as the driver for an energy resilient Baltic Sea Region</p> <p><i>Introductory remarks and moderation: Mr Pontus Lindberg, Vice-Chair of the BSC Energy/Climate Working Group and Commissioner at Region Skåne Parliament</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms Julia Lindholm, Head of Brussels Office of Swedenergy○ Mr Pekka Komu, Chair of the Board of Päijät-Häme Region (Finland) <p><i>Discussion with the audience</i></p>
<p>15:25-15:30</p>	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p>Mr Markku Markkula, Chair of the BSC Energy/Climate Working Group and President of Helsinki-Uusimaa Region</p>