

Centre for European Studies and Toivo Think Tank  
Conference in Helsinki & Tallinn 28-29 September  
**EU BALTIC SEA STRATEGY AND RUSSIA**  
**-Commitment or Confrontation?**

Facilitator Dr. **Esko Antola**, Director of Centrum Balticum

**Sunday, 27 September**

Participants to arrive in Helsinki. Accommodation at Scandic Hotel Grand Marina, Katajanokanlaituri 7.

**Monday, 28 September**

Scandic Hotel Grand Marina, Meeting Room Commodore

- 9.00 Morning Coffee
- 9.15 Welcome words by Party Chairman, Minister of Finance **Jyrki Katainen**
- 9.40 Comment by **MEP Ville Itälä**
- 9.45 Kick-Off to the Baltic Sea Strategy: Foreign Minister **Alexander Stubb**
- 10.30 Walk to the Terminal
- 11.30 Departure to Tallinn by cruiser Viking XPRS
- 11.45 Buffet Lunch
- 12.45 Finnish View to the Baltic Sea: Lord Mayor of Helsinki, **Eva-Riitta Siitonen**
- 14.00 Arrival in Tallinn, transport and check-in at the hotel **Swissotel**
- 14.45 Coffee
- 15.00 Conference continues in Swissotel, **Meeting room Tartu**  
Estonian View to the Baltic Sea: Dr. **Mart Laar**, Chairman of Isämaa Liit
- 15.30 Russian View to the Baltic Sea: Researcher **Vadim Kononenko**
- 16.00 EU-Russia Economic Cooperation: Dr. **Kari Liuhdo**, Professor
- 16.30 Discussion and Break
- 17.00 Macro-Regionalisation in Europe: Dr. **Esko Antola**  
Comment: Dr. **Teija Tiilikainen**, Director, University of Helsinki
- 17.30 **Day over: discussion and drinks**
- 20.00 Dinner at Restaurant **Gloria**, courtesy of **Konrad Adenauer Stiftung**  
Müürivahe 2  
Dinner Speech by **Christian Holm**, MP, Sweden

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**Tuesday, 29 September**

Swissotel, Meeting Room Tartu

- 9.30 What's New About BSS? Mr. **Anders Lindholm**, Commission DG REGIO  
10.00 Comment: Mr. **Christopher Beazley**, Chairman, EP Baltic-Europe intergroup  
10.30 Discussion  
11.00 Security Perspective to the Baltic Sea/ Dr. **Jyri Raitasalo**, Major  
11.30 Comment: Director **Kadri Liik**, International Centre for Defence Studies  
12.00 Lunch at the hotel  
13.00 Reviving Hansa: Trade, Integration and Russia/ Dr. **Teija Tiilikainen**, Director  
13.30 Comments: Dr. **Kari Liuhto**, Professor, Pan-European Institute  
and Council **Kimmo Sinivuori**, Ministry for Foreign Affairs  
Roundtable discussion  
14.30 Coffee and wrap-up by Dr. **Esko Antola**, Director of Centrum Balticum  
15.00 Sightseeing tour around Tallinn  
16.45 Departure to the harbour  
18.00 Departure to Helsinki by cruiser Viking XRPS  
18.45 Buffet dinner  
20.30 Arrival in Helsinki

*Welcome On Board!*

**Markku Pyykkölä**  
Director  
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**Maria-Elena Cowell**  
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### **NOTE! Participants need to carry a valid passport !**

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