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BPO Seminar 2008 in Brussels

Transport investments in the Baltic Sea Region

The Annual BPO Seminar, which was held on April 16th in Brussels, gathered more than 20 persons including members of the European Parliament, representatives of transport trade organisations, ports, etc.



During the meeting, which took the form of a working lunch, a few speeches were given including the welcome addresses by Mrs. Anne E. Jensen (Member of the European Parliament and Member of the Transport and Tourism Committee of the EP) and Julian Skelnik (BPO Chairperson) and a separate presentation given by prof. Andrzej Grzelakowski, Gdynia Maritime Academy, who gave a summary of the newly published Baltic Maritime Outlook 2007. Further presentations were given by Mr. Björn Neckman, Head of Public Affairs, Ports of Stockholm, who presented the strategy of the Nynäshamn project and Mr. Robin MacLeod, Technical Director, DCT Gdańsk SA, who gave a presentation on the deep sea container terminal in Gdańsk completed in October 2007. During the seminar the tremendous growth in containers handled at Baltic ports was discussed. In order to follow the growth of the cargo flow, the container terminals' capacity has to be enlarged. Prof. Grzelakowski forecasts a further concentration in container shipping. The process of concentration is to be fuelled by the development of the Motorways of the Sea and will benefit bigger and better located ports in their main logistics supply chains in the Baltic. The meeting was organized by BPO in cooperation with Mrs. Anne E. Jensen and enjoyed with great interest. The event will be organized again in future years.

Cities and ports innovating for an inter-dependent future

The Ports of Stockholm will host the 11th international conference "Cities and Ports innovating for an inter-dependent future." The conference, organized by the International Association of Cities and Ports (IACP), will be held from June 23-27, 2008 at the Norra Latin Conference Centre in Stockholm and is expected to attract around 500 people. The theme of the conference will be the collaboration between cities and ports innovating for an inter-dependent future. During the event participants will have a great opportunity to exchange experiences, ideas, strategies and, above all else, to innovate in order to advance the collective goals and objectives of cities, ports, and the interests of the stakeholders. International world conferences are held every second year, the last conference took place in Sydney in 2006.

All details about the conference are available at:
www.citiesandports2008.com

BPO General Assembly 2008

Climate change, cargo handling, efficient land utilization, hinterland connections

Date: 11-12 September 2008

Venue: Lübeck, Germany

Please, book the date in your calendar for this year's BPO General Assembly which is organized in cooperation with the Port of Lübeck. The Conference will be dedicated to innovations, port efficiency, the environment, and client changes in the ports.

The entire event will gather around 80-100 top executives from all the major Baltic ports, speakers representing governments, politics, academia, the transport sector, media, etc.

For more information about the agenda, hotels, and other details, please follow the updates on:
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New faces in BPO

Ryszard Strzyżewicz



Ryszard Strzyżewicz was named the new President of the Board in the Port of Gdańsk Authority SA at the beginning of April. Sławomir

Wrześniak is the new Vice-President for Financial Affairs. The Supervisory Board also re-appointed Julian Skelnik to serve another term in office as Vice-President for Marketing. Mr. Skelnik is also the Chairperson of the Baltic Ports Organization. In order to make his international activity more effective, in consultation with Minister of Treasury, he resigned in late April and became proxy of the Board responsible for marketing.

Ryszard Strzyżewicz (aged 57), graduated from the Faculty of Economics and Maritime Transport at the Gdańsk University. He recently headed the Department of Economic Development at the office of the Pomeranian Province's Marshall and worked as the CEO of the Management Group Pomerania SA.

Janusz Jarosiński



The Supervisory Board of the Port of Gdynia Authority decided to form a new Board of Directors. Following the interviews with all candidates, Janusz Jarosiński, the former Vice-President for Marketing and Development, Port of Gdynia, was named their new President of the Board. Krystyna Szambelańczyk was nominated as Vice-President for Financial Affairs and Walery Tankiewicz was appointed as Vice-President responsible for managing the company's property and infrastructure.

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Two projects in accordance with BPO's aims

Integration and

The Baltic Ports Organization will be an active participant for two upcoming projects: TransBaltic and SPICES. The latter stands for Supporting Port Innovations and Cities Enhancing Sustainability and is connected to the natural environment and the port-city relations while TransBaltic corresponds to transport conceptions and strategies in the area.

It should be stressed that both projects are in accordance with the Baltic Ports Organization's aims. We would like to be a part of the discussion about future transport strategy for the Baltic. Furthermore, we want to include the environmental issues to BPO's agenda, says Bogdan Ołdakowski, BPO Secretary General.

Integrated transport system needed

TransBaltic is planned within the framework of the transnational Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013. The assumption within the project is that compatibility of national transport networks and logistics solutions in the countries surrounding the Baltic Sea is still too low. This creates a barrier to economic prosperity and is a challenge for the sustainable development of the whole Baltic Sea Region, especially in the context of a fast growing trade exchange between the European Union and the Russian Federation, the Far East

countries and, in the near perspective also India. Another challenge is related to the optimisation of the decision-making processes in the field of transport which could bring maximum benefits for regional development.

The TransBaltic project, led by the Region Skåne in the southernmost part of Sweden, aspires to prepare and implement concrete transport development solutions towards an integrated transport system in the BSR based on an agreed pan-Baltic vision, strategy and harmonised action plan. These require an overcoming of national short-term interests and a launching of a comprehensive process with active participation of the relevant actors – public authorities at the local, regional, national and pan-Baltic level, as well as actors representing research and education institutions and business life.

The initiative is partnered by about 10 regions around the sea. Organizations already involved in the consolidation and harmonisation concepts are: CMPR Baltic Sea Commission (BSC), Baltic Sea

Particular aims of SPICES

- to increase the speed of sustainable development measures implementation in the ports and cities of the BSR;
- to reduce the environmental negative impact from maritime transports through innovative technologies;
- to increase the cooperation between the ports and cities;
- to improve the marine environment and the air quality, and to reduce the climate impact of the ports' activities and noise in the ports and their surroundings;
- to help strengthen the energy-efficient maritime transports through implementation of pro-active and integrative measures in the field of sustainability, meanwhile reducing the climate impact of transports on land;
- to help make unsustainable behaviour unattractive through implementation of economic incentives;
- to increase the competitiveness of the Baltic Sea Region's ports through innovative measures;
- to create positive image of ports among the cities.

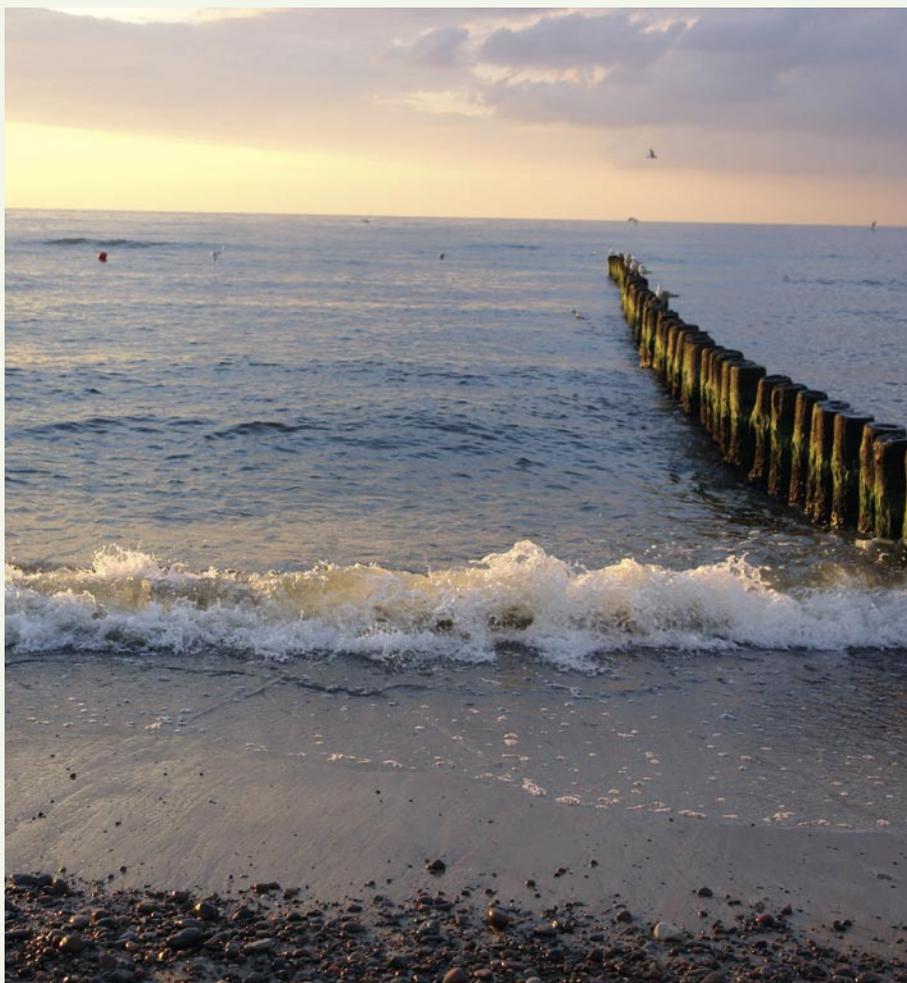
ecology on the agenda

States Subregional Cooperation (BSSSC), Baltic Development Forum (BDF), and Baltic Ports Organization (BPO). An intensive dialogue will also be held with state ministries and private stakeholders in order to adjust the project to the needs and expectations of transport decision-makers and operators.

Continuation of the New Hansa of Sustainable Ports and Cities

During the last couple of years container traffic has increased tremendously in the ports and it is envisaged to triple by 2020. This puts a lot of pressure on existing ports expansion, new ports development, and environment protection. The issue of mitigation and adaptation to the climate change has risen on the European agenda as the key challenge in building a sustainable future. The changes are already now striking the coastal regions in the area being not only words but reality.

To support ecologically, socially, and economically sustainable ports in the BSR, the New Hansa of Sustainable Ports and Cities project was carried out during 2003-2005. It was a joint initiative of 18 ports, cities and other partners from all sides of the Baltic Sea. The purpose of the new project SPICES is to continue and strengthen the cooperation towards regional sustainability, aiming to address ecological challenges through a close, hands-on cooperation between the ports and cities. The goal is to find concrete ways, and make practical investments, to address the challenges facing the ports in a joint cooperation and implementation manner and to transfer the experiences to other European regions.



Particular aims of TransBaltic

- to streamline national and regional transport perspectives based on a common approach towards the integrated development of the whole region and its prospective gateway function to serve trade flows on a global scale (e.g., USA, Russian Federation, China/India);
- to harmonise actions by the pan-Baltic organisations operating in the field of transport and regional development in order to consolidate the position of the Baltic Sea Region as a global player;
- to support the implementation of EU policies and to contribute BSR's stand points to them;
- to prepare larger investment interventions aimed at resolving the most burning interconnectivity and interoperability problems in a pan-Baltic perspective;
- to bridge over incompatibilities in national planning methodologies and plans based on debates with representatives on a national level and with private stakeholders;
- to better integrate individual parts of the region in the transport system of the BSR through joint actions and jointly developed solutions on the ground, with special focus on Russia;
- to provide visible synergies between individual and area-limited transnational transport projects within the BSR and to serve as an umbrella for them;
- to test and demonstrate public-private partnerships (national authorities, regional authorities, transport operators, manufacturers) for speeding up necessary investments and amendments in legislation and administrative procedures of the BSR countries.

What's new in the ports?

The **Port of Göteborg** received yet another environmental award for its shore-side power supply initiative (more information on the subject on page 38). The Clean Seas Award was presented by Lloyd's List at a special ceremony in London. Other nominated companies were Beluga Shipping, International Salvage Union, Subsea Industries and Wallenius Wilhelmsen.

The **Port of Södertälje** is pushing forward the purchase of a larger harbour mobile crane. The reason is the rapidly expanding growth of container customers. In the past year the Port of Södertälje has increased its container growth by 50% (one of the highest figures in Sweden) and its turnover was 58,500 TEU. The increased pressure, particularly with regard to containers, paved the way for exchanging one of the existing cranes to a new larger harbour mobile crane. The new crane is a Gottwald HMK 6407 and weighs in at 420 tons. It has an 18% greater acceleration and is 12% faster. The crane has a much greater outreach than both present

cranes and it manages Panamax vessels. The crane will be ready for use by mid-July.

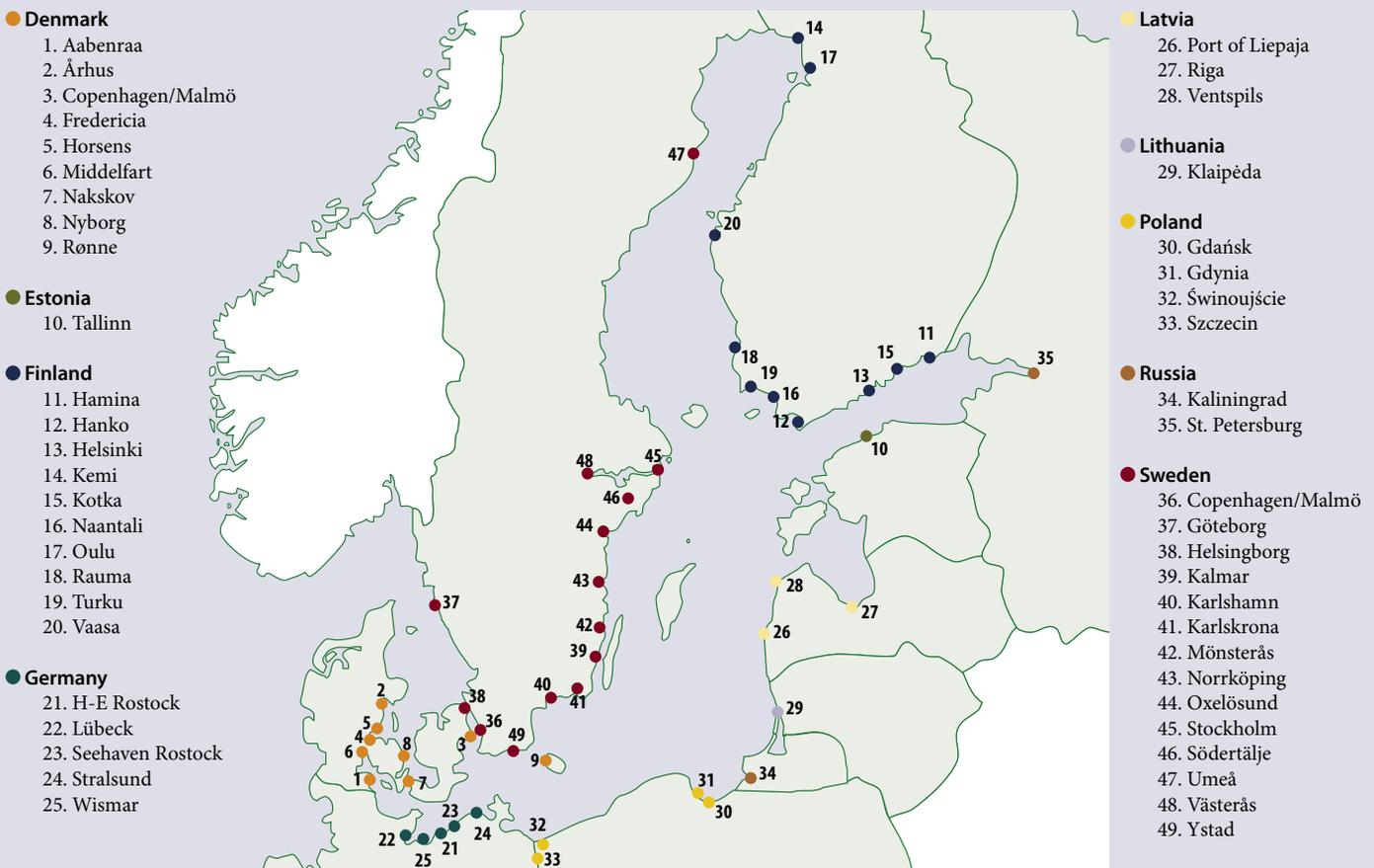
Delta Shipping Lines strengthens its network of connections between the Baltic Ports. A new container service was launched at the **Port of Gdańsk**. The 1A ice-class container ship *Delta St. Petersburg* (carrying capacity of 917 TEU) provides regular calls at GTK (Gdańsk Container Terminal) on a once a week basis as part of the short sea shipping service on the route Hamburg-Rotterdam-Gdańsk-St. Petersburg. Delta Shipping Lines has also increased its service coverage by adding a weekly call from Aarhus to St.Petersburg in April.

The first section of the newly built berth P8 in the shipyard basin in **Rostock-Warnemünde** was put into operation on 21 April 2008. The construction of the EUR 10m project was executed by the consortium Züblin/Aarsleff, commissioned by Hafen-Entwicklungsgesellschaft Rostock in the summer of 2007. A new sheet-pile wall with a length of 360 m was constructed approximately three meters in front of

the old wall and anchored on land. In a second phase of construction, continuing until the end of 2008, an additional length of 95 m will be built. The configuration of the berth P8 will be changed to incorporate a bend in the quay after a length of 412 m, connecting an additional 53 m of quay length.

Almost 300,000 passengers are expected to visit **Helsinki** during the summer cruise season. During peak times there will be as many as six ships docking on the same day, and a total of 275 calls have been reserved so far. There will be more than 60 ships varying from 3,000-plus-passenger jumbo cruise ships to a 95-passenger sailing vessel. Twelve ships will make their first call at Helsinki, and exchange calls will number 18.

83 river cruise vessel calls are expected in the **Port of Szczecin** from May to November this year. Szczecin has for many years been a regular river cruise destination thanks to the inland waterway connection to Western Europe by the Odra river.



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