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EMPOWERING THE NORDIC BALTIC RELATIONS - CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY

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*Venue: Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University, Vokiečių str.
10, Vilnius LT-01130*

THURSDAY 10 MAY:

14.00 **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**

Welcome: *Tuula Peltonen*, MP, Chair of STETE, Finland

Opening speech: *Ramūnas Vilpišauskas*, Director of the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

14.30 **NORDIC-BALTIC COOPERATION 20 YEARS - OUR GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?**

Mats Hellström, Former Minister of Trade, Sweden

Vytautas Leškevičius, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

Marja-Liisa Kiljunen, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland

Romas Švedas, Former Vice-Minister of Energy, Lithuania

Moderator: *Erkki Bahovski*, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute

16.00 Coffee

16.30-18.30 **I SESSION:**

WORKING GROUP 1: CYBER SECURITY

Katrin Nyman Metcalf, Professor, Tallinn University of Technology

Alexei Krivolap, Lecturer, European Humanities University and media-activist, Belarus

Moderator: *Ilmārs Poikāns*, Researcher, Institute of Mathematics and Computer Science, University of Latvia

Discussion

WORKING GROUP 2: CURRENT MISSILE DEFENSE DEVELOPMENTS

Rolf Ekéus, Chairman, Swedish OSCE network, former diplomat: Nato's missile shield, Russia's response in Kaliningrad

Martynas Zapolskis, Adviser, Euro-Atlantic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Defence

Vasily Krivokhizha, Head of the Research Department, The Institute for U.S. and Canadian studies, Russia

Moderator: *Gunnar Lassinantti*, Special Adviser, Member of the Swedish OSCE Network

Discussion

20.00 **Reception at the Embassy of Sweden**

FRIDAY 11 MAY:

08.30 **II SESSION: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BELARUS**

Vyachaslau Pazdnyak, Associate Professor, Head of the portal Wider Europe

Olga Karatch, Chair, Nash Dom, Belarus

Moderator: *Vytis Jurkonis*, Lecturer, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

Discussion

10.00 Coffee

10.30 **III SESSION: TOLERANCE AND MEDIA FREEDOM**

Tolerance as a basis of democratic development:

Henrikas Mickevicius, Executive Director, Human Rights Monitoring Institute, Lithuania

Anhelita Kamenska, Latvian Centre for Human Rights, Latvia

Moderator: *Rolf Ekéus*, former OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, Chairman, Swedish OSCE network

Discussion

11.30 **LUNCH**

12.30 *Dunja Mijatovic*, the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Comments:

Erkki Bahovski, Freelance Journalist, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute

Darius Radzevicius, Chairman of Lithuania's Journalist Union

Jarmo Koponen, Producer, Uusi Suomi, Finland

Moderator: *Olof Kleberg*, Vice President, The Swedish OSCE Network

Discussion

14.00 **Concluding remarks:** *Vladimiras Laučius* journalist, Lithuania

14.15 **ENDING OF THE CONFERENCE**

