



BALTIC MARITIME TRANSPORT AFTER THE RECESSION

sea transport and port development between continuity and restructuring

19/20 August 2010 in Rostock

ANNOUNCEMENT

German Association of Transport Sciences (DVWG) and Baltic Institute of Marketing, Transport and Tourism at the University of Rostock announce the 7th Baltic Transport Forum to be held on 19/20 August in Rostock-Warnemünde.

CONFERENCE IDEA:

At the 7th Baltic Transport Forum people, companies and institutions interested in Baltic maritime transport and port development will get together. Baltic maritime transport amounts to nearly 8 per cent of world maritime trade, in 2008 it summed to 620 mill tons, cargo handling of all Baltic ports even to 830 mill tons. Whereas from 2000 to 2008 its average annual growth rate was 4.1 per cent, in 2009 the transport volume slumped by about 20 per cent, in container shipping, ferry and ro/ro traffic and break-bulk transport even by 25 – 30 per cent. All actors – shipping companies, ports, forwarding agents and logistics service providers as well as hinterland transport carriers – are keen to learn which transport developments can be expected in the coming years.

MAIN QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED:

- What are the prospects for Baltic maritime transport and port cargo handling in the coming years? Will there be a return to pre-crisis tendencies? In which sectors new logistics concepts and different growth rates will evolve?
- Will Europeanization and globalization go on? How will develop economy, foreign trade and transport demand of Baltic Sea countries and what will be the future role of Russia?
- Which tendencies can be expected in container-, ferry and ro-ro and break bulk shipping? What are the up-coming markets?
- How do ports in Baltic countries including Russia adapt to post-crisis developments and what are the hinterland transport requirements?

SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS:

Representatives of leading transport companies, industrial companies, ports and research institutes of Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Baltic Republics, Poland and Germany

CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN:

Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Breitzmann, Managing Director, Baltic Institute of Marketing, Transport and Tourism at the University of Rostock



Programme Outline

Thursday 19 August

12:00 *Registration & refreshments*

13:00 *Opening and welcome*

- Welcome by Peter Ramsauer, German Federal Minister of Transport, Building and Urban Development (*to be confirmed*)
- Welcome by Volker Schlotmann, Minister for Transport, Building and Regional Development of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

Introductory session:

The recessions' influence on Baltic maritime transport and the future challenges of the EU Baltic Strategy

- Influence of the economic and financial crisis on Baltic maritime transport and ports' cargo handling
- Challenges of the new EU Baltic Strategy for sustainability of Baltic transport

Session 2

Will Europeanization and globalization continue? Trends of Baltic Sea countries' economy and trade

- Prospects for economic development of Baltic Sea countries
- Future of internationalization, trends of trade development after the recession
- Will Russia regain the role as a driver of trade and transport on the Baltic Sea?

Session 3:

Container transport with the Baltic Sea region – back to former trends or transition to new structures?

- Prospects for global container transport and shares of Baltic markets
- Are there changes in the international logistics concepts of leading industrial companies of Scandinavia?
- Baltic container transport – prospects for future amounts and structures
- Container ports and transit – developments in Russia, Finland and in the Baltic Republics

19:00 *Evening reception*

**Friday 20 August***09:00*Session 4:**Post-recession developments in ro-ro and break-bulk segments**

- Baltic short-sea transport – new structures and trends after the recession
 - Baltic ferry shipping – which developments can be expected?
 - Break-bulk markets (wood/paper, steel/metal) – changing volumes and logistics?
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Session 5:**Prospects for new markets in Baltic maritime transport**

- Offshore wind-energy logistics and challenges for shipping and ports
 - Logistical chains and sea transport for industrial projects
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Session 6:**Port developments and hinterland connections in the Baltic Sea Region**

- Baltic ports of Russia – continuation of new buildings and extensions?
 - Hinterland transport – road-rail competition and cooperation in Nordic countries
 - Adriatic Sea – Baltic Sea north-south transport axis and the ports of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
 - Polish ports in the Gdańsk Bay – the importance of the north-south corridor through Poland
 - Port of Klaipėda – Baltic gateway to Eastern Europe
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14:00 ***Conclusions and farewell***

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Organisation

Date: 19/20 August 2010

Venue: Hotel Neptun in Rostock-Warnemünde (a reserved contingent of rooms will be available)

Conference language:

Conference language: English and German

Conference fees:

about EUR 100 (VAT of 19 % is included)

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