Parliamentarians of the Baltic Sea states discuss marine protection and future work of the organisation

On 11-12 June 2023, the Standing Committee of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC) was held in Stralsund, Germany. The parliamentarians discussed regional cooperation in the democratic Baltic Sea Region, peatlands in the Baltic Sea region and their key role in European Green Deal policies as well as other topics connected with the future work of the BSPC.

Representing the Interdisciplinary Centre for Baltic Sea Research at the University of Greifswald, Sebastian van der Linden and Alexander Drost explained that the humanities, social sciences, and biology came together in their studies of the Baltic Sea. All their teaching and networking were focused on this region, seeking to understand what kept the region together and what challenges lay ahead. The key was to transfer this knowledge and make it applicable. The researchers also informed about a paper on Lithuania proactively driving its energy independence from Russia which also strengthened the country’s resilience in terms of security.

The Baltic Assembly submitted a proposal for a new BSPC working group that would be dedicated to energy security, self-sustainability, and connectivity in the Baltic Sea region. After discussions, the Standing Committee agreed to forward the proposal of the Baltic Assembly to the 32nd BSPC to be held on 27-29 August in Berlin for final approval.

The delegation of the Baltic Assembly consisted of Vice President Jānis Vucāns and members of the Presidium Enn Eesmaa and Jānis Reirs.

Read more about the meeting here.