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Parliamentarians focus on energy security and ocean policy in the Baltic Sea region

The Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC) Standing Committee convened on 4 March 2024 at the European Parliament in Brussels, spotlighting crucial discussions on energy security, ocean conservation, and the overarching impact of climate change.

This meeting brought together over 40 delegates from across the Baltic region, including members from the European Parliament, European Commission, Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS), Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM) and national parliaments, to deepen the cooperation and tackle shared challenges. The Baltic Assembly at the meeting was represented by its President Andrius Kupčinskas, Vice President Jānis Vucāns and Member of the Presidium Enn Eesmaa.

United for a sustainable future

BSPC President Henrik Møller underscored the significance of Baltic cooperation in addressing Europe's pressing security and environmental concerns. Emphasis was placed on supporting Ukraine, enhancing regional security, advancing energy independence, and mitigating climate change through collective action and innovation.

Advances in energy and ocean policy

Speakers from the European Commission provided insights into achieving climate neutrality and bolstering energy security by transitioning to renewable sources and reducing dependency on non-renewable energy imports. The Baltic region's efforts in diversifying energy sources and integrating markets were highlighted as exemplary steps towards a sustainable and secure energy future.

Ocean conservation efforts were also discussed, with initiatives aimed at combating

pollution, eutrophication, and supporting marine biodiversity in the Baltic Sea. The importance of regional and global cooperation in addressing these issues was underscored, with a focus on innovative solutions and the critical role of youth engagement in shaping a sustainable future.

Looking ahead

The meeting set a robust agenda for future collaboration, with plans for further discussions at the upcoming BSPC events and the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting. The discussions underscored the importance of Baltic unity in facing global challenges, from security to environmental sustainability.

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