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## *Baltic Security Workshop*

### *Information and Partnering Event within the Baltic Sea Region*

organized jointly by Polish Science Contact Agency PolSCA of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Brussels and Centre for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Berlin

**29 November (Friday), at 10.00-16.00**

Venue: CBH PAN Office in Berlin, Majakowskiring 47, 13156 Berlin, Germany

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, as well as Sweden and Finland's accession to NATO, and the increased direct threat to the Baltic countries from Russia make the issue of security, both civilian and military, strategically important for the Baltic Sea region. Institutional cooperation between partners in the region is the best way to maintain stability amidst security threats.

The purpose of the event is to present the research project opportunities on security policy in the Baltic Sea region, and to allow partners from the region to get to know each other and establish research collaboration for future projects.

The meeting agenda features insights from experts from the National Contact Point in Poland and the German National Contact Point for Horizon Europe, who will share their expertise on Horizon Europe funding in the areas of security policy (Cluster 3) and social issues and democracy (Cluster 2). Additionally, an expert from the European Commission's DG Home in Brussels, specializing in funding policies for security research, as well as National Coordinator of EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region from Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Poland will contribute to the merit of the event.

Together, the invited distinguished speakers, through their combined presentations and discussions, will contribute valuable insights, knowledge, and guidance that can help attendees identify and pursue international project opportunities available within the current Horizon Europe funding period. Essentially, the speakers' collective input is aimed at facilitating and informing participants about collaborative projects that align with Horizon Europe's objectives and funding schemes.

The full workshop agenda is available below.

Representatives of public and non-public research institutions from the Baltic Sea region, interested in both civil and research aspects of security policy, are cordially invited to participate.

Please submit your applications by **November 27, 2024** using the application form at the link below: [REGISTRATION](#)

For institutions that register their active participation in the workshops (a short presentation of the project idea), the organizers have the opportunity to co-finance travel costs (until funds are available).

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The event will be held in English.



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## Agenda

**10.00-10.10** Opening of the event & welcoming remarks by **Marcin FRONIA** - Centre for Historical Research, Polish Academy of Science in Berlin and **Dr Tomasz POPRAWKA** - Director of PoISCA PAS Office in Brussels

**10.10-10.25** **Sebastian SERWIAK**, European Commission, DG HOME (Unit F1 Innovation and Security Research) Security Research in Horizon Europa: Boosting Innovation towards Security Development, Civil Protection and Resilient Societies

**10.25-10.40** **Katarzyna BARCIKOWSKA**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Poland (Chair of National Coordinators Group of the EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region and for Presidency in Council of Baltic Sea States 2024-2025), Policy Area Secure within EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

**10.40-11.00** **Mikołaj PYCZAK**, KPK-NCBR (Polish National Contact Point for Horizon Europe), The Role of Social and Human Sciences in Security Studies within Clusters 2 and 3 of the Horizon Europe

**11.00-11.20** **Dr Christine PROKOPF** (German National Contact Point for Horizon Europe, Cluster 3), Opportunities for cooperation: Security research and the security research community in Germany

**11.20-11.40** **Dr Donatas KUPCIUNAS**, Cambridge University | Centre of Geopolitics Introduction to Security Research in the Baltic Sea Region

**11.40-12.00** Q&A with invited experts

**12.00-12.45** Lunch break

**12.45-14.15 PITCHING SESSION:** presentations of future projects ideas by event participants

**14.15-14.45** Comments and feedback

**14.45** Conclusions and closing remarks

**14.45-16.00** Coffee and networking



**Invited experts:**

**Sebastian Serwiak** – Policy Officer at The Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (Innovation and Security Research Unit). He has a long and vast experience in security research domain at both national and European level, being involved in the Preparatory Action for Security Research (PASR) and later the EU Framework Programmes.

**Katarzyna Barcikowska** - Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of the Baltic multilateral unit in the European Policy Department; Chair of the National Coordinators Group of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (2024/2025); PL representative in the Council of the Baltic Sea States Committee of Senior Officials.

**Mikołaj Pyczak** – Expert in National Contact Point at National Centre for Research and Development in Poland (NCBiR), specialized in Cluster 2 (Culture, Creativity and Civil Society) and Cluster 3 (Civil Security and Society) within Horizon Europe.

**Dr. Christine Prokopf** – German National Contact Point for Security Research in Dusseldorf. She provides information and advice on calls for tenders and applications in the "Civil Security for Society" cluster of Horizon Europe. She also supports the "German Applicants in Civil Security Research Fit for Europe" program, which is specifically aimed at practitioners interested in civil security research. Christine Prokopf is a political scientist and holds a doctorate in risk governance as a means of normatively focusing political action on disaster prevention.

**Dr. Donatas Kupčiūnas** (DPhil, University of Oxford) - Baltic Fellow at the Centre for Geopolitics, University of Cambridge, and a Research Fellow at Wolfson College, Cambridge. His research interests include modern international history, relations between East/Central and Western Europe in the interwar period, geopolitics of the Baltic sea region and contemporary Russian foreign policy.