



**Major related events**  
**(not mentioned overleaf)**

1-2 September 2008  
17th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (Visby)

17-19 September 2008  
Baltic Sea States Subregional Cooperation Annual  
Conference (Kaunas)

October 2008  
8th Conference of Ministers of Culture of the  
Baltic Sea States (Riga/Jurmala)

30 November – 2 December 2008  
Baltic Development Forum Summit  
(Copenhagen/Malmö)

January 2009  
Roving exhibition “Contemporary Art in the  
Baltic Sea Region” (vernissage in Copenhagen)

26 February—1 March 2009  
VIII Baltic Sea NGO Forum (Elsinore)

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**DANISH PRESIDENCY**

**JULY 2008 - JUNE 2009**

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**Danish Presidency 2008–2009**

## COUNCIL OF BALTIC SEA STATES

### **Danish Presidency**

**1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009**

The Council will meet for its 15th Ministerial Session on 3-4 June 2009 upon invitation by the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Session will be prepared, and overall coordination ensured until then, by the CBSS Committee of Senior Officials (Chair: Mr. Karsten Petersen, Ambassador, kapete@um.dk – tel. +45 33 92 04 76).

The implementation of reform measures, as decided upon by the Council and endorsed by the 7th Baltic Sea States Summit in Riga in June 2008, will take centre stage in all bodies chaired by Denmark during her Presidency. In addition, the Presidency will make particular efforts towards substantive achievements by such bodies, as regards cooperation within the following four priority sectors:

### Energy and Climate

#### **Tools**

Baltic Sea Region Energy Cooperation - Ministers for Energy and the EU Commissioner (Chair: Mrs. Connie Hedegaard, Minister for Climate and Energy)  
Group of Senior Energy Officials (Chair: Mr. Hans Jørgen Koch, Deputy State Secretary, hjk@ens.dk – tel +45 33926708)

#### **Main events**

The BASREC Conference of Ministers (Copenhagen, January/February 2009)  
Workshops, seminars etc. to follow up on decisions taken at the above conference.

### Safeguarding the Environment

#### **Tools**

Baltic 21 Senior Officials Group (Chair: Mr. Carl Bjørn Rasmussen, Head of Section, cbr@mst.dk – tel. +45 32 66 01 00)  
VASAB (“Visions and Strategies around the Baltic Sea 2010”) Committee for Spatial Development in the Baltic Sea Region (Chair: Mr. Peter Pouplier, Head of Division, ppo@blst.dk – tel. +45 72 54 47 82)

#### **Main event**

Joint operation against illegal export of hazardous waste (1st half of 2009)

### Empowering Youth

#### **Tool**

CBSS Working Group on Youth Affairs (Chair: Mr. Uffe Sveegaard, Head of Section, uffe.sveegaard@uvm.dk – tel. +45 32 92 53 45)

#### **Main events**

Conference on youth under the theme “Turning young people into active citizens by integrating science and sustainable development into their everyday life” (venue and timing to be determined)  
Annual meeting of the Working Group on Youth Affairs

### Enhancing Civil Security

#### **Tools**

Annual meeting of Directors-General for Civil Protection (Chair: Mr. Frederik Schydt, Director-General. Contact person: Ms. Christina Djurhuus, cdj@brs.dk - tel. +45 45 90 62 25)  
Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings (Chair: Ms. Anne Katrine Tholstrup Bertelsen, Head of Section, ATB@lige.dk – tel. +45 72 26 97 82)  
Working Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk (Deputy Chair: Mr. Bertil Mahs, Head of Department, bma@servicestyrelsen.dk – tel. +45 72 42 37 00)

#### **Main events**

Meeting of Directors-General on the topic of “Holistic Civil Emergency Preparedness Planning” (Copenhagen, 26-27 March 2009)  
5th Meeting of National Contact Points on Unaccompanied and Trafficked Children (November – December 2008).

### Other Danish chairmanships

CBSS Working Group on Democratic Institutions (Chair: Mr. Karsten Petersen, Ambassador, kapete@um.dk – tel. +45 33 92 04 76)  
Working Group on Economic Cooperation (Chair: Mr. Bent Lindhardt Andersen, Head of Department - tel. +45 35 46 62 80)