



## German-Baltic Strategy Talks

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)  
German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)  
Estonian Foreign Policy Institute (EFPI)

### “SOFT SECURITY, HARD THREAT PERCEPTIONS?”

**Tallinn, 27–28 May 2010**

**Swissôtel Tallinn, Room “Tornimäe”**  
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### Thursday, 27 May 2010

Until 19.00	Arrival of Participants
19.30	Meeting point: Hotel lobby
19.40	Transfer to the restaurant “Pärl”
20.00	Welcome Dinner Restaurant “Pärl”, Merivälja tee 5, 11911 Tallinn, <a href="http://www.piritaparl.ee">www.piritaparl.ee</a>

Dinner Speech: Sven Mikser, Chairman, Foreign Affairs  
Committee, Parliament of Estonia, Tallinn

## **Friday, 28 May 2010**

09.30 Welcome of Conference Participants:  
Andres Kasekamp, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute, Tallinn  
Kai-Olaf Lang, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin  
Hermann Bünz, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Baltic States, Riga

### 09.50 **Panel 1: Security in Europe: Concepts and Risk Perceptions**

- Risk Assessment: How does the economic and financial crisis threaten security in Europe respectively in Germany or the Baltic states?
- Functionality and deficits of existing security organizations in Europe (NATO, OSCE, EU)
- Medvedev proposal: content, intention, added value and red lines

Moderation: Martin Kremer, SWP, Berlin

Introductory statements:

- Wolfgang Richter, Colonel ret., SWP / German Ministry of Defence, Berlin
- Harri Tiido, Undersecretary for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tallinn
- Alexey Gromyko, Deputy Director of the Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

#### **Discussion**

11.15 **Coffee Break**

### 11.45 **Panel 2: “Common Neighbourhoods” and Their Relevance for European Security**

- The Eastern Partnership: a tool for modernisation or a strategic - instrument?
- Eastern Partnership and EU-Russia partnership: rivalry or compatibility?
- Russia and the United States in the post-soviet space: aims and interests

Moderation: Andres Kasekamp, EFPI, Tallinn

Introductory statements:

- Kai-Olaf Lang, SWP, Berlin
- Gediminas Kirkilas, Ex-Prime Minister, MP, Vilnius
- Robert Nurick, Consultant, Washington
- Boris Kuznetsov, Center for International and Regional Policy, St. Petersburg

#### **Discussion**

13.00 **Lunch Break**

14.00

**Panel 3: Energy Security – Interpretation and Management**

- Conflicts and interests in European energy economy
- “Security of supply”: soft or hard security challenge?
- Energy security and the discussion about a new European security order: linkage or decoupling?

Moderation: Hermann Bünz, FES, Baltic States, Riga

Introductory statements:

- Romans Baumanis, Regional Advisor to Nord Stream for the Baltic States, Zug, Switzerland
- Ernest Wyciszkievicz, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw
- Andris Spruds, Latvian Institute for International Affairs, Riga

15.30

**Coffee Break**

15.45

**Panel 4: Towards a European Security Concept**

- Pan-European security and the role of the EU: conceptions in Germany and the Baltic states
- The European security strategy: relevance, risk assessment and further development
- European security policy: new opportunities with the Lisbon Treaty?

Moderation: Martin Hanz, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Estonia, Tallinn

Introductory statements:

- Clyde Kull, Political Director, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tallinn
- Jens Beiküfner, Deputy Security Director, German Foreign Office, Berlin
- Hans Georg Wieck, former Head of the OSCE Advisory and Monitoring Group in Belarus, Berlin
- Dovilė Jakniūnaitė, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, Vilnius

17.15

**Concluding Remarks**

17.30

**Reception**

18.30

**End of the Meeting**

Tallinn, May 24, 2010