

# THE SEA - FOR LITHUANIA'S SECURITY AND PROGRESS

Maritime Business and Policy Forum Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Vilnius

19th of May, 2023

Conference hall of the III Chamber of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania | Gediminas pr. 53, Vilnius.

## PROGRAMME

8:45 – 10:00 **Registration & Coffee**

10:00 – 10:40 **OPENING OF THE FORUM. WELCOME SPEECHES**

Marius Skuodis, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania

Eglė Markevičiūtė, Vice-Minister of the Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania

Daiva Garbaliuskaitė, Vice-Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania

H.E. Ole Terje Horpestad, Ambassador of Norway to the Republic of Lithuania

H.E. Jhr. drs. Jack Robert Twiss Quarles van Ufford, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Lithuania

/// **PROGRESS I** MARINE SCIENCE, STUDIES AND INNOVATIONS

10:40–10:55 **Maritime Affairs Commission – vision and opportunities**

Prof. Dr. Valdas Rakutis, Member of the Seimas, Chairman of the Maritime Affairs Commission of the Seimas

10:55 – 11:10 **Klaipėda – strategic partner of the state for progress and security**

Arvydas Vaitkus, Mayor of Klaipėda City

11:10 – 11:25 **The strategic significance of knowledge about the sea and sea coasts for Lithuania**

Prof. Dr. Artūras Razbadauskas, Rector of Klaipėda University

11:25 – 11:40 **Transport and logistics science and study cluster: for Lithuania's security and energy independence**

Vaclav Stankevič, Director of the Lithuanian Maritime Academy

11:40 – 12:40 **LUNCH BREAK**

12:40 – 12:55 **Lithuania in international logistics: challenges and opportunities**

Vaidotas Šileika, President, of the Association of Lithuanian Stevedoring Companies; Director General of Klaipėda Container Terminal

12:55 – 13:10 **Lithuanian maritime engineering industry as the export engine of the region and a resource of energy security**

Arnoldas Šileika, Chairman of the Board of the Lithuanian Maritime Cluster / CEO of Western Shipyard Group

13:10 – 13:25 **Port 4.0: sustainable and autonomous solutions for advanced logistics**

Laimonas Rimkus, Vice President of the Association of Lithuanian Stevedoring Companies / CEO of BEGA

13:25 – 13:40 **Lithuanian waterways in a maritime context**

Vladimiras Vinokurovas, Director General of the State-Owned Inland Waterways Directorate

13:40 – 14:10 **COFFEE BREAK**

/// **SECURITY I** INDEPENDENT LITHUANIA – IN MARITIME EUROPE AND IN THE WORLD

14:10 – 14:25 **From "gateway to the world" to "energy port". The role of the port in the future energy picture**

Algis Latakas, Director General of Klaipėda State Seaport Authority

14:25 – 14:40 **Development of offshore wind parks in Lithuania: progress and completed stages**

Virgilijus Poderys, Director of Lithuanian Energy Agency

14:40 – 14:55 **The significance of the Klaipėda LNG terminal in the region and the dissemination of experience in creating European energy independence**

Mindaugas Navikas, Chief Commercial Officer of KN

14:55 – 15:10 **Mission: Modern Lithuanian Navy**

Capt. Tadas Jablonskis, Lithuanian Navy Flotilla commander

15:10 – 15:45 **Forum wrap-up**

**Norwegian maritime strategy – Blue Growth for a Green Future**

Tom O. Kleppestø, General Manager, Maritime Oslofjord Alliance

**The Tall Ships Races 2024: part of Lithuania's identity as a maritime state**

Eglė Šulskė, Director of Public Institution „Klaipėdos šventės“

**Maritime resolution – for a maritime revolution**

Andrius Sutnikas, Development Manager of Klaipėda Science and Technology Park

15:45 **End of Forum**

15:45 – 17:00 **Networking. Location – the restaurant of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania.**

**Registration: <https://bit.ly/Jurosdiena2023>**

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