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The Future of Europe – what issues at stake and priorities for the Baltic Sea Region in this new EU mandate period?

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2024 | LAHTI | 09.30-11.45

Venue: Congress and Concert Centre Sibelius Hall

Organised by Päijät-Häme Region, together with the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission

As a new European Parliament has taken up office following the elections in June 2024, and a new European Commission is about to be appointed in Autumn, this seminar aims to discuss with national and regional authorities and stakeholders what the key issues at stake are for the future of the EU in the years ahead, and priorities. It will highlight the issues of importance for the Baltic Sea Region.

09.00-09.30	Arrival and welcome coffee
09.30-10.15	<p>I. Challenges and perspectives for Europe in a changed geopolitical context</p> <p>Introductory remarks by Moderator Ms Niina Pautola-Mol, Regional Mayor of the Regional Council of Päijät-Häme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keynote speech, Mr Joakim Strand, Minister for European Affairs and Ownership Steering from Finland - Intervention from Ms Olga Dibrova, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Republic of Finland
10.15-11.30	<p>II. Closer cooperation for a resilient and competitive Baltic Sea Region and Europe</p> <p><u>Panel discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Joakim Strand, Minister for European Affairs & Ownership Steering - Ms Maria Blässar, Head of the European Commission Representation in Finland - Ms Olga Dibrova, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Republic of Finland - Mr Tomas Mörtsell, President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission, Region Västerbotten - Ms Sari Nurro, Member of the Board of Region Oulu <p><i>Discussion with the audience</i></p>
11.30-11.45	<p>Concluding remarks from Mr Pekka Komu, Chair of the Board of the Regional Council of Päijät-Häme, and Member of the Committee of the Regions</p>