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**COUNTERING NARCOTICS AND ORGANIZED CRIME IN
THE BALTIC REGION**

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 1

- 08.30- 09.00** **Welcome Coffee**
- 09.00 – 09.30** **Opening of the conference by the Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation Ms. Carin Jämtin (invited)**
- 09.30 – 10.00** **Opening Remarks**
Mr. Björn Fries, Swedish National Drug Policy Coordinator (confirmed)
- 10.00 – 11.00** **SESSION ONE: INTRODUCTION**
- Introduction of the region and the discussion topics**
Dr. Niklas Swanström and Dr. Svante E. Cornell (confirmed)
Directors, Silk Road Studies Program
- Cooperation in the Baltic Sea region**
Ms. Beatrice Ask, Swedish MP (invited)
- 11.00 - 11.15** **Break**
- 11.15 – 12.15** **SESSION TWO: ASSESING ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE BALTIC STATES**
- Panel Chair:** Mr. Walter Kegö,
Swedish National Drug Policy Coordinator [confirmed]
- Estonia**
Mr. Ken-Marti Vaher, Estonian MP and Member of Legal Committee of the Parliament, Former Estonian Minister of Justice [accepted]
- Latvia**
Mr. Andrejs Vilks, Director, European Cities Against Drugs (ECAD) Regional office in Latvia [accepted]
- Lithuania:** *The peculiarities of organized crime development in Lithuania*
Dr. Algimantas Čepas director of Law Institute of Lithuania, and Dr. Arelius Gutauskas, Associated Professor, Dept. of Criminal Law, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania [accepted]
- 12.15-13.00** **Discussion**
- 13.00-15.00** **LUNCHEON**

15.00-16.00	<p>SESSION THREE: BALTIC STATE'S CAPACITY TO TACKLE THE NARCOTICS ISSUE AND ITS EFFECTS</p> <p>Panel Chair: Mr. Fred Nyberg Swedish National Drug Policy Coordinator Director [confirmed]</p> <p>Organized Crime networks and their smuggling business Mr. Mikael Lindgren Swedish Customs liaison Officer in Riga [confirmed.]</p> <p>Corruption and state infiltration Ms. Lolita Cigane Representative of the Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS [confirmed]</p> <p>HIV and health problems and its impact on society Prof. Ludmila Viksna Professor and Director of General Practitioners study, The Riga Stradins University [confirmed]</p>
16.00-16.15	Break
16.15-17.00	Discussion
17:00-19:00	<i>(OPEN)</i>
19.00	DINNER

Thursday, June 2

09.00– 10.00	<p>SESSION FOUR: FIGHTING ORGANIZED CRIME AND ENCOURAGING COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES</p> <p>Panel Chair: Mr. Tomas Hallberg Director of ECAD [confirmed]</p> <p>The New Political Role of Transnational Crime in the Baltic and Beyond Prof. Rasma Karklins Professor of Political Science (UIC) – Expert Baltic corruption [confirmed]</p> <p>Security Challenges for the Baltic region and wider Dr. Tiiu Pohl Vice-rector of the Estonian Public Service Academy, Head of Security Studies' Working Group at the Academy [accepted]</p> <p>Legal development concerning organized crime in Baltic states Mr. Johan Pehrson Swedish MP and chairman of the judicial committee [confirmed]</p> <p>Narcotics money and the effects on the Baltic region and its neighbors Dr. Triffin Roule Senior Intelligence Analyst with Northrop Grumman Corp. [confirmed]</p> <p>Cooperation between the states of North Baltic Sea Region Mr. Dan Eliasson State Secretary to the Minister for Justice [invited]</p>
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10.00-10.15	Break
11.00-11.45	Discussion
11.45-12.45	<p>SESSION FIVE: EU MEMBERSHIP AND ITS IMPACT ON COUNTER-NARCOTICS EFFORTS IN THE BALTIC REGION</p> <p>Panel Chair: Prof. Vello Pettai, Professor and Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Tartu [confirmed]</p> <p>The Baltic experience during the last year of EU membership, Expectations and reality Mr. Janis Strazdins Latvian MP and Head of the Latvian delegation to the Assembly of the Western European Union [accepted]</p> <p>Lithuanian experience in the development of the counter-narcotics policy Mr. Petras Zapolskas Lithuanian Ambassador to Sweden [invited]</p> <p>Estonian experience in combating the organized crime Mr. Urmas Reinsalu Estonian MP and a member of European Union Affairs Committee [invited]</p>
12.45-13.00	Break
13.00-13.45	Discussion
13.45-14.15	<p>Closing Remarks with Summary TBA</p>
14:15	CLOSING LUNCHEON