

Kiel Security Conference 2024

Critical Junctures – the Future of the North

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Saturday, 22 June 2024, 09:00-15:45

Maritim Hotel Bellevue Kiel, Bismarckallee 2, D-24105 Kiel, Germany

The Kiel Security Conference focuses on security policy issues in the Baltic region and the High North. Security dynamics in the Baltic have been profoundly affected by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, while political and military tensions – and increasing capabilities – are also sharpening focus on the High North. As a result, NATO's posture needs to be adjusted and littoral states need to modernise their military capabilities, across all domains. This conference will focus on the political, military and security implications for Baltic littoral states and the EU and NATO.

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08:00 – 09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09:00 – 09:15	Conference Opening and Welcome Remarks Dr. Gerhard Wahlers Deputy Secretary General, Department Head European and International Cooperation Department Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Dr. Bastian Giegerich Director-General and Chief Executive The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Dr. Johann Wadephul, MP Deputy Chairman of the CDU/CSU-Parliamentary Group, German Bundestag
09:15 – 09:30	High-level Keynote Laurynas Kasčiūnas Minister of Defence of the Republic of Lithuania
09:30 – 11:00	Panel I: Finland, Sweden and NATO - New Plans for the North Speakers: Vice Admiral Mike Utley CB OBE Commander, Allied Maritime Command, Northwood, UK Admiral Stuart Munsch Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe/Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Africa/Commander,

Allied Joint Forces Command, Naples

Brigadier General Patrik Gardesten

Deputy Chief of the Swedish Navy

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Moderator:

James Hackett

Head of Defence and Military Analysis

The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break and Networking

11:30 – 13:00

Panel II: Going Critical - War, Society and Resilience

Speakers:

Vice Admiral Thomas E. Ishee

Commander 6th Fleet U.S. Navy & Commander Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO

Michal Szczerba

President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

Commodore Thomas Andersen

Head of Operations Department in the Norwegian Navy

Moderator:

Dr. Christina Krause

Head of Department International and Security Affairs,
(KAS)

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30

Panel III: Future War in the North and Lessons from Ukraine

Speakers:

Vice Admiral Jan Christian Kaack

Chief of the German Navy

Dr. Rebecca Pincus

Director of the Polar Institute at the Wilson Center in Washington, DC

Kusti Salm

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Republic of Estonia

Moderator:

Nick Childs, IISS Senior Fellow for Naval Forces and Maritime Security

15:30 – 15:45

Closing Remarks