

Press release / Media information June 5, 2025 from the Peace Alliance Northern Germany

Dear editors,

Please note the attached media information on the International Online Conference “The Baltic Sea - a Sea of Peace” on Saturday, June 14 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm.

Topic: For centuries, the Baltic Sea was both: a sea of peaceful trade cooperation & cultural exchange, but also a sea of warlike confrontation. It is with concern that we observe the dangerous escalation and preparations for war in the Baltic Sea. What are the many foreign warships doing in Rostock harbor, obviously violating the 2+4 treaty of 1990? Is there a threat of a Nordic War 2.0? We know from the recent history of the First and Second World Wars how destructive this ended.

Reiner Braun from the IPB (International Peace Bureau), one of the contributors at the online conference: “We citizens in the countries bordering the Baltic Sea say - like our parents and grandparents after the end of the war in 1945 - NEVER AGAIN! The Baltic Sea should be a sea of peace.” Other speakers will come from: Finland, Norway, Sweden, St. Petersburg, Rostock, Kiel, Bremen and Berlin.

Registration for the Zoom conference is required in order to receive the link to join the Zoom conference a few days before June 14: info@friedensbuendnis-norddeutschland.de

Detailed information about the program:

<https://www.friedensbuendnis-norddeutschland.de/index.php/konferenz>

Kind regards

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We observe with concern the current militarization and transformation of our Baltic Sea and the Arctic into a NATO frontline directed against our neighbor & economic partner Russia and the escalation into an economic war characterized by sanctions & embargoes, which threatens to turn into a “shooting war”. We remember better times, such as the Final Act of the “Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe” (CSCE) in Helsinki in 1975 and the 1990 “peace dividend”, an opportunity to overcome axis and bloc thinking and promote European cooperation for the benefit of all, see the 1990 CHARTER OF PARIS FOR A NEW EUROPE.

Are we being dragged into a Nordic War 2.0 (by whom?)? How can the peace movement in the countries bordering the Baltic Sea promote the peaceful perspective of an effective and common security architecture? How can peace-loving people in the countries bordering the Baltic Sea work together to free the Baltic Sea from the military grip and turn the Baltic Sea, its coasts and harbors into a sea of peace?

Rough overview of the program of the ZOOM conference on Saturday 14.06.2025 from 14:00 to 18:00 (local German time - CEST=UTC+2).

- Welcome, INTRODUCING WORDS and program overview (14:00 - 14:40)
- Panel: MILITARY SHIELD BALTIC & ARCTIC (14:45 - 16:30), with contributions from Finland, Rostock, Kiel, Norway, Sweden, followed by discussion
- Panel: COMMON SECURITY, ECONOMIC & ECOLOGICAL COOPERATION (16:40 - 17:25), with contributions from Germany and St. Petersburg, followed by discussion
- RESUME and outlook (17:30-18:10)

