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As Lithuania takes over the Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States on July 1, Covid-19 related challenges to the security, integrity, and openness of our societies in the region remain in full force. The CBSS will continue to adjust to this new reality and as its Presidency Lithuania will be taking up relevant topics as necessary.

The Presidency's focus is on achievable, practical, and visible four priorities:

- sustainable development, especially in the field of developing green industry;
- green and maritime tourism as important sector in reviving regional economy, increasing region's visibility, giving employment opportunities to young people;
- civil protection in the region, strengthening resilience in the region against major emergencies and disasters;
- combatting human trafficking for labour exploitation in the region, as well as prevention of violence against children.



The Presidency looks forward to assessing the achievements of the CBSS in the region, to evaluate organization's role in effecting change over the last decade since Vilnius Declaration "A Vision of the Baltic Sea Region until 2020". The Declaration was adopted by CBSS Prime Ministers in Vilnius on June 3, 2010.

Thereafter the Presidency will ask the CSO to work on a new forward-looking Vilnius Declaration „A Vision of the Baltic Sea Region until 2030“ which could be expected to be ready by the next High-level Meeting at the end of the Lithuanian Presidency.

VASAB (Vision and Strategies Around the Baltic Sea) will continue to refine the renewed long term perspective of the territorial development of the Baltic Sea Region until 2030.

The forum of the Baltic Sea Youth Platform and the Baltic Sea NGO Forum will draw up their declarations – visions of the future of the Baltic Sea Region.

The International Tourism Forum will focus on the future of tourism in the Baltic Sea Region.

The Presidency shall encourage the CBSS expert groups to making adjustments to their agenda to adapt to post-Covid period.

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