

Rail Baltica – a test for the Baltic cooperation. How are we doing?

Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University (IIRPS) and RB Rail AS (coordinator of the Rail Baltica Global Project) are organising the debate on the Baltic cooperation and Rail Baltica. Together with academics and experts from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania we want to identify enablers and blockers in the current cooperation between the states. We will be using Rail Baltica as a test case to analyse the Baltic cooperation on political, economic and social levels. The panellists will review the following questions:

1. What common Baltic projects have been implemented?

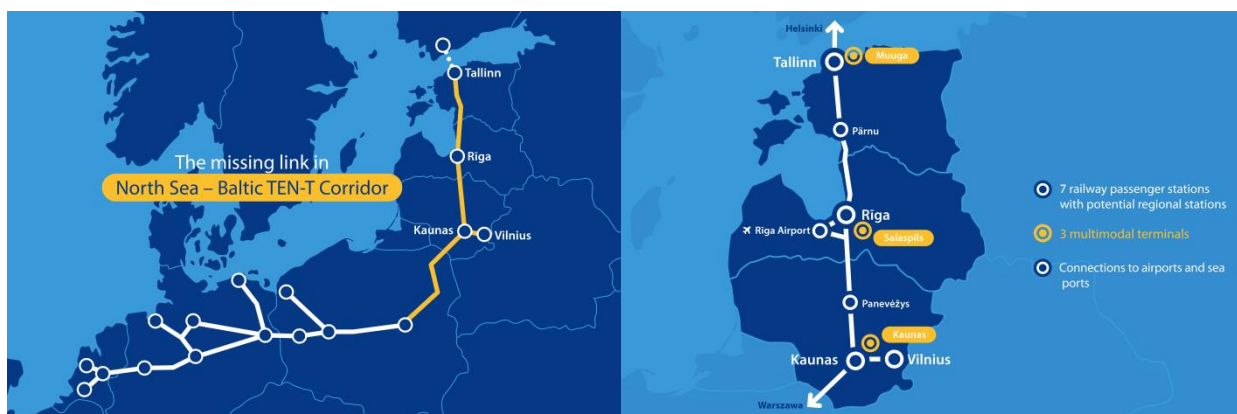
Political, economic, infrastructure, business, academic, cultural etc.
 What are the best examples of Baltic cooperation?
 What are the lessons to be learned?

2. What was the key of success or reason of failure?

Politics (domestic, like election cycles/external), different assessment of cost and benefits, different assessment of external threats, collective action and coordination problems, different identity, lack of trust etc.

3. What could be done better in the case of Rail Baltica project?

Date: **1 March 2019, Friday**
 Time: **10:00 - 12:00**
 Place: **Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Room 402**
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10:00	Start of the event
10:00-10:05	Welcome Prof. Mr. Ramūnas Vilpišauskas , Director of IIRPS
10:05-10:30	Rail Baltica: Project of the Century. Mr. Ignas Degutis , Acting CEO, CFO, RB Rail AS
10:30-11:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel Discussion</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Romas Švedas, Lecturer at IIRPS , Supervisory Board Member of RB Rail AS, Chairman of the Board of Lithuanian Railways, former Vice-Minister of Energy of Lithuania.</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <p>Dr. Einari Kisel, Regional Manager for Europe at World Energy Council (WEC), Member of Supervisory Board at Eesti Energia, former Deputy Secretary General for Energy (2002-2012), former High-Level Group Member of EU Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan.</p> <p>Prof. Erik Terk, Tallinn University, Future Studies and Strategic Management.</p> <p>Ms. Ieva Morica, Managing Director of Foundation DOTS (Latvia), Board Member of Riga Graduate School of Law, Co-founder of the conversation festival Lampa, former Director of Baltic-American Partnership Programme.</p> <p>Prof. Iveta Reinholde, University of Latvia, Chairperson of the Board of Latvian Association of Political Scientists</p> <p>Dr. Nerija Putinaitė, Philosopher, Researcher at IIRPS, former Vice-Minister of Education and Science of Lithuania.</p> <p>Prof. Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, Director, Institute of International Relations and Political Science (Lithuania).</p> <p>Mr. Ignas Degutis, Acting CEO, CFO, RB Rail AS, former CFO at “Vilniaus kogeneracinė jėgainė” and project manager of the “Lietuvos energija” group.</p>
11:45-12:00	Closing remarks Mr. Romas Švedas