

## BPO Debate in European Parliament

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<b>Date</b> 24 May 2023	The Baltic Ports Organization (BPO) and Mr Andris Ameriks, MEP, have once again the pleasure to invite you to take part in the annual BPO Lunch Debate, focused on two main themes: the energy security for EU and the role of ports as well as the impact the Fit for 55 package, introduced by the European Commission (EC), on the overall maritime transport and port competitiveness.
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<b>Time</b> 12:30-14:30 CET	Discussed topics will include the role of ports in EU energy security supply (over one year experience after Russia invaded Ukraine), consequences of the sanctions imposed on Russian energy. Moreover, the impact of inclusion of maritime transport in EU's Emission Trading System (ETS) and other regulation proposals within Fit for 55 package on maritime transport will be discussed.
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<b>Venue</b> European Parliament	
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<b>Chair</b> Andris Ameriks Member <i>European Parliament</i>	
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<b>Welcome address</b> Kimmo Naski Chairman <i>Baltic Ports Organization</i>	The debate will be held <b>24 May 2023</b> from <b>12:30-14:30 CET in European Parliament.</b>
<b>Introduction to the debate</b> Bogdan Otdakowski Secretary General <i>Baltic Ports Organization</i>	Main subjects for the discussion <b>EU energy security supply, the role of ports</b> <b>Fit for 55 – impact on port competitiveness</b>
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<b>With the participation of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Baltic ports</li><li>• EU Corridor Coordinators</li><li>• Members of European Parliament</li><li>• DG Move, European Commission</li><li>• Innovation and Network Executive Agency (INEA)</li><li>• ESPO</li><li>• Industry organizations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sanctions on energy import from Russia – impact on ports</li><li>• RePower - the role of EU ports in EU energy security and supply</li><li>• maritime transport in ETS, competitiveness dimension</li><li>• using EU or non-EU ports - implications for CO2 emission and trade</li></ul>
	If you wish to register please contact: <a href="mailto:bpo.office@actiaforum.pl">bpo.office@actiaforum.pl</a> Participation is free of charge.

Faithfully yours,

  
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