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Dear Executive Vice-President Fitto,

We are pleased to invite you to the 2026 Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) which will take place in Tallinn on 12 – 13 May 2026, alongside bilateral/regional consultations on current issues related to the significant initiatives recently proposed by the European Commission.

Organised in cooperation with the City of Tallinn and the Council of the Baltic Sea States, the Annual Forum of the EUSBSR will focus on strengthening regional resilience. Building on more than fifteen years of experience since the launch of the Strategy, the Annual Forum has become an effective platform for strengthening regional stability, security, resilience and cooperation. It brings together key stakeholders from across the region to address shared challenges and to support the implementation of the Strategy.

We would be honoured, if you could deliver the keynote address at the opening of the Annual Forum in the morning of 12 May, offering your perspective on the future of the EU's Cohesion Policy and on the development and implementation of EU's Pact for the Eastern Border Regions. The program can be adjusted should another time slot be more convenient for you.

Furthermore, we propose to continue bilateral – and, where appropriate, regional - discussions on the implementation of the EU's Pact for the Eastern Border Regions, an issue we already addressed during your visit to Estonia in June 2025. Additional topics could include the EU Strategy for Islands and the EU Agenda for Cities.

In addition to the Ministerial meetings, we would also be grateful for your participation in a parliamentary discussion on the next Multiannual Financial Framework. This would provide an excellent opportunity to exchange views with the representatives of all political parties in the Estonian parliament, the Riigikogu.

We look forward to your favourable response.

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Minister of Foreign Affairs

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