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Prime Minister: We can develop trade and the digital environment in the Baltic Sea region, as well as improve the ecological situation in the sea

Today, Prime Minister Laimdota Straujuma opened the 6th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region in Jūrmala.

In her welcome address to Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden, the Prime Minister of Lithuania, the experts, scientists, politicians of the European Commission and the Baltic Sea region, business environment and the mass media, L.Straujuma highlighted the huge growth and innovation potential of the region. "The potential of the Baltic Sea region is also reflected in the priorities of the Latvian Presidency of the EU Council - to make Europe more competitive, more digital and globally engaged. We can expand the transport and energy networks. We can improve the ecological situation in the Baltic Sea. We can recognize the benefits of the Digital Age," said the Prime Minister.

She noted that the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region provides a framework for cooperation, "while our people, the society as whole and economic activities can provide inspiring energy to this cooperation".

The Prime Minister expressed her conviction that the discussions will not only strengthen cooperative ties, but will also help to implement the strategic vision for the region's future in concrete activities.

According to L.Straujuma, the structural reforms, contribution to "smart" growth, support to transport infrastructure, sustainable energy and liberal trade are essential for the development of the Baltic Sea region.

Address by Prime Minister Laimdota Straujuma:

http://www.mk.gov.lv/sites/default/files/editor/mp_runa_es_strategijas_foruma.pdf

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