## INVITATION

to the Presentation of the Study

## THE FUTURE OF THE BALTIC SEA REGION: POTENTIALS AND CHALLENGES

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The Baltic Sea area is a diverse region consisting of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Sweden. There is a high integration potential along the internal borders of the European Union (EU) as well as with the Russian economy. The eight EU countries have a population of 147 Million people which is a share of 29 % of the total EU population. These states produce 29 % of the EU GDP indicating their importance for the whole European economic area.

The study published by the Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI) analyses the development perspectives of the Baltic Sea region. It deals with the current situation and potentials as well as with future challenges. Thereby this study puts its focus on trade in the Baltic Sea area, demographic trends, capacity for innovations and the economic impact of the cities in this region.

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A light lunch will be provided.



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