

The Nordic-Baltic Maritime Forum 2026



POST EVENT REPORT



About the Nordic-Baltic Maritime Forum

Spanning four days of engaging, informative, and dynamic activities, the Forum's aim was to bring industry stakeholders to Helsinki to learn firsthand about the Nordic-Baltic region's strong maritime capabilities, technological excellence, and proactive approach to innovation and sustainability.

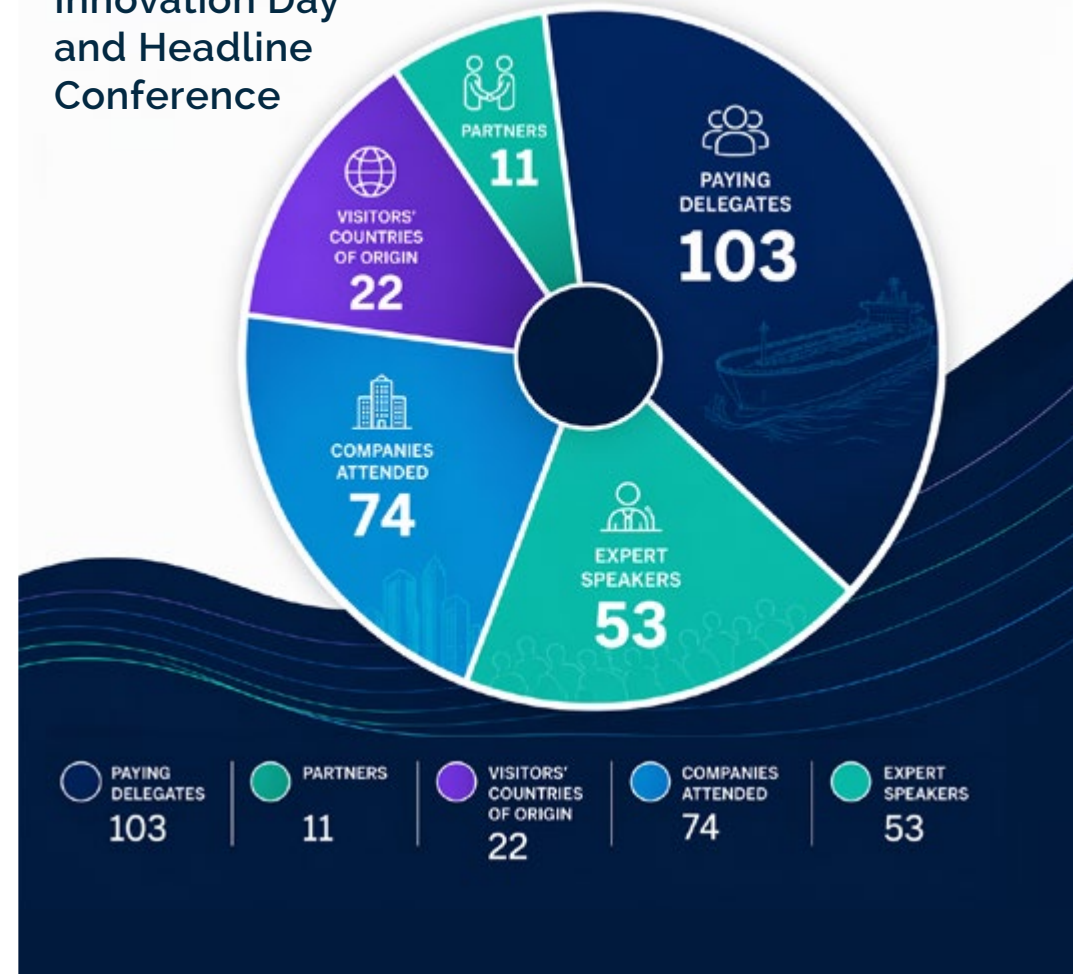
The Forum highlighted innovation in marine energy (conventional and alternative fuels), shipbuilding and technology, and ports and terminals, with a key focus on Finland's contributions to these sectors.

The Forum included:

- A visit to P2X Solution's facility in Harjavalta, Western Finland, which is Finland's first industrial scale renewable hydrogen production facility.
- A technical visit to the Port of Helsinki's West Harbour which provided an overview of port operations and infrastructure.
- The Nordic-Baltic Resilience Summit, which was organised and hosted by Port Pool / Finnish Ports Association and Maritime Transport Pool / Finnish Shipowners' Association, under the auspices of the Finnish National Emergency Supply Agency (NESA).
- Innovation Day which was delivered by NBMF Innovation Partners across a range of formats, including roundtable discussions and working groups, specialised seminars and discussion panels – all of which were intended to encourage delegate interaction and foster cross-disciplinary conversations.
- The NBMF 26 Headline Conference, which debated the most pressing issues facing the global maritime sector and highlighted how the Nordic-Baltic region is shaping the maritime future through the energy transition, shipbuilding, digitalisation and AI, and innovation in ports and terminals.

Delegate attendance

Innovation Day and Headline Conference



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Headline Conference Programme

26 March 2026

WELCOME ADDRESS

Lulu Ranne, Finland's Minister of Transport and Communications

CONFERENCE KEYNOTES: HIGH AMBITION – DEEP CHALLENGES

Keynote presentations which addressed the key short- and longer-term challenges/opportunities for shipping, energy producers, port and technology companies in relation to decarbonisation and also commercial challenges, such as the potential impact on trade flows due to any future major shifts to deglobalisation.

SESSION 1 – CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE

Speakers explored key drivers of maritime energy transition, including regulation, finance, and collaboration across Nordic-Baltic initiatives. The session highlighted challenges, capacity building, competitiveness, green shipping corridors, and the growing threat of cyberattacks.

SESSION 2 – OWNING THE TASK

This session focused on shipowners and operators, exploring decisions on fuels, technology, fleet renewal, compliance, and crew development. It examined how especially small and mid-sized owners balance these challenges, signal demand to fuel producers, and approach financing, retrofits, and optimisation in an uncertain market.



SESSION 3 – A NEW INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

This session highlights Nordic-Baltic expertise in maritime technology, digitalisation, offshore infrastructure, and shipbuilding. It explored how policy and collaboration support innovation, global partnerships, and the region's competitive edge in both traditional and clean tech sectors.

SESSION 4 – PORTS: REFRAMING SHIPPING AND TRADE CONNECTIONS

This session explored how Nordic-Baltic ports are evolving to support the energy transition while maintaining their central role in logistics. It covered strategies in areas such as energy storage, bunkering, shore power, carbon capture, and sustainable operations, highlighting how ports are redefining their operational and commercial role.

CLOSING CONVERSATION

In this last session of the NBMF, industry leaders representing the Finnish Ports Association and the Finnish Shipowners' Association discussed how national skillsets and strengths in maritime's energy transition and technology innovation can contribute individually and collaboratively to energise global dialogue, encourage global knowledge sharing, and forge international commercial partnerships.

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Marketing

This campaign promotes the Nordic-Baltic Maritime Forum through a clear funnel: it starts by building awareness and credibility with strong branding and partnerships, then highlights expert speakers and key industry themes like AI and decarbonisation to demonstrate value, and finally creates urgency with a “one month to go” message and call to register. Overall, it guides the audience from initial interest to action while reinforcing the event’s role as a leading maritime innovation gathering.

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Jovana Djapa, Global Head of Customer Success at **ZeroNorth** will be speaking on Innovation Day at the Nordic-Baltic Maritime Forum taking place in Helsinki, 23 - 26 March 2026. ...more

Innovation Day

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1 Month to Go! Countdown to #NBMF26 📅

We're just 1 month away from the Nordic-Baltic Maritime Forum 2026 — taking place 23-26 March in Helsinki!

Join maritime leaders, innovators, policymakers and industry experts from across the Nordic-Baltic region for a week of collaboration, insight and action on the future of shipping and maritime technology. From marine energy & decarbonisation to digitalisation, shipbuilding and port innovation, this landmark gathering will drive progress toward a more sustainable and resilient global maritime sector. 🌊

Highlights include:

- High-level conference addressing the maritime energy transition, technology and sustainability
- Site visits to the port and a hydrogen production plant
- Maritime Resilience Summit and Innovation Day
- Networking receptions and collaboration opportunities

Don't miss your chance to be part of this pivotal event.
Register now — <https://lnkd.in/eBwgcXMe>

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Delegate Feedback

“With representatives from the Finnish Government, IMO, EMSA, ports, shipowners, and technology companies all part of the programme, the conversations were practical and included some lively debate - which is exactly what this industry needs.

I hope this is the beginning of a long run for this forum in Helsinki. It would be a strong place to come back to in the years ahead, revisit the issues raised at this inaugural edition, and track real progress.”

*Mounir Bendouch,
Director at Bunker Suite*

“A powerful reminder of just how critical the shipping industry is — not only for everyday life and supply chains, but also for national resilience and security. This reality really came to life at the Nordic Baltic Maritime Forum in Helsinki, excellently organized by ship.energy.

It was a pleasure to meet and exchange perspectives with some of the people shaping the industry. Strong, forward-thinking companies and leaders like these will be key as we navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead.”

*Anders Larsen-Ross,
Marine Business Development Manager Nordics, RINA*

“The event brought together a strong lineup of maritime industry professionals to discuss some of the most pressing topics shaping the sector today — from decarbonisation challenges to the growing role of alternative fuels and rapidly evolving technologies.

It was a great opportunity to exchange perspectives, strengthen industry connections, and stay closely aligned with the latest developments across the Nordic-Baltic region.

A sincere thank you to Ship.Energy for organising such a well-structured and insightful event, and for creating a platform that truly encourages collaboration and forward-looking dialogue.”

*Valery Vdovina,
Physical bunker supplier at Riga port, Latvia*

“This week, as part of the Nordic-Baltic Maritime Forum organised by ship.energy, I had the opportunity to engage with maritime industry around a topic that is rapidly gaining momentum:

A big thank you to the organisers for making this dialogue possible!

*Jussi Rämä,
Technical Sales Manager,
P2X Solutions Oy*



Headline Conference



Innovation Day 25 March

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with insights from...

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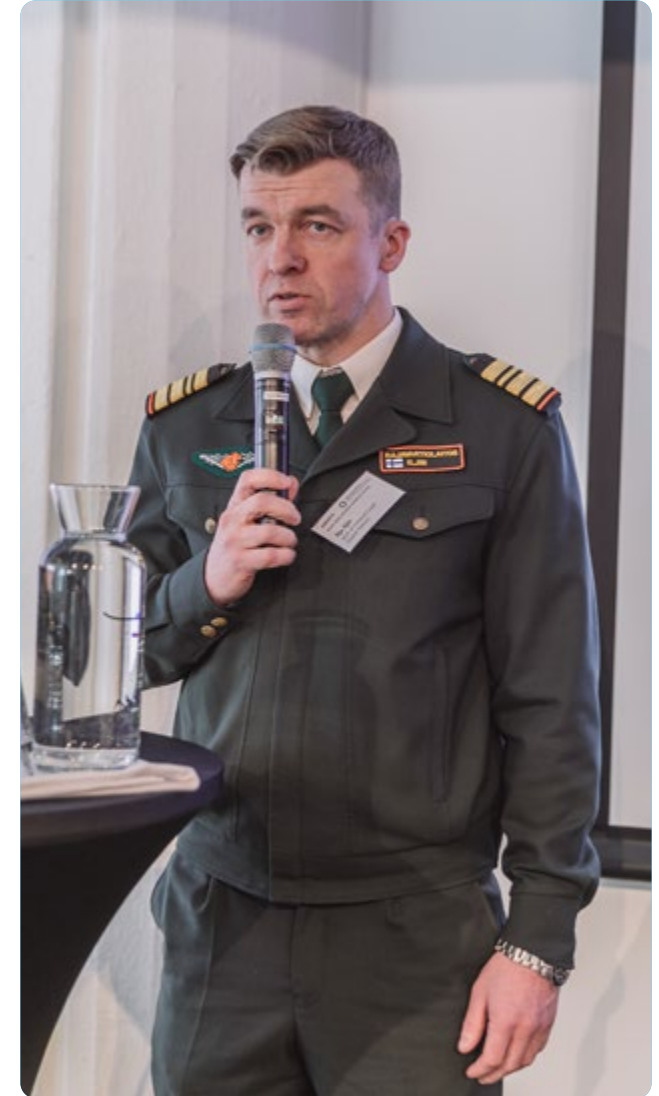
Andreas Grefsrud, Cybersecurity Advisory Director, Omny



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24 March

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P2X and Port of Helsinki visits



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