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Press Release

## Nordic-Baltic-Polish Parliamentary Delegation to Washington D.C. Organized by the Warsaw Security Forum

Warsaw Security Forum is leading a high-level Nordic-Baltic-Polish parliamentary delegation to Washington D.C. from **June 1-3, 2026**. This strategic mission brings together senior lawmakers from NATO's frontline states to engage in vital, forward-looking dialogues with American allies regarding the future, expectations, and strategic priorities of the Alliance's Northern and Eastern flanks.

The delegation is led by **Prof. Katarzyna Pisarska**, Chair of the Warsaw Security Forum. The exclusive group of senior lawmakers from the region includes:

- **Heikki Autto**, Chair of the Defence Committee, Member of Parliament of Finland
- **Paweł Kowal**, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Member of the Sejm of Poland
- **Marko Mihkelson**, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Member of Parliament of Estonia
- **Dovilė Šakalienė**, Former Minister of Defence, Member of Parliament of Lithuania

### NATO's Most Accountable Flank: The Nordic-Baltic-Polish Axis

The visit aims to underscore the critical strategic importance of the Nordic-Baltic region and Poland as NATO's frontline - functioning not only as vital security providers but also as a region making historic, self-driven investments in collective defense.

Countries of the North-East Flank have emerged as undisputed regional leaders, setting a profound example for other European countries through their commitment to increased military spending. Between 2021 and 2025, **Europe spent \$468.15 billion on purchasing American military equipment**, making it the largest export market for US defense products. This massive demand has directly generated hundreds of thousands of jobs across the United States while **solidifying the USA as Europe's primary defense partner**. A similar mutually beneficial shift is evident in the energy sector, where the reshaping of Europe's energy landscape has positioned the **United States as the ultimate financial winner of Europe's rush for energy security via LNG imports**.

Furthermore, Europe continues to take the lead in supporting the Ukrainian war effort, with **the highest degree of GDP-proportionate support explicitly visible along the North-East Flank**. States of the region such as Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania, Norway, and Latvia lead global rankings in government support to Ukraine relative to their GDP.

## A Packed Diplomatic Agenda

Over the course of the three-day visit, the delegation will execute an intense series of high-level meetings across the **US Administration, Congress, and leading think-tanks.**

Strategic policy briefings and diplomatic dialogues will be conducted within the executive branch, including sessions with the **National Security Council**, comprehensive meetings at the **Department of State** and a defense briefing at the **Pentagon.**

Within the US Congress, the delegation will focus heavily on engaging key legislative committees, as well as holding strategic consultations with both **minority and majority leadership.** The program includes targeted dialogues and briefings within the **Senate Committee on Foreign Relations**, the **House Foreign Affairs Committee**, and the **House Armed Services Committee.**

Furthermore, the delegation will attend the **hearing of Secretary of State Marco Rubio before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.**

These institutional engagements will be closely complemented by strategic roundtables and working sessions hosted at prominent Washington-based think-tanks, including the **Atlantic Council**, the **America First Policy Institute** and **The Heritage Foundation.**

## Media Notice

Members of the delegation will be available for select press interviews, background briefings, and media commentary during the visit.

**On June 3rd (Wednesday) at 11:00 AM**, following the participation in the Secretary of State Marco Rubio's hearing, **the delegation will hold a press briefing in front of the Rayburn House Office Building** to summarize the key findings and outcomes of the three-day visit.

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