

PROGRAM

XI International Environmental Forum “Baltic Sea Day”

From holistic approach to comprehensive actions

Place of Meeting: Congress-hall, «Park Inn Pulkovskaya Hotel», 22-24 March 2010

23 March 2010, Tuesday

08.00-09.00 **Registration of the participants**

OPENING OF THE XI INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM “BALTIC SEA DAY”

09.00-09.10 ***Greetings to the Forum by the Youth Environmental Center of St. Petersburg Vodokanal***

09.10-09.50 ***Greetings:***

- Government of St. Petersburg
- Mr. Eugeniy V. Lukjanov, Deputy Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in the North-West Federal District
- Administration of Leningrad Region
- Mr. Timo Tanninen, Director General, Department of the Natural Environment, Ministry of the Environment of Finland

09.50-11.00 *Opening session*

09.50-10.05 – **On the way to 2010 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting in Moscow**

Mr. Igor I. Maydanov, HELCOM Chairman

10.05-10.20 – **Challenges and windows of opportunity for HELCOM during the upcoming Swedish Chairmanship**

Ms. Gabriella Lindholm, upcoming Chairman of HELCOM, Ambassador for the Marine Environment, Sweden

10.20-10.35 – **European Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region – facilitating implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan**

Mr. Dirk Ahner, DG REGIO, European Commission

10.35-10.50 – **Outcome of the Baltic Sea Action Summit – new approach and commitments**

Ms. Saara Kankaanrinta, Secretary General, Co-Founder Baltic Sea Action Group

10.50-11.00 – **Law enforcement activities as an instrument for improvement of environmental situation in the Baltic Sea**

Mr. Oleg N. Zhygiley, Head of the Department of Rosprirodnadzor for North-West of Russia

11.00-11.30 Coffee-break

11.30-12.00 *Press Conference (by invitations)*

11.30-13.30 *Panel Session – from holistic assessment to comprehensive actions*

11.30-11.35 *Towards holistic assessment of marine environment of the Baltic Sea*

Introduction by the moderato [Mr. Mikhail Durkin, Helsinki Commission]

11.35-12.05 *Eutrophication*

- 11.35-11.45 Status of eutrophication of the Baltic Sea – critical areas and priority measures
– [Mr. Mikhail Durkin, Helsinki Commission]
- 11.45-11.55 Innovative solutions to reduction of municipal nutrient loads: addressing advanced treatment of sewage and sludge, example of the PURE Project
– [Ms. Tuuli Ojala, John Nurminen Foundation, Finland]
- 11.55-12.05 Baltic COMPASS Project: Building up a platform for development of sustainable solutions in agriculture in the Baltic Sea Region and addressing diffuse and point source pollution
– [Ms. Anna Tjärvar, Swedish International Development Agency – SIDA]
- 12.05-12.10 Questions
- 12.10-12.45 Hazardous substances**
- 12.10-12.20 Status of chemical pollution of the Baltic Sea – identifying critical areas and sources
– [Mr. Kaj Forsius, Helsinki Commission]
- 12.20-12.30 COHIBA Project: finding common Baltic-wide solutions to minimize pollution by hazardous substances from municipal and industrial sources
– [Ms. Heidrun Fammler, East Baltic Sea Region Coordinator, COHIBA project]
- 12.30-12.40 SMOCS Project: new techniques to minimize environmental impacts of dredging activities as a source of hazardous substances to the Baltic Sea
– [Mr. Bo Svedberg / Ms. Kristina Lundberg, Luleå University of Technology]
- 12.40-12.45 Questions
- 12.45-13.05 Maritime Activities**
- 12.45-12.55 Status of maritime activities in the Baltic Sea Area
– [Ms. Monika Stankiewicz, Helsinki Commission]
- 12.55-13.05 [Baltic Sea Challenge initiative, with focus on reception of ship-generated sewage]
– [Ms. Lotta Nummelin, Environmental Center of the City of Helsinki]
- 13.05-13.30 Biodiversity**
- 13.05-13.15 Status of nature conservation and biodiversity of the Baltic Sea
– [Mr. Hermanni Backer, Helsinki Commission]
- 13.15-13.25 Actions to inventorise the state of salmon (*Salmo salar*) and sea trout (*Salmo trutta*) populations in rivers flowing to the Baltic Sea (SALAR Project)
– [Mr. Orian Bondestam, Helsinki Commission]
- 13.25-13.30 Questions
- 13.30-15.00 Lunch**

SECTION SESSIONS – round tables (5 tables concurrently)

- 14.30-16.00 1. *Tools to develop Russian national action programme for BSAP implementation (Hazardous substances segment): BaltHazAR Project*
Proposals for moderators: Ekaterina A. Vorobyeva, Deputy Director of SPbPO “Ecology and Business”, Project manger from Russian side/ Kaj Forsius, HELCOM, Project manager

2. *Towards coherent network of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of Russia (Biodiversity Segment, including also fisheries-related actions)*

Proposals for moderators: Rustam A. Sagitov, Director of Baltic Fund for Nature

3. *Towards cleaner and safer Baltic Sea (Maritime segment),*

Proposals for moderators: Boris P. Usanov, Advisor of Governor of St. Petersburg/ Irina N. Simonova, Rescue Service of Russia

4. *Assessment of the Baltic Sea environment*

Proposals for moderators: Lev Karlin, Rector of Russian State Hydrometeorological University/ Alexander Rybalko, Principal Scientist of Geological Environmental Centre of State Company “Sevmorgeo”

5. *Alternative sources of energy and energy-saving technologies*

Proposals for moderators: Erik Fellenius, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

16.00-16.20 Coffee-break

16.20-18.00 Continuation of the section sessions work

19.00 **Official dinner in restaurant “Royal Beach”** (by invitations)

24 March 2010, Wednesday

SECTION SESSIONS – round tables (5 tables concurrently)

- 9.00-11.00 1. *Tools to develop Russian national action programme for BSAP implementation (Eutrophication segment): RusNIP Projects*
Proposals for moderators: Ulla-Britta Fallenius, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
2. *Tools to develop Russian national action programme for BSAP implementation (Agricultural segment): BaltHazAR Project*
Proposals for moderators: Vladislav B. Minin, Association for Assistance for Field Research and Development of Rural Territories/ Harri Huhta, Agrifood Research Finland
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11.00-11.30 Coffee-break

11.30-13.00 Continuation of the section sessions work

13.00-14.30 Lunch

PLENARY SESSION

14.30-16.30 Round tables outcome

16.30-18.00 Farewell cocktail

Events before official opening of the Forum:

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| 19 March 2010, Friday |
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[Youth round table at Russian State Hydrometeorological University]

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| 22 March 2010, Monday |
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SECTION SESSION – round table

- 10.00 –18.35 *Russian-Finnish-Estonian cooperation in the Gulf of Finland*
- Chairpersons: Juha Sarkkula, Coordinator of the trilateral working group on the Gulf of Finland, Finnish Environment Institute/ Ms. Irina M. Markovets, Baltmortehdirektziya
- 13.00-18.00 *COHIBA Project Meeting*
- Chairperson: Ms. Ansa Pilke, Project manager
- 10.00-18.00 *Regional development in global prospect. Effectiveness of cooperation in Europe on example of Baltic region (in advance of International Forum in Brussels).*
- Chairperson: Ms. Inga V. Ivanova, co-chairperson of Dutch-Russian International center from Russian side
- 13.00-17.00 *BaltHazAR Project Steering Group Meeting*
- Chairperson: Mr. Igor I. Maydanov, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation
- 15.00-18.00 *Nord Stream: Compliance with the Highest Safety Standards During Construction*
- Chairman: Dr. Dirk von Ameln, Permitting Director, Nord Stream AG
 - Moderator: Vugar Veysalov, Permitting Manager, Nord Stream AG

Events after official closing of the Forum:

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| 25 March 2010, Thursday |
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- 10.00-13.00 *Round table “Youth thinks about Baltic”*
- Address: Shpalernaya str. 56. Youth Environmental Center of St. Petersburg Vodokanal