

## PROGRAM

### XII International Environmental Forum “Baltic Sea Day”

*The sea but joins the regions it divides*

#### Place of Meeting:

LenEXPO Exhibition center, 21 March 2011

Congress-hall, «Park Inn Pulkovskaya Hotel», 22-23 March 2011

**15 March – 15 April 2011 (Museum complex "The Universe of Water")**

**15 March 2011 – official opening of the Exhibition of the modern Baltic painters – “The sea but joins the regions it divides» (by invitations)**

*Place of the Exhibition:* Museum complex "The Universe of Water", 56 Shpalernaya street

**21 March 2011, Monday (LenEXPO, Exhibition hall №7, room 7.1)**

#### **10.00 – 12.00 Plenary Session. Russian national program for restoration and rehabilitation of the Baltic Sea ecosystem**

This panel discussion would aim at 1) raising the awareness about the challenges and opportunities for stakeholder and target group cooperation in the implementation of the NIPs, 2) giving special attention to the implementation of the Russian NIP.

- **Panelists and special invited persons could include:** Representatives from Russian Federal Ministries, representatives from the administration of the North-West Federal District of Russia, IFI:s, HELCOM secretariat, business representatives, educational institutions, NGO.

#### **Moderators: Mr. Leonid Korovin and Ms. Ekaterina Vorobyeva, St.Petersburg Public Organisation “Ecology and Business”**

9.30-9.45 *Greetings to the Session*

- *Mr. Igor Maydanov, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation*
- *Ms. Gabriella Lindholm, HELCOM Chair*

9.45-9.55 *Short introduction of the Russian National Implementation Programme for the BSAP: major components and budget – introduction to the discussion case*

*Mr. Leonid Korovin, Director General, “Ecology and Business”*

9.55-10.30 *Analysis and proposals for improvement/prioritization of waste water treatment component of the Russian NIP*

- *Mr. Anatoly Kinebas, Deputy General Director GUP “Vodokanal St.Petersburg”*

10.30-11.00 *Nature-conservative measures in the frame of agricultural activities which are coordinated by Committee on Agro-Industrial and Fishery Complex of Leningrad oblast*

- *Mr. Igor Prokhorov, Deputy Head, Head of Department for development of agriculture, Committee on Agro-Industrial and Fishery Complex of Leningrad oblast (tbc)*

*General information about the project “Poultry manure management in the Leningrad Region”*

- *Juhani Ahava, Team Leader of the Project*

11.00-11.30 *Cost estimation of ecosystem services*

- *Mr. Roustam Sagitov, Baltic Fund for Nature*

11.30-11.50 *Cost-efficiency analysis and proposals for improvement of hazardous component of the Russian NIP (point source measures (landfills) vs development of methodologies)*

- *Mr. Sergey Sorokin, Committees for Environmental Protection of Pskov*

11.50-12.00 *Open discussion and wrapping-up by moderators*

## **12.00 – 13.00 – Official opening of the St-Petersburg Ecological week**

*Section session*

**13.00-18.00** *Ecological status of the Baltic Sea. Basic factors of impact, methods of measurement and assessment (LenEXPO, Exhibition hall №7, room 7.2), (Mr. Alexander Antsulevich, St-Petersburg State University)*

**10.00-18.00** *Cooperation between Marine and Coastal Protected Areas, business and science in the regions of implementation of large-scale industrial project (Park Inn Pulkovskaya, block 2, room C) (Mr. Vasiliy Spiridonov UNDP/GEF Project “Strengthening of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of Russia”)*

**15.00-18.00** *Balthazar phase I, project meeting (Park Inn Pulkovskaya, block 2, room A), (Ms. Ekaterina Vorobyeva, St. Petersburg Public Organization “Ecology & Business”, project manager from Russian side/Mr. Kaj Forsius, HELCOM, project manager)*

**22 March 2011, Tuesday**

**08.30-9.45** **Registration of the participants**

## **OPENING OF THE XII INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM “BALTIC SEA DAY”**

**9.45-10.10** - *Greetings to the Forum by the Youth Environmental Center of St. Petersburg Vodokanal*

- *Awarding Russian-Finnish competition*

- *Greetings from international Fund We Are Water – Ms. Marina Sidorina, Marketing Director, Roca Rus*

**10.10-10.30** **Greetings to the Forum**

- *[XX, Government of St. Petersburg – tbc]*

- *Mr. Vladimir Lovtsov, Administration of Plenipotentiary of the President of Russia in NW Federal District*

- *Mr. Igor Maydanov, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation*

- *Ms. Gabriella Lindholm, HELCOM Chair*

- *Mr. Kai Myrberg, Finnish Environment Institute, Coordinator of Finnish-Estonian-Russian Program– intro of the Year of the Gulf of Finland]*
- *Mr. Yaroslav Drozd, General Consulate of Poland*

**10.30-11.00** *Opening session: Scenarios for the future and the cost-of non action*

- 1) *giving the audience a visual scenario of the Baltic Sea environment today, and in a long-term perspective, and 2) highlighting the challenges and opportunities of evaluation of ecosystems*

**10.30-10.40** *“Eye-catcher” presentation on the Baltic DOME (to be displayed outside the room - tbc)*

- *Ms. Helen Andersson and Mr. Patrik Wallman, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute*

**10.40-10.50** *Baltic STERN Report: - introduction of the outcomes of the Baltic Survey*

- *Ms. Siv Ericsson, Stockholm Resilience Center*

**10.50-11.00** *Questions, discussion*

**11.00-12.00** *Panel “Finding of synergies and points of common interest – implementation of Baltic Sea Action Plan and EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea region” (Moderator Mr. Mikhail Durkin, HELCOM Professional Secretary*

*The HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan sets tough targets for all Baltic Sea. The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, and other EU policy, is designed to be supportive to the work of HELCOM. The coming years, strong and close cooperation is needed to reach the shared target – a good environmental status of the Baltic Sea.*

*The Panel will discuss: How can we develop synergies and cooperation strengthening the implementation of BSAP and EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region? How can EU policy initiatives be supportive in reaching the targets of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan? Which good examples of co-ordination projects are there?*

**11.00-11.15** *EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region – potential for cooperation with Russia in support of implementation of the BSAP*

- *Mr. David Sweet, European Commission, Policy Adviser to Director General*

**11.15-11.30** *BSAP National Implementation Programs as a pre-condition for Baltic Sea to become a pilot area under Maritime Strategy Framework Directive: opportunities and challenges for Russia*

- *Monika Stankiewicz, HELCOM Professional Secretary*

**11.30-11.45** *Trilateral cooperation in the Gulf of Finland – an example of cross-sectoral environmental program contributing to the EU SBSR and the BSAP NIPs.*

- *Mr. Kai Myrberg, Finnish Environment Institute, Coordinator of Finnish-Estonian-Russian Program*

**11.45-12.00** *Questions, discussion*

Participants in the panel: high-level representatives from HELCOM countries, European Commission, HELCOM, Nordic Council of Ministers, RU Ministry of Foreign Affairs, financial institutions etc.

**12.00-13.30** **Lunch**

**13.30-17.30 SECTION SESSIONS – round tables** (separate programs)

1. *How to measure the progress in implementation of the BSAP* (Mr. Kai Myrberg, Finnish Environment Institute / Mr. Lev Karlin, St.Petersburg State Hydrometeorological University)
2. *Preventing pollution by hazardous substances at source and at end-of-pipe* (Ms.Heidrun Fammler, Baltic Environmental Forum /Mr. Mikhail Durkin, HELCOM)
3. *New Solutions in WWTPs and Old Challenges* (Mr. Leonid Korovin, St. Petersburg Public Organisation “Ecology and Business”)
4. *The Nord Stream gas pipeline through the Baltic Sea: construction and environmental monitoring to date* (Mr.Vugar Veysalov, Permitting Manager, Nord Stream AG/ Mr. Vladimir Ivlev, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Russian Federation)
5. *Risks of maritime transportation and need for response capacities* (Mr.Peter Poulsen, The Admiral Danish Fleet/XX, HELCOM)
6. *The Baltic Countries’ Input in the Exploration of Unknown Lands* (Mr. Andrey Strelnikov, Director, the Commander Island State Natural Biosphere Reserve; Ms. Svetlana Polishchuk, Expert, UNDP/GEF Project “Strengthening of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of Russia”)
7. *Education and the BSAP* (Ms. Elena Titova, Head of Unit for Environmental Education Committee of nature use, environmental protection and ecological safety providing Government of St.-Petersburg)

**15.30-16.00 Coffee-break**

16.00-17.30 Continuation of the section sessions work

18.00 – 21.00 Official dinner (by invitations)

**23 March 2011, Wednesday****SECTION SESSIONS – round tables ( tables concurrently)**

- 09.30-13.00 1. *Development of ecotourism on Maritime protected area* (Ms. Natalia Troitskaya UNDP/GEF Project “Strengthening of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of Russia”)
2. *Forming of a regional basin eco-nets on the base of Maritime protected area* (Mr. Vasily Spiridonov, UNDP/GEF Project “Strengthening of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of Russia”)
- 10.00-13.00 3. *Environmentally friendly agriculture* (Mr.Vladislav Minin, NGO Association for Assistance for Field Research and Development of Rural Territories/Mr.Harri Huhta, Agrifood Research Finland)
4. *Trilateral cooperation for the Gulf of Finland, Steering Group Meeting*

**11.30-12.00 Coffee-break**

12.00-13.00 Continuation of the section sessions work

**13.00-14.30 Lunch**

**PLENARY SESSION**

**14.30-16.00 Outcome by moderators – main conclusions**

*Moderators could be e.g. asked to present 3 major findings/conclusions from the plenary and roundtables*

**16.00-18.00 Farewell cocktail**