



INVITATION

The second meeting on Priority area 1 of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Tuesday 8th of March 2011

The Ministry of the Environment, Finland and the Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection of Poland would like to invite you to the second meeting on the implementation of Priority area 1 "to reduce the nutrient inputs into acceptable levels" of the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. The meeting will take place on **8th of March 2011** in **Helsinki, Finland**, in the Ministry of the Environment, Kasarmikatu 25, 00100 Helsinki.

The aim of the meeting is to discuss and draw conclusions from the implementation done so far and contribute to the revision of the Strategy in 2011.

You are welcome to bring up your ideas and proposals to enhance the implementation of the priority area 1 and present your expectations on it's coordination activities. We would be grateful for your ideas about setting concrete objectives and indicators for PA1 implementation, needs for upgrading of the Action Plan including new actions and flagship projects and focus of the coordination work in the future.

Please, pass this invitation to the relevant stakeholders of your country involved in the implementation of Priority area 1.

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Please, confirm your participation in the seminar by **28th of February** to Jaana Nuorteva, jaana.nuorteva@ymparisto.fi.

Enclosures: Agenda of the meeting
Seminar location

Distribution National contact points, national priority area 1 contact points, horizontal action leaders
European Commission (DG REGIO, DG ENV, DG MARE, DG AGRI)
HODs of HELCOM
HELCOM secretariat
Priority Area 1 Flagship project leaders
Priority area 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 coordinators
Relevant Russian stakeholders
Nordic Council of Ministries
EU development programmes' managing authorities
Interact Point Turku, BSAP Fund, EIB, NIB, NEFCO, Sida Baltic Sea Unit
John Nurminen Foundation, Baltic Sea Action Group, Baltic2020
Water protection associations, water and wastewater associations



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Chair: Ulla Kaarikivi-Laine, Katarzyna Biedrzycka

Draft agenda

- 08:30 – 09:00 *Registration*
- 09:00 – 09:10 Welcoming words
Mr Timo Tanninen, Director General, Ministry of the Environment, Finland
- 09:10 – 09:30 Status & future of the Strategy
Ms Catharina Sorensen, DG REGIO
- 09:30 – 10:00 Status and challenges of implementation of PA1
PA1 Coordinators
- 10:00 – 10:20 HELCOM expectations
Mr Mikhail Durkin, HELCOM
- 10:20 – 10:40 *Coffee break*
- 10:40 – 11:00 Where is the potential to reduce nutrient loading of the Baltic Sea, results of PLC5
Mr Seppo Knuuttila, Finnish Environment Institute
- 11:00 – 12:00 Financing opportunities
Ms Baiba Liepa, Interact
Mr Anders Alm, BSAP Fund,
Ms Kaisa Kononen, BONUS EEIG
- 12:00 – 12:30 Discussion
- 12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 – 14:40 Flagship projects: what is a flagship project, how to avoid overlapping, how to coordinate, disseminate and utilize results in practice and in policy level
Case: agri-environmental projects
Ms Catharina Sorensen, DG REGIO, PA1 Coordinators
Ms Susanna Kaasinen, Baltic Deal, comments of Mr Staffan Lund, Baltic COMPASS and representative of Baltic MANURE
- 14:40 – 15:00 How to involve local/private actors
Ms Carolina Gunnarsson/Mr Tobias Faccini, Regional Council in Kalmar County
Mr Mathias Bergman, Baltic Sea Action Group
- 15:00 – 15:30 Discussion
- 15:30 – 16:00 Wrap up and conclusions



Location of the seminar: Ministry of the Environment, Kasarmikatu 25, Helsinki

