

**XIV INTERNATIONAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
FORUM  
BAL TIC SEA DAY**



*St. Petersburg, 20-22 March 2013*

Dear colleagues,

St. Petersburg (Russia) will host the XIV International Environmental Forum “Baltic Sea Day” on the 20-22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2013.

Focus topics will cover progress in implementation of National Baltic Sea Action Plans and exchange of experience therein among the Baltic countries in the light of preparations for upcoming HELCOM Ministerial Meeting in 2013, special attention will be paid to international projects and initiatives which make input for fulfilment of international commitments.

We would like to consider different scenarios of the Baltic Sea development presented into the WWF report and make focus on a cost-benefit analysis, which enables the researchers from Baltic “Stern Report” to assess for instance the economic impact of nutrient loads on a country-by-country basis.

The Forum is an important event in establishment and implementation of environmental policies of the Baltic countries. It unites people interested in the environmental safety and wellbeing of the Baltic Sea and provides ground for the discussions about strategic issues by high level representatives of the Baltic Region major stakeholders.

High level of representation from the European Commission, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation, Ministry of the Environment of Finland, Ministry of the Environment of Sweden and relevant ministries of the Baltic Sea countries is expected at the Forum in 2013.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee we invite you and your colleagues to take part in the Forum.

Please, forward your proposals and questions to SPb PO “Ecology and business” that is responsible for technical organization of the Forum.

Annexes: 1. Draft program

2. Registration form

Executive Secretary of the Organising Committee  
“Baltic Sea Day” Forum,  
Chairman of HELCOM LAND

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## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### XIV International Baltic Sea Day Environmental Forum

#### *[What still needs to be done for a healthy Baltic Sea?*

#### *Progress in reaching ecological objectives of HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan]*

Place of Meeting: [Hotel Park Inn Pribaltiyskaya](#), St.Petersburg, Russia, 20-22 March 2013

#### 20 MARCH 2013, WEDNESDAY

- XX.XX-XX.XX [Separate roundtables and project meetings]
- [Environmental education, training and public awareness]
  - [Steering Group of Priority Area 3 (Hazardous substances) of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region]
  - Trilateral Russian-Finnish-Estonian Cooperation on the Gulf of Finland – towards the Year of the Gulf of Finland 2014

#### 21 MARCH 2013, THURSDAY, [Blue-Hall]

**08.15-09.30** Registration of the participants, *foyer*

#### *Opening of the XIV International Baltic Sea Day Environmental Forum*

**09.30-09.40** *Greetings by the Youth Environmental Center of Vodokanal of St. Petersburg*

**09.40-10.15** *[Greetings to the Forum*

- *Government of St. Petersburg*
- *Ms.Helle Pilsgaard, Chair, Helsinki Commission, Denmark*
- *Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation*
- *Office of Plenipotentiary of the President of Russian Federation in NW Federal District*
- *Ministry of the Environment of Finland*
- *Ministry of the Environment of Sweden*
- *Council of the Baltic Sea States / [Russian Chairmanship]*

**10.15-10.30** *Introduction to the topic of the plenary*

**10.15-10.25** *[Global and European perspective of ecosystem approach towards reaching Good environmental status of marine environment, RIO+, EU MSFD, cooperation with Russia*

- *Ms. Astrid Schomaker, European Commission, DG Environment] / to be inquired*

**10.25-10.30** *[Implementation of the Baltic Sea Action Plan – roadmap towards 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting, setting the scene*

- *Ms. Monika Stankiewicz, HELCOM Executive Secretary] to be inquired*

**10.30-13.00** *Scenario and way forward: how to reach Good Environmental Status for the Baltic Sea?*

**10.30-10.35** *[Counter Currents: Scenarios for the Baltic Sea towards 2030*

- *Pauli Merriman, Director, WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme, Sweden] to be inquired*

**10.35-10.40** *Scenario A: Clear waters ahead (integrated governance, low ecological footprint)*

- *XX, WWF Baltic Programme, Sweden] to be inquired*

**10.40-11.00** *[Review of Baltic Sea nutrient reduction targets: progress areas and work still to be done*

- *Mr. Bo Gustafsson, Baltic Nest Institute, Sweden] to be inquired*

**11.00-11.30** *Coffee-break*

- 11.30-11.35 **Scenario B: Dangerous currents (integrated governance, high ecological footprint)**  
 - XX, WWF Baltic Programme, Sweden] to be inquired
- 11.35-11.55 **[Climate change scenarios and adaptation – BaltADAPT Project**  
 - XX, CBSS Secretariat] to be inquired
- 11.55-12.00 **Scenario C: Islands in the stream (fragmented governance, low ecological footprint)**  
 - XX, WWF Baltic Programme, Sweden] to be inquired
- 12.00-12.20 **[Maritime spatial planning, Plan Bothnia (Sweden/Finland)**  
 - XX. ] to be inquired
- 12.20-12.25 **Scenario D: Shipwrecked (fragmented governance, high ecological footprint)**  
 - XX, WWF Baltic Programme, Sweden] to be inquired
- 12.25-12.45 **[BALTIC STERN outcome – costs of non-action**  
 - XX, BalticSTERN network, (Finland or maybe Russian partners?)] to be inquired
- 12.45-13.00 **Wrap-up of the plenary session**  
 - XX, to be inquired

**13.00-14.00 Lunch (restaurant XX)**

**14.00-18.00 SECTION SESSIONS – round tables**

***[Ecosystem approach and ecosystem-based management in the Baltic Sea Region; developing inputs to the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting]***

***1. Sustainable agriculture and rural development (incl. BASE Project)***

*Moderators:*

***2. Indicators of good environmental status (incl. EUSBSR work, BASE Project)***

*Moderators:*

***3. Less-impacting fisheries and aquaculture (incl. BALTFIMPA, BASE Project)***

*Moderators:*

***4. Minimizing pollution by hazardous substances /pharmaceuticals (incl. BASE Project)***

*Moderators:*

***5. Baltic Sea cooperation for reducing ship and port emissions through knowledge- & innovation-based competitiveness (BSR Innoship)***

*Moderators:*

***6. Trilateral Russian-Finnish-Estonian Cooperation on the Gulf of Finland – towards the Year of the Gulf of Finland 2014 – Steering Group Meeting***

**15.30-16.30 Coffee-break**

16.30 – 18.00 Continuation of the section sessions work

18.30 – 21.00 Official dinner (by invitations)

22 MARCH 2012, FRIDAY

**SECTION SESSIONS – round tables** (separate programmes)

10.00-13.00 Continuation of the section sessions work

**1. Sustainable agriculture and rural development** (incl. BASE Project)

*Moderators:*

**2. Minimizing pollution by hazardous substances /pharmaceuticals** (incl. BASE Project)

*Moderators:*

**3 Trilateral Russian-Finnish-Estonian Cooperation on the Gulf of Finland – towards the Year of the Gulf of Finland 2014 – Public Council**

11.30-12.00 Coffee-break

**PLENARY SESSION**

13.00-14.30 **Outcome by moderators – main conclusions**

*Closing the Forum*

14.30-16.00 Lunch and farewell cocktail

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

*Place of meeting: Hotel "Park Inn Pribaltiyskaya",  
Address: St. Petersburg, Korablestroiteley str. 14*

Name					
Organization					
Position					
Country/City					
Contacts Address Telephones E-mail					
Do you need support for getting visa <i>(fill in the visa info on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page)</i>	Yes		No		
Participation in events of Forum	<i>Plenary Session</i>	21 of March	Yes/No	22 of March	Yes/No
	<i>Section sessions</i>				
Do you agree with addition of your e-mail to the "List of Participants"?	yes		no		

**Accommodation:**

Hotel	Type of room		Special price*
<b>Park Inn Pribaltiyskaya</b>	Standard Single		3000 (appr. 75 Euro)
	Standard Double		3700 (appr. 92 Euro)
<b>If you need hotel reservation, please, indicate</b>	<i>Date of arrival</i>	<i>Date of departure</i>	<i>Type of room</i>

**\*This price is actual for the participants who send their registration forms until 10 March 2013.**

**Visa info:**

Dear participants,

The organizers will need the following information to prepare an invitation:

- **Copy of your passport (please send it by e-mail)**
- Citizenship
- Country and region of residence
- Country and city where you are going to obtain

Russian visa

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that **it takes time to prepare an invitation for getting a visa**. Therefore, we kindly ask you to send your information in advance. Please do not delay sending the visa information.

**We kindly ask you to send:**

- the registration form by e-mail: **bsd@helcom.ru not later than 01 March 2013;**