

**PROGRAMME OF THE
HELCOM BALTIC SEA ACTION PLAN STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE 2008**

Time: Tuesday, 4 March 2008; starting at 09:30, until 17:00.
Registration starts at 8:30

Place: Marina Congress Center, Katajanokanlaituri 6, FI-00160 Helsinki, Finland

AIMS

1. To, by visualisation and a participatory process, initiate a discussion with all relevant stakeholders on how broad-scale marine spatial planning can be used as a planning tool within HELCOM, and in particular:
 - How to balance conservation interest and different uses in the marine areas in a multi-sectoral way;
 - To start a discussion of the broad-scale marine spatial principles applicable in the Baltic Sea Area

2. To involve the International Financial Institutions and the private sector in the implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan and to get to know their requirements for providing financing support.

PROGRAMME

Chairman: Mr. Mieczysław S. Ostojki, Chairman of HELCOM
Opening and introduction (10 min) at 09:30

THEMATIC SESSIONS

Broad-scale Marine Spatial Planning

Session Moderator: Mr. Peter Ehlers, BSH, Germany

Introduction (09:40 – 10:25)

- Introduction to the issue (15 min): Mr. Nico Nolte, Germany
- The EU Maritime Policy and spatial planning plans – promoting regional cooperation (15 min): Ms. Nicole Schaefer, European Commission, DG FISH
- Cooperation with other international organisations (15 min): Ms. Dzintra Upmace, VASAB

Fictive case study (10:25 – 11:45)

- Presentation of the fictive case (10 min): Minna Pyhälä and Hanna Paulomäki, HELCOM Secretariat
- Formation of groups and appointment of group leaders (10 min)
- Discussion in groups (60 minutes)

Reporting and discussion of outcome of group considerations (11:45 – 12:30)

- Led by the Session Moderator, Mr. Peter Ehlers (45 min)

Lunch break (12:30 – 13:30)

Financing the implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan

Funding available for the financing of the implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (13:30 – 15:00)

Session Moderator: Mr. Harro Pitkänen, NIB

- Introduction (15 min): Mr. Magnus Rystedt, NEFCO
- Spending under the EU Structural Funds, including the Cohesion Fund (15 min): Mr. Alain Roggeri, European Commission, DG REGIO
- EIB's Financing Opportunities for the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (15 min): Mr. Jaani Pietikäinen, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- The European Fisheries Fund: Spending for the sustainable development of fisheries and fisheries areas (15 min): Ms. Veronika Veits, European Commission, DG FISH
- Spending under a European Baltic Strategy (15 min): Mr. Kyösti Virrankoski, Member of the European Parliament
- Spending by non-profit foundations (15 min): Mr. Ilkka Herlin, Foundation for a Living Baltic Sea, Finland

Coffee break (15:00 – 15:30)

How to prepare successful projects to ensure/increase the investments for marine environmental protection (15:30 – 16:00)

Session Moderator: Mr. Jaakko Henttonen, NDEP/EBRD

- NDEP concept and experience with lessons learnt and recommendations for preparation of successful project funding (15 min): Mr. Jaakko Henttonen, NDEP/EBRD
- Prioritising the selection of projects for financing by using transparent parameters (15 min): Mr. Karl-Johan Lehtinen, NEFCO

Roundtable discussion (16:00 – 17:00)

Ensuring the successful implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan

- The audience is invited to actively contribute to the discussion.

Session Moderator: Mr. Mieczysław S. Ostojki, Chairman of HELCOM

Panel Members:

- Ms. Ulla Kaarikivi-Laine, Ministry of the Environment of Finland
- Mr. Harry Liiv, Ministry of the Environment of Estonia
- Mr. Carlos Berrozpe-Garcia, EC/DG ENV
- Ms. Heike Imhoff, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- Mr. Anatoly Yanchuk, Russian State Salvage and Rescue Administration
- Mr. Magnus Rystedt, Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO)
- Mr. Harro Pitkänen, Nordic Investment Bank (NIB)
- Mr. Jaakko Henttonen, NDEP/EBRD
- Mr. Jochen Lamp, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF Germany)

Closing of the Conference at 17:00

Mr. Mieczysław S. Ostojki, Chairman of HELCOM