



**THE JUBILEE SESSION OF THE HELSINKI COMMISSION
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING OF THE 1974 HELSINKI CONVENTION
5 MARCH 2014**

PART I - PROGRAMME

VENUE: Scandic Marina Congress Center (MCC), meeting hall Europaea, Katajanokanlaituri 6, Helsinki, Finland

Mrs. Helle Pilsgaard, HELCOM Chair, will chair the Jubilee Session.

Exhibition on HELCOM work since 1974 <i>Displayed in the lobby area in front of the Europaea meeting hall (MCC ground floor)</i>	
9:00-10:00	Registration and breakfast buffet <i>Lobby area by the meeting hall Europaea</i>
10:00-11:00	Celebrating 40 years of HELCOM cooperation
	<p><i>Music performance by the improvisational ensemble Huima Laulu (Wild Song)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening address by President Tarja Halonen • <i>Solutions for improving the quality of the environment for all</i> Keynote speech by Minister of the Environment of Finland, Mr. Ville Niinistö • <i>40th Anniversary of Regional Seas Programme and HELCOM contribution to global agenda</i> Speech by Ms. Jacqueline Alder, Head, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems Branch, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation of UNEP • <i>Living up to our commitments for a healthy Baltic Sea</i> Key messages by HELCOM Chair Mrs. Helle Pilsgaard

11:00-11:50	The Baltic Sea: ecosystem and prosperity
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health check for the Baltic Sea</i> Presentation by Prof. Erik Bonsdorff, Åbo Akademi University • <i>Eutrophication – reflections on the Baltic Sea Action Plan revision process and future challenges</i> Presentation by Mr. Bo Gustafsson, Director of Baltic Nest Institute Sweden • <i>Ecosystems services under magnifying glass</i> Presentation by Mrs. Marianne Kettunen, Senior Policy Analyst, Institute of European Environmental Policy
11:50-12:20	Working together for common goals
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A future-orientated dialogue between HELCOM, OSPAR, ICES, BONUS and EU and Russia moderated by Mrs. Pauli Merriman, WWF Baltic Programme Mrs. Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary of HELCOM Mr. Darius Campbell, Executive Secretary of OSPAR Mrs. Anne Christine Brusendorff, General Secretary of ICES Mrs. Kaisa Kononen, Executive Director of BONUS Mrs. Astrid Schomaker, Head of Unit, Environment DG, European Commission Mr. Nuritdin Inamov, Director of Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation
<i>A jubilee movie about HELCOM</i>	
<i>Photo session and a glass of sparkling wine</i>	
12:30-13:30	Buffet lunch
<i>Served in the lobby area by the meeting hall</i>	

PART II - EVENING PROGRAMME

18:00 – 20:30 Joint celebration at the Evening Reception

VENUE: *The premises of the HELCOM Secretariat, Katajanokanlaituri 6B, Helsinki*

All participants of the Jubilee Session are invited to the evening reception featuring special guest speeches and stories about memorable moments from the past and much more.