

PROGRAMME

BIODIVERSITY: COMMONALITIES BETWEEN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE BALTIC SEAS		
EET time (FI)	CET time (ES)	
8:30-9:00		Guest reception and introductory coffee
9:00-9:15	8:00	Welcoming words <i>Fernando Fernández-Arias, Ambassador of Spain</i> <i>Rüdiger Strempel, Executive Secretary HELCOM</i>
KEY NOTES		
9:15-9:45	8:15	Introducing the Baltic Sea from the point of view of its biodiversity <i>Jannica Haldin, Professional Secretary of HELCOM</i>
9:45-10:15	8:45	Introducing the Mediterranean Sea from the point of view of its biodiversity <i>Itziar Martin Partida, Deputy Director General for the Sea, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge</i>
10:15-10:30	9:15	Questions and answers
10:30-11:00	9:30	Coffee break
EXPERT PANEL: NIS IN THE BALTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN		
<i>Moderated by Ville-Veikko Intovuori, Traficom</i>		
11:00-11:15	10:00	Non-indigenous species (NIS) in the Mediterranean Sea <i>Aina Carbonell, Scientific Researcher, Spanish Institute of Oceanography</i>
11:15-11:30	10:15	NIS in the Baltic Sea <i>Maiju Lehtiniemi, lead of the NIS indicator in the HELCOM area, Finnish Environment Institute</i>
11:30-11:45	10:30	HELCOM and OSPAR cooperation on NIS in relation to the Ballast Water Management Convention <i>Julio de la Cueva, Ports of the State, Co-Chair of the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC) and Biofouling</i>
11:45-12:30	10:45	Panel discussion: mitigation measures are not an option. What else can be done to prevent the introduction of NIS both in the Mediterranean and the Baltic Sea?
12:30-12:45	11:30	Conclusions, <i>Ville-Veikko Intovuori, Chief Advisor, Marine Environment, Finnish Transport and Communications Agency</i>
12:45-14:00		Networking lunch