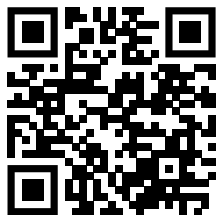


## Moderator



Sandra Kropa

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## Opening words



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## Keynote speakers



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# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Helsinki Convention

Thursday, 25 April 2024, 14:30 (EEST)  
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Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Time (in EEST)	Programme	Speakers
14:30	<b>Opening and Welcome</b>	Moderator: <b>Sandra Kropa</b> Environmental journalist, Latvia
	<b>Opening words by</b>	<b>Inga Bērziņa</b> Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia  <b>Kai Mykkänen</b> Minister of Climate and the Environment of Finland
15:00	<b>Keynote speeches</b>	<b>Pekka Haavisto</b> Member of the Parliament of Finland  <b>Karen Ellemann</b> Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers  <b>Leena Ylä-Mononen</b> Executive Director of the European Environment Agency  <b>Alan Haynie</b> General Secretary of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
15:30	<i>A musical interlude by Latvian artists</i>	
15:40	<b>Recalling the proud past of HELCOM</b>	A segment devoted to the most remarkable milestones passed and achievements reached by HELCOM in its 50 years.
	<b>Eyewitness speeches</b>	<b>Andris Andrusaitis</b> Baltic Earth Senior Advisory Board, Friend of HELCOM  <b>Peter Ehlers</b> HELCOM Chair 1984-1986 and 2000-2002 and Chair of the Maritime Committee 1987-1997  <b>Juha-Markku Leppänen</b> Former HELCOM Professional Secretary (pre-recorded)  <b>Inese Vaidere</b> Member of the European Parliament and former HELCOM Chair 2002-2004 (pre-recorded)  <b>Monika Stankiewicz</b> Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and former Polish delegate in HELCOM cooperation, HELCOM Professional Secretary 2006-2012 and HELCOM Executive  <b>Lilian Busse</b> Vice-President of the German Federal Environment Agency (UBA) and former HELCOM Chair 2020-2022
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16:50	<i>Networking break - coffee and possibility to enjoy the exhibition on HELCOM history</i>	
17:15	<b>Next generation panel discussion</b>  "Are we fit for the future?"	The discussion, facilitated by <b>Silva Laure</b> , Vice-Chair of the Baltic Sea Region Committee of Youth Representatives, will focus on selected Baltic Sea environment challenges and ways on finding balance between the values of environment and the negative impact we cause.  <b>Aurēlija Armoskaite</b> Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology  <b>Mikajosefin Jonsson Gehrke</b> WWF Sweden Youth  <b>Lisa Klemens</b> German Oceanographic Museum  <b>Stanisław Kostulski</b> Baltic Sea Region Youth Forum  <b>Regan McEnroe</b> Nature & Youth Sweden
18:05	<b>Where do we stand?</b>	<b>Rüdiger Stempel</b> HELCOM Executive Secretary  <b>Jannica Haldin</b> HELCOM Deputy Executive Secretary
18:15	<b>Congratulations by partner organizations</b>	— Baltic Sea Centre; Stockholm University — CBSS — OSPAR — IUCN (pre-recorded video) — UNEP (pre-recorded video) — VASAB — WWF&CCB
18:45	<b>Wrap up</b>	<b>Evija Šmite</b> HELCOM Chair
19:00		
20:30	<i>Reception invited by the HELCOM Chairmanship – Latvia</i>	