

XXI INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

«BALTIC SEA DAY» n.a. Leonid Korovin

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BALTIC SEA – LONG ROAD TO THE HEALTHY BALTIC SEA
EVALUATING IMPLEMENTATION OF the BALTIC SEA ACTION PLAN 2007-2021 – ACHIEVEMENTS and FAILURES**Place of Meeting:** EXPOFORUM Convention-and-exhibition centre, Peterburgskoye sh. 64/1, Hall D1 – D2

19 MARCH 2020, THURSDAY	
9.00 – 10.00	Registration of participants. Double duetto «Ma.Gr.Ig.Al.»
10.00 – 11.00	<p>Plenary session.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ivan Serebritsky, Committee for Nature Use, Environmental Protection and Ecological Safety of St. Petersburg</i></p> <p>Greeting by «Youth environmental centre SUE «Vodokanal of St. Petersburg»</p> <p>Formal greetings (welcome addresses)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Government of St. Petersburg</i> - <i>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation</i> - <i>Ministry of Environment of Finland, Dr. Hannele Pokka</i> - <i>HELCOM, Mr. Rudiger Stempel</i> - <i>Federal Water Resources Agency, Mr. Dmitry Kirillov</i> - <i>Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, Dr. Jakob Granit</i> - <i>President of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference, Mr. Valerijus Simulik, Lithuania</i> <p>Award ceremony for contributions to the development of cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region and Baltic Sea Day Forum by Non-governmental V.I. Vernadskiy Ecological Fund</p>
11.00 – 11.50	<p>Panel discussion: Implementation of BSAP 2007 – views of various stakeholders</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky, HELCOM</i></p> <p><i>Panelists: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation; Ms. Saara Back, Chair of HELCOM; Mr. Jacob Hagberg, Head of Sweden delegation to HELCOM; Ms. Ottilia Thoreson, WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme; Dr. Dirk von Ameln, Senior Advisor to the CEO, NordStream2AG</i></p>
11.50 – 12.00	Statement on environmental protection of the Baltic Sea in the frame of Baltic Run Motorcycle ride
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 18.00	Experts seminar, discussions, round tables and working meetings
	<p>1. BSAP implementation in the Russian Federation (representatives of HELCOM, federal and regional authorities, other stakeholders), (by invitation), Hall A6</p>
	<p>2. Hazardous Substances – updating HELCOM framework.</p> <p><i>HELCOM's work on regional policy document, joint action on micropollutants in wastewater sector, pharmaceuticals, etc. Possible contributors: BSR Water (platform cooperation projects for sustainable management of water resources), HAZLESS (hazardous chemicals in the eastern Gulf of Finland), HAZBREF and etc., Hall B6-B8</i></p>
	<p>3. Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)</p> <p><i>In the frame of bilateral Russian-Swedish cooperation and Project Platform "Capacity 4MSP - Strengthening the Capacity of MSP Stakeholders and Decision Makers". Discussion on tool for ecosystem-based marine spatial planning – Symphony and MSP Roadmap for Russia, Hall B3- B5</i></p>
	<p>4. River Basin Management plans and BSAP targets. Effectiveness and Sufficiency of measures to reduce nutrient loads and achieve BSAP targets.</p> <p><i>To discuss tools to establish continuous dialog between HELCOM and river basin management authorities to coordinate effort to reduce input of nutrient to the Baltic Sea. Specifically, the round table will discuss harmonization of reduction requirements for individual river basins to achieve the BSAP targets, improvement of data flow, transboundary cooperation and effectiveness of measures to reduce nutrient loads. Possible contributors: HELCOM ACTION, BSR –water, NarvaWatMan (Narva river), SEVIRA (Seleznevka river), From source to sea – Luga river basin and others, Hall A1 – A2</i></p>

	<p>5. Increasing resilience of the Baltic Sea to climate change</p> <p><i>Impacts of changing climate parameters on the environment and human activities and share best practices to improve climate resilience. Focus of the seminar will be on urban water management, though, other effects of climate change and related adaptation measures will be considered.</i></p> <p><i>Target groups: regional, national and local policy makers and practitioners as well as representatives of scientific and business communities, public society and other stakeholders, involved in the joint effort related to climate change adaptation, sustainable management and improving climate resilience, Hall B2</i></p>
	<p>6. Environmental practices during infrastructure project development. Nord Stream 2 Pipeline Project</p> <p><i>Technologies and environmental practices deployed in construction of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline, as well as the company's monitoring/inspection work and environmental and community initiatives strategy, "Telemetry Study of Baltic Ringed Seals in the Gulf of Finland" and other projects, Hall B1</i></p>
	<p>7. Marine Litter and Microplastics</p> <p><i>Review of the HELCOM Regional Plan on Marine Litter, Recommendation 23/5 on urban discharge management, with a focus on microplastics, the results of public monitoring of marine litter and microplastics (Institute of Limnology, Russian State Hydrometeorological University, Friends of the Baltic), practices to reduce plastic pollution (Coalition Clean Baltic) and projects such as More Baltic Less Plastic, Plastic Free Ocean, FANPLESSTIC and etc, Hall A4-A5</i></p>
13.30 – 16.00	<p>8. Innovative platforms and projects for SDG implementation in Baltic Sea region (Clean Shipping Project Platform, BIS project and etc.), Hall B10</p>
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee-break
16.30 – 18.00	<p>9. Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC) Working meeting</p> <p><i>With extended attendance (by invitation) to discuss water management issues and cooperation in the context of environmental protection for the Baltic Cities, Hall B10</i></p> <p>Continuation of seminars</p>

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9.00 – 10.00	Registration of participants
10.00 – 13.00	<p>1. Inclusion of environmental requirements into public procurement system of Russian Federation (expert seminar by NonHazCity2 project) <i>Raising awareness and motivation of procurers to use environmental requirements in public procurement: comparative analysis of European and Russian legislation in the field of green public procurement (GPP); environmental requirement (GPP criteria) used in Russia, for various groups of products and services; harmonization of European experience on GPP with Russian realities (presentation of adapt version of Guide for Green Public Procurement); recommendations on inclusion of environmental requirements (GPP criteria) in public procurement.</i> <i>Target groups: public procurers, other stakeholders, Hall B3 – B5</i></p>
	<p>2. Ecotourism, research and management of protected areas <i>(Management plans for PAs in Baltic Sea region; research and development of environmentally friendly tourism at marine and coastal PAs.)</i> <i>Main participants: HELCOM Secretariat, Directorate of Protected Natural Areas of St. Petersburg, Directorate of Protected Areas of the Leningrad Region, managers of Federal and Regional Protected Areas, etc., Hall B2</i></p>
	<p>3. Towards environmentally friendly agriculture <i>Effectiveness of measures to reduce nutrient loads from agriculture, including recycling, taking into account the results of the International project “MANURE STANDARDS”; BAT for livestock farms; development of resource-saving and organic agriculture, Hall B6 –B8</i></p>
	<p>4. Meeting of the Russian national subcommittee of the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme (by invitation), Hall B10</p>
	<p>5. Steering Committee of the NarvaWatMan project (by invitation), Hall A6</p>
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee–break
13.00 – 14.00	<p>Opened meeting of the Organizing Committee <i>Outcome of the expert seminars and discussion of future plans, Hall B2</i></p>
14.00 – 15.00	Farewell cocktail. Esse Quintet performance
15.00 –19.00	<p>Excursions</p> <p>1) Saint Petersburg Flood Prevention Facility Complex 2) Protected Area «West Kotlin» <i>Bus transfer will be provided by organizers</i></p>