



Our Baltic Conference

Provisional programme

28 September 2020

Ministerial Meeting

Stakeholder Event

	Public event Informal dinner	Public event
Sunday afternoon / evening	Joint Opening (Ministers and Stakeholders) Plenary room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening by Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Welcome message from HE Valdas Adamkus, former President of Lithuania (TBC) Minister from the German Presidency of the Council (TBC) Minister from Lithuania (TBC) 	
9.30-10.45	Session 1 – Beneath the Baltic Blue – JOINT SESSION (Ministers and Stakeholders) Plenary room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of the Baltic Sea – What do we know? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EEA – Hans Bruyninckx, <i>Executive Director</i> (TBC) HELCOM – Rüdiger Strepel, <i>Executive Secretary</i> State of Fisheries – What do we know? – ICES Chair Mark Dickey-Collas or Vice-chair Colm Lordan Coalition Clean Baltic – Nils Hoeglund (TBC) 	
10.45-11.00	Coffee break – split between Ministers and Stakeholders	
11.00-12.30	Ministerial Only – Declaration Ministerial room Chair: Commissioner Sinkevičius <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tour de Table of all Member States and MEPs (President of ENVI Committee + President of PECHE Committee + President of AGRI Committee, tbc) – Conclusions – next steps = Commissioner Sinkevičius 	Session 2 – Eutrophication – Nutrient flows in the Baltic Sea: when nutrients kill Plenary room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the main sources and impacts? Lena Bergstrom (<i>Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences</i>) Nutrients: The impacts of EU rules. What are the main challenges in the context of the European Green Deal? Christophe Didion, <i>European Commission, DG Environment</i>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is HELCOM coordinating action, and what are the main achievements/challenges? <i>HELCOM, Associate Professional Secretary Susanna Kaasinen</i> Best practices and new initiatives in Baltic Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SuMaNu Interreg project – Kaj Granholm, Baltic Sea Action Group ✓ Kristian and Maria Lundgaard-Karlshøj, WWF Baltic Sea Farmers of the Year 2019
12.30-13.45	Press point – Outcome of the Ministerial Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of the Ministerial Lunch for Ministers 	<i>Lunch</i>
13.45-15.15		Session 3 – Making fisheries more sustainable – challenges and opportunities Plenary room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the main drivers for fish stock depletion? <i>Anna Rindorf or Marie Storr-Paulsen (Danish Technical University, Aqua Sector) TBC</i> Impacts of bottom-trawling on the seafloor and the wider ecosystem – <i>WWF Baltic Region Ecosystem Programme (Ottilia Thoreson)</i> The Role of EU policy – <i>European Commission, Ms Maja Kirchner</i> Regional Fisheries management <i>Estonian BaltFish presidency (Herki Tuus)</i> Current research projects: Baltic Sea ecosystem case study of PANDORA – <i>Ruediger Voss, University of Kiel</i> Best practices and new initiatives in aquaculture Blue Growth Mussels (<i>Angela Schultz-Zehden, SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth</i>)

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15.15-15.30		<i>Coffee break</i>
15.30-17.00		<p>Session 4 –Tackling pollution from marine litter. EU Rules as a Driving Force Plenary room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main sources and impacts of pollution and why do we focus on marine litter? <i>Georg Hanke, Chair of Technical Group on Marine Litter at the Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i> • The role of EU policy – <i>Michel Sponar, European Commission, DG Environment,</i> • How is Helcom coordinating action? <i>HELCOM, Associate Professional Secretary Marta Ruiz (TBC)</i> • Best practices in selected Baltic Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lithuania – TBC ✓ Ms Sylwia Migdał, WWF Poland – MARELITT Baltic ✓ Anders Finnson, Svenskt Vatten AB
17.00-17.30		<p>Final session – Wrap up and conclusions Plenary room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the 4 sessions – Director General of Environment, European Commission • Follow-up actions under Helcom Baltic Sea Action Plan – <i>HELCOM Presidency</i> • Conclusions and follow-up – Commissioner Sinkevičius



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