



Baltic Solutions for Plastic Pollution Workshop

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia, 08 October 2018

Peldu street 25, Riga, LV-1494, Latvia (<https://goo.gl/maps/ofLE7HJNZsH2>)

12:00-12:30	Registration and snack lunch (main conference hall)
12:30-14:00	Session I: Setting the Scene
12:30-12:40	Opening and Introduction of the Baltic Solutions to Plastic Pollution Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Joao Sousa, Marine Programme Officer, The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)- Mikhail Durkin, Executive Secretary, Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB), Sweden
12:40-13:00	Marine Plastic Footprint <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Julien Boucher, EA Shaping Environmental Action
13:00-13:20	Closing the plastic tap with Baltic companies <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Willemijn Peeters, Searious Business
13:20-13:40	Interactions and effects of microplastic particles on sea ice formation, melting, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nicolas-Xavier Geilfus, University of Manitoba, Canada
13:40-14:40	Discussion, based on the outcome of session I, focussing on 3 main questions <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How much and what type of plastics do Baltic countries load in the Baltic Sea annually?2. Does plastic pollution enhance climate change by impacting sea ice formation and melting?3. Does plastic negatively impact food sources and endangers species in the Baltic Sea?
14:40-15:10	Coffee-break
15:10-17:30	Session II: Regional actions addressing plastic pollution of the Baltic Sea
15:10-15:20	HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter: drawbacks and prospects <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mikhail Durkin, CCB
15:20-15:40	From coastal beach clean ups to source reduction – how to reach different target groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sandra Toivio, Keep Sweden Tidy
15:40-16:00	Plastic Free Baltic: from political commitments to practical work <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Eugeniy Lobanov, Center for Environmental Solutions / Maria Weber, Polish Ecological Club
16:00-17:30	Discussion, based on the outcome of session II (2 groups – road ahead)
17:30-18:00	Concluding remarks by the organizers – inputs to the HELCOM Marine Litter Workshop
18:30	Joint dinner (venue to be confirmed)

Baltic Solutions for Plastic Pollution Workshop is organized prior to the [3rd HELCOM Workshop on implementation of the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter](#), to be held in Riga on 9 October 2018. Registration to this event should be arranged separately via HELCOM Secretariat.

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