Project

"Baltic Sea Accelerators: Pioneers for Better Pollution Monitoring and Reporting"

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Panevėžys City Municipality (Laisvės a. 20)

PROBLEM SOLUTION WORKSHOP

09.30–10.00 Registration and coffee

10.00–10.05 Welcome by **Mr. Rimantas Pauža, Director of Administration, Panevėžys City Municipality**

10.10–10.25 Background and Objective of the WS – the Baltic Sea Accelerators: Pioneers for better pollution monitoring and reporting R*ace For the Baltic*

- Overall project objective and conclusions from Research Study and Workshop 1
- Workshop 2 Objective and Agenda

Ms. Lotta Samuelson, Swedish Water House (SIWI)
Mr. Marc Klaus, Race for the Baltic

10.25 Tour de Table – Introduction of participants, sharing expectations of workshop and experience with working on Baltic Sea issues (water pollution, nutrient monitoring and reporting, etc)

10. 45 HELCOM Baltic Sea Action plan (BSAP) – what HELCOM is/does and why there is interest to see how municipalities and other local actors are working to help achieve the national BSAP commitments, importance and value of municipalities working on Baltic Sea issues, defined by national and HELCOM targets

Mr. Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky, HELCOM secretary/HELCOM representative in Lithuania

11.15   <u>The Local Baltic Sea Action Plan</u> – what are they and what is the rationale for municipalities to develop a local BSAP, within the context of BSCA

Mr. Marc Klaus, Race for the Baltic
Ms. Asta Puodžiūnienė, Chief Expert of Strategy Planning, Investment and Budget Department, Panevėžys City Municipality

11.45   Lunch

12. 45   <u>Problem Solution Workshop</u> (*moderated in local language*) There are several political and practical challenges regarding closer engagement from cities/municipalities and HELCOM targets. This workshop aims to highlight the potential benefits for municipalities and to discuss ideas on how closer engagement with HELCOM goals can be achieved. Some important aspects to discuss in break-out groups:

Local action towards HELCOM targets/BSAP

- What are the benefits and challenges of generating and having a Local Baltic Sea Action Plan?
- What local socio-economic and environmental benefits can be captured by municipalities by working closer with HELCOM goals and objectives?
- Using the background paper for Workshop 2 as a starting point - what would the relevant and possible avenues be for closer engagement between municipalities and HELCOM goals and objectives?

Communication and public awareness

- What are the benefits and challenges of communicating with citizens and other BSR municipalities about work on clean water/Baltic Sea issues?
- How could communication between HELCOM, municipalities and cities be improved around HELCOM targets and Baltic Sea Health?
- What would possible common indicators be that municipalities could report on and share with their citizens, other municipalities and other BSR stakeholders to demonstrate their efforts and results? [towards HELCOM BSAP goals/objectives or other common report card, e.g. EcoCheck example]?

Monitoring and reporting effectiveness of measures

- How are measures to reduce impact on the Baltic Sea being selected, evaluated/monitored and reported on currently?
- What are the benefits & challenges around monitoring and reporting the effectiveness of specific measures?
- Would municipalities be interested in a list of recommended measures from HELCOM?
- Give input to the Workshop 2 background paper. What monitoring and reporting is relevant and feasible from the city/municipality point of view?
- What are the benefits and challenges of sharing data (specifically for data on effectiveness of measures) with other municipalities, national authorities, regional organisations, e.g. HELCOM, or other organisations such as RFTB, Baltic Sea Challenge, etc.?

Future Project

- Would you be interested in participating in a future project to pilot measures and test a monitoring and reporting system that provides information to (and, where applicable, receives similar information from):
  - HELCOM
  - national/regional authorities
  - other cities/municipalities in your country/other BSR countries
  - your municipality's citizens and other BSR citizens

14.30   Coffee

14.45   <u>Reporting back</u> – *Moderators of break-out groups to report on key findings in English*. Discussion on main findings for solutions and future collaboration.

15.00–15.30   <u>Wrap-up and Closing remarks</u>

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