

EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

**Roundtable on Environment on November 13th, 2008
Gdańsk, Poland**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

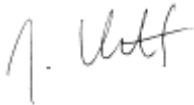
The Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship (Poland), the Office Committee for European Integration (Poland), the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission in close cooperation with the European Commission (DG Regional Policy) have the pleasure to invite you to take part in the Roundtable on how 'to make the Baltic Sea Region an environmentally sustainable place', to be held on November 13th, 2008 in Gdańsk (Poland). The roundtable is one of the four thematic meetings organised in preparation for the Baltic Sea Strategy to be presented by the European Commission in 2009.

As we are all aware, the Baltic Sea Region is an ecologically very sensitive place. These issues have already been addressed by many bodies, in particular HELCOM through the 'Baltic Sea Action Plan' agreed in 2007 in Kraków. Only an ambitious vision and a concerted effort towards implementation of a viable action plan can help us leave the Baltic Sea to our future generations as a place with a clean nature which is touristically attractive and economically prosperous. We do hope that the roundtable debate and the upcoming EU Baltic Sea Strategy will contribute to that goal.

The round table on environment will consist of four parallel workshops on: eutrophication; ecosystems, biodiversity and coastal zones; waste, hazardous substances and contaminated sites; oil transport and pollution from ships. During the workshops session opportunities will be given for stakeholders to present view-points and/or suggestions regarding the environmental priority of the EU Strategy.

We are looking forward to your participation in the roundtable debate.

Jan Kozłowski



Marshal of Pomorskie Voivodeship



Mikołaj Dowgielewicz



Secretary of State

Office of the Committee for European Integration



José Palma Andres



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Christel Liljeström



President CPMR Baltic Sea Commission



EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Roundtable: How to make the Baltic Sea Region Environmentally Sustainable Place

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Agenda:

- 09:00 - 10:00: Introduction (1 hour) with speakers from BSC, Pomorskie, Poland and the EC

- Jan Kozłowski – Marshal of Pomorskie Voivodeship
- Piotr Serafin – Undersecretary of States, Office of the Committee for European Integration
- Colin Wolfe - Head of Unit, DG Regio
- Christel Liljeström - President CPMR Baltic Sea Commission
- Tilman Seibert - Director Lending Operations Baltic Sea Region, European Investment Bank

- 10:00 - 10:30: Coffee break

- 10:30 - 13:00: 4 parallel workshops

(1) Eutrophication;

Moderator:

- Sif Johansson – DG ENV
- Andrzej Jagusiewicz – Chief Inspector for Environmental Protection
- Marjukka Porvari - Director, Environmental Activities John Nurminen Foundation
- Ole Norrback - Chair of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan, BASP, Implementation group

(2) Ecosystems, biodiversity and coastal zones;

Moderator:

- Carlos Berrozpe Garcia – DG ENV
- Asa Andersson – WWF Sweden
- Baiba Zasa - Department of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Environment, Latvia
- Andrzej Cieślak – Maritime Office in Gdynia

(3) Waste, hazardous substances and contaminated sites;

Moderator: Jan Hupka – Vice-Rector for Science and Implementations, Gdansk University of Technology

- Bo Nyström, Swedish Chemicals Agency
- Kaj Forsius - Project Manager/Projektipäällikkö, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)

(4) Oil transport and pollution from ships.

Moderator:

- Bertil Arvidsson, Swedish Shipowners Association

Each workshop would have 45 minutes with presentations and 1h45 minutes with debates. There would be 3 presentations: EU perspective, Baltic perspective (national level) and regional perspective.

- 13:00 - 14:30: Lunch

- 14:30 - 17:00: 4 parallel workshops:

- (1) Eutrophication;
- (2) Ecosystems, biodiversity and coastal zones;
- (3) Waste, hazardous substances and contaminated sites;
- (4) Oil transport and pollution from ships.

- 17:15 - 17 :45: Conclusion

Kindly note that the debate will be held in English.

Any questions? Do not hesitate to contact us at bss@woj-pomorskie.pl, e.jagodzinska@woj-pomorskie.pl or + 48 58 32 61 707.

Please see webpage http://www.wrotapomorza.pl/pl/bss_roundtable for more information on the roundtable and for registration on-line.

Please confirm your participation by 31st October, 2008

Please register as soon as possible as the number of seats at the conference are limited.

Hotel reservations

Please note that you must register to attend the roundtable at the same time you make your hotel reservation.

Reservations will be taken care of on a "first come - first served" basis.

All hotel costs are to be settled directly with the hotel.