

## Baltic Sea Commission General Assembly 2010 Rostock-Warnemünde

### Workshop C Maritime Safety in the Baltic Sea Region

**Date:** May 27, 2010  
**Venue:** Hotel Neptun, Seestraße 19, 18119 Rostock-Warnemünde, Germany  
Meeting Room "Seestern II"  
**Convener:** Mr. Bo Löfgren, Region Blekinge, Sweden,  
Chairman of the BSC Working Group Aquamarina, Maritime Safety

#### Background

Integrated Maritime Science, Business and Education Center, Klaipeda

The aim of the Lithuanian integrated marine science, studies, and business centre (valley) is to establish a nucleus of maritime knowledge economy by concentrating territorially scattered and functionally non-integrated academic marine research-oriented institutions and their divisions, to optimise institutional co-operation by means of the development of the common infrastructure, and to create conditions for a closer interrelationship of the marine research, studies, and business.

Two directions of scientific research and experimental development of the Valley are suggested considering the system of Lithuanian maritime sector and on the basis of the assessment of the potential of the initiators of the Valley, their partners, participants, and their demand for scientific knowledge and innovations:

- Marine environment
- Marine technologies

The axis of this valley is Klaipeda University. Cooperation with business companies will help both students and their teachers to better understand the needs of the market. This will have positive influence on the qualification of the specialists being prepared, will help to use scientific research basis more effectively, and will diversify the themes of research.

Close cooperation among science, studies, and different business fields, high qualification of the prepared specialists, quicker involvement into production activities, will also help to better plan and fulfil the needs of specialists.

#### Shipping and the Environment

Serious risks to the environment arise from the possibility of accidental spill of hazardous substances or illegal discharges into the sea. In a semi-enclosed sea, the impacts of hazardous spills are long-lasting and can concern all shores. Further actions are still needed in the Baltic Sea aimed at improving cooperation, coordination and, at times, even the coherence of maritime safety, maritime security, surveillance agencies and disaster response.

#### MARSUNO [www.marsuno.eu](http://www.marsuno.eu)

The growth in traffic increases the risk that accidents will increase, unless improved safety and environmental risk reduction procedures are set in place. At the core of the required procedural improvements are traffic organisation measures, which involve the monitoring of ship movements, with the aim of preventing the development of dangerous situations

The pilot project supports the policy process of the European Commission to create a Common Information Sharing Environment for the EU maritime domain.

The project will identify the expected gap between various user communities' demand for the exchange of cross-sectoral maritime surveillance data unmatched by current supply. It will further explore the possibility to achieve such data exchange.

The results of the project shall feed into an innovative process aiming at overcoming sectoral barriers between maritime user communities in view to optimize the efficiency and the cost of maritime surveillance.

The Baltic Master II Project [www.balticmaster.org](http://www.balticmaster.org)

Baltic Master II is an international project which aims to improve maritime safety by integrating local and regional perspectives. The focus is on the Baltic Sea Region and issues concerning pollution prevention, coastal zone management and on land response capacity to an oil spill at sea. The project Baltic Master II is recognized as a flagship project in the Baltic Sea Strategy of the European Union.

### About the workshop

The workshop intends to give a presentation of work in process in the field of Maritime Safety. The discussions will give the participants an opportunity to bring their input to the on-going work. And also we will discuss, how will the regions be involved in the ongoing implementation and what is expected from them?

### Draft Agenda

08:30	Registration and coffee
09:00	Welcome and introduction Mr. Bo Löfgren, Region Blekinge, Sweden, Chairman of the BSC Working Group Aquamarina, Maritime Safety
	Integrated Maritime Science, Business and Education Centre: New potential Arturas Razinkovas, Klaipeda University, CORPI
	"Maritime surveillance north ( MARSUNO) (SW) The pilot project supports the policy process of the European Commission to create a Common Information Sharing Environment for the EU maritime domain. Dan Thorell Project leader The Swedish Coastguard
	"Local and regional efforts to contribute to the implementation of the EU Baltic Sea Strategy - examples from the Baltic Master II project". Presentation of the project at mid-term by Ms Therese Nilsson, Region Blekinge
10:30	Discussion and conclusions of the workshop End of Workshop

Moderator: Mr. Bo Löfgren, Region Blekinge, Sweden,  
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