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This document contains an updated version of the WWF and CCB Side Event invitation at HELCOM Ministerial Meeting.

Background

WWF and Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB) are jointly hosting a side event at the HELCOM Ministerial meeting on the 6th March in Brussels at the Palais D'Egmont. Invited speakers include European Commissioner Karmenu Vella and Finland's Minister of the Environment, Energy and Housing Kimmo Tiilikainen along with a number of speakers from the private and public sector who will share their reflections on getting the Baltic Sea back on track.

During the event, WWF will present how far the individual countries have come in implementing the BSAP while CCB will share the views and the role of the Baltic Sea region's citizens on the needed environmental improvements.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the invitation and welcome all HELCOM Contracting Parties and Observers to attend the event.

EVENT INVITATION



Mats Westerborn / Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife Finland

SIDE EVENT
AT THE HELCOM
MINISTERIAL MEETING

6 March 2018
13:30–15:30

Palais d'Egmont
Place du Petit Sablon
Brussels

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THE UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTH OF THE BSAP

10 YEARS DOWN THE LINE TOWARDS SAVING THE BALTIC SEA

Since its establishment, the Helsinki Convention has achieved significant success in several areas, supported research and catalyzed international agreements. Despite these advances, the recovery of the Baltic Sea remains slow and most of the environmental problems identified four decades ago are still around today. The road to recovery remains long.

HELCOM Contracting States need to stay focused on the health of the Baltic Sea. Not only do they need to implement already agreed actions and recommendations; they must step up to face new challenges.

WWF and Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB) would like to invite you to a side event at the HELCOM Ministerial meeting, where we will present the key findings of the WWF Baltic Sea Scorecard 2018 report on how far the countries have come in implementing the Baltic Sea Action Plan, together with CCB's We are the Baltic: Civil Society Declaration on Ecosystem Health of the Baltic Sea. A panel discussion will follow on a jointly recommended path towards getting the Baltic Sea back on track.



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PROGRAMME



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Programme

- 13.30 Introduction** by WWF and CCB
- 13.40 Opening statement** by Karmenu Vella, *Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission*
- 13.50 WWF Baltic Sea Scorecard** by Otilia Thoreson, *Director, WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme*
- 14.05 We Are The Baltic: Civil Society Declaration on Ecosystem Health of the Baltic Sea** by Mikhail Durkin, *Executive Secretary, CCB*
- 14.20 Panel discussion** moderated by Gun Rudquist, *Head of Policy, Stockholm University Baltic Sea Centre*:
- **The future of the BSAP** by next Chair of HELCOM, Kimmo Tiilikainen, *Minister of the Environment, Energy and Housing of Finland*
 - **Driving change through incentives and blue economy investments**, Werner Schmidt, *Director for Environment and Sustainable Territorial Development, European Investment Bank*
 - **What will the BSAP need to address to meet the challenges of climate change?** Prof. Dr. Markus Meier, *Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde and Swedish Meteorological & Hydrological Institute*
- 15.00 Reflections and summing up** by CCB and WWF



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