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Save the Baltic Sea for real

*EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) enabling progress –
is it enough?*

5 September 2018, 8:30 – 13:00

European Parliament Brussels, ASP 3G2

Hazardous substances such as chemical contamination and plastics still pose big threats in the Baltic Sea Area. The EU-Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region has brought together stakeholders that have achieved progress in the last nine years. Is this progress sufficient? We want to update you on the ongoing activities and results from projects in the Baltic Sea Area and initiate a policy discussion and prepare policy recommendations for the future. Our aim is to develop a closer dialogue with relevant bodies and actors in Brussels, especially the European Parliament as the initiator of the first EU macro-regional strategy and convey relevant results and recommendations to the policy level.

Participants are kindly requested to register [here](#) until 29 August 2018 in order to guaranty the access to the EP. Please come to the European Parliament with your ID no later than 8.30 on the day of the conference.

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9.00-9.20 - Welcome Addresses

Miapetra KUMPULA-NATRI, MEP, Chair of the Informal Baltic Group in the Parliament

Gesine MEISSNER, MEP, Chair of the SEARICA Intergroup

9.20-9.45 – Keynote speech State of the Baltic Sea with regard to pollution

Monika STANKIEWICZ, HELCOM Executive Secretary,

A Baltic Sea undisturbed by hazardous substances? How to reach a good environmental status of the sea?

9.45-10.45 – Session 1: Marine Litter and Plastic

Moderation by **Sirpa PIETIKAINEN**, MEP

Prof. **Ewa SIEDLECKA** University of Gdansk

Microplastics as contaminants in the water environment

Jaana GUSTAFSSON, City of Turku

Plastic waste pathways into the Baltic Sea – BLASTIC project

Dr. **Matthias LABRENZ**, IOW Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research

Pathogenic biofilms on Baltic Sea microplastics

Respondent

Haitze SIEMERS, European Commission, Head of Unit, DG MARE

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10.45-11.45 – Session 2: Hazardous substances

Moderation by **Dariusz ROSATI**, MEP

Rainer AAVIK, Deputy Mayor of Pärnu and **Arne JAMTROT**, City of Stockholm

Innovative management solutions for minimizing emissions of hazardous substances from urban areas in the Baltic Sea – NonHazCity project

Dr **Jacek BEŁDOWSKI**, DAIMON Project

Decision Aid for marine munitions. Risks for Baltic Environment and local offshore economy associated with dumped chemical and conventional munitions

Claes DEBOURG, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency Baltic Sea Pharma Platform,
A regional cooperation platform to reduce pharmaceuticals in the Baltic Sea

Karin NORSTRÖM, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
Highly fluorinated substances in the Baltic Sea environment

Respondent

Matjaž **MALGAJ**, European Commission, Head of Unit, DG Environment (tbc)

11.45-12.00 – closing remarks: policy recommendations for the upcoming review of EUSBSR

Pekka JOUNILA, European Commission, DG REGIO, Coordinator EUSBSR

Maxi NACHTIGALL, Priority Area Coordinator EUSBSR Priority Area Hazard

12.00 – 13.00 Networking meeting and light lunch