

THE BALTIC IS IN POLAND; THE BALTIC IS IN EUROPE

WELCOME TO THE BALTIC NGO NETWORK MEETING ON

IMPLEMENTATION: THE MARINE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

This seminar is organized by the Fisheries Secretariat in partnership with *Stowarzyszenie Ekologiczne Eko-Unia* and *Fundacja Nasza Ziemia*.

Place: Hotel GABIJA, Vytauto str. 40/S.Dariaus ir S.Gireno str. 2, Palanga, Lithuania

Time: 10 May, 2010

Purpose of event:

1. To update stakeholders on the content and state of play of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)
2. To build NGO capacity and knowledge in order to support and strengthen implementation of the MSFD
3. To enable Baltic NGOs to make the necessary links between implementation of the MSFD and the upcoming reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (coherence)

PROGRAMME

- 09.00 Welcome and introductions – *Niki Sporrang, FISH, and Radek Gawlik, Eko-Unia*
- 09.15 Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), key concepts, state of play and implementation at the Member state level. *DG Environment, European Commission - TBC*
- 09.45 Question/Answer
- 10.00 Coffee Break
- 10.30 Target setting and Good Environmental Status (GES) – *Vera Coelbo, Seas At Risk (TBC)*
- 11.00 Question/Answer
- 11.15 Implementation on MS level: where are we today? – *Jacob Hagberg, Swedish Environment Agency, Marine Environment Section*

- 11.45 Question/Answer
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Implementation process and concept discussions: the UK experience – *Sharon Thompson, RSPB (TBC)*
- 13.30 Question/Answer
- 13.45 Finland: *Hannele Ahponen, Finnish Association for Nature Conservation (TBC)*
- 14.45 Question/Answer
- 15.00 Discussion: The future of the Marine Framework Strategy Directive – the way forward
- 16.30 Summary and closing remarks

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For directions on how to get to the venue: <http://www.gabija.lt/index.php?id=70>

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