“My Baltic Sea of Tomorrow”

Invitation

HELCOM YOUTH FORUM 2005
(www.helcom.fi)

9th to 11th of August 2005 Rostock (GER)

The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

in cooperation with:

- Baltic Sea Research Institute Warnemünde, Germany
- Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency, Germany
- Landtag Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany
- Baltic Sea Forum e.V.

Call for participation

Dear student,

the Baltic Sea Marine Protection Commission (www.helcom.fi) is the focal point for marine protection policy in the Baltic Sea Region. For more than 30 years, the Helsinki Commission has effectively contributed to the improvement of the marine environment of the Baltic Sea. HELCOM has furthermore contributed very much to the overall development of this new European economically prospering region.
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What is it about?

HELCOM is convinced that Public Awareness Raising – in particular with regard to the youth around the Baltic - is of utmost importance for safeguarding future generations’ interest concerning the Baltic. By performing a Youth Forum (the first has been held in Helsinki in 2004), HELCOM has therefore started a process of raising youth’s attention by proactively involving students into HELCOM-processes.

What’s up?

The second HELCOM Youth Forum will take place from 9th to 11th of August 2005 in Rostock, Germany. Students from all Baltic Sea riparian states are invited to participate in the event. Given that the number of participants has to be kept manageable and with regard to balanced participation in terms of regional distribution there is a limit of 5 students from each country in the Baltic Sea Region (to be selected by the organisers).

Why should YOU feel addressed?

You are an inhabitant of one of the Baltic Sea riparian states and you are interested in Baltic Sea affairs, regardless what discipline, be it natural or political science, law or other, if related to the issue of “Cooperation for the Baltic”. Being interested in a prospering future development of the Baltic Sea Region you would like to share your views and visions with representatives of the young generation around the Baltic. It is your wish to be part of an open and transparent exchange of views with the aim of feeding in your visions into future Baltic Sea policy.

What do WE expect from you?

You are studying at a university and have reached a bachelor’s or comparable degree, and you are willing to support the Youth Forum process in terms of discussion and written contributions.
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What do WE offer?

The HELCOM Youth Forum is intended to further the exchange amongst representatives of the future generation around the Baltic Sea. An interesting event including an attractive social programme will offer the possibility to feed in and receive new and additional impulses with regard to co-operation in a developing and prospering region. Scientists and members of the political decision making process are prepared to introduce their views and experiences, awaiting your questions and comments. Workshops will offer the opportunity to actively scrutinise particular views and defend personal evaluations. Moreover you have the chance to meet other students from the whole Baltic Sea region.

As regards logistics and funding we offer a contribution to your travel expenses up to 250 € / person (according to receipt), access to public transport in Rostock for three days (9 – 11 August) free of charge, accommodation free of charge up to 2 nights and full catering, starting with a welcome event on 9\textsuperscript{th} of August and resulting in a working lunch on 11\textsuperscript{th} of August.

Are you interested?

If interested in participating you should apply by elaborating on one of the three workshop topics. Please send a page (A4) contribution and your curriculum vitae including your foto to both following contact points by 30\textsuperscript{th} of April 2005:

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We are looking forward to receiving a proactive feedback from the youth around the Baltic and would very much appreciate meeting in particular YOU in Rostock in August 2005!

Yours sincerely

The organisers
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Individual arrival on Tuesday, 09th of August 2005

Accommodation: “Hanse Hostel Rostock”  
Doberaner Straße 136  
18057 Rostock  
Tel.: + 49 (0) 381 – 1286 00 – 6  
e-mail: info@hanse-hostel.de

Tuesday: 19:00 Icebreaker-Party at the Location of the „International Centre“ at the University of Rostock where you will get to know the other participants, „Welcome“ by the Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conversation and Nuclear Safety and the Baltic Sea Forum

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Wednesday: Plenary

09:00 Welcome/Introduction:

Meeting venue:  
Baltic Sea Research Institute Warnemünde  
Seestraße 15  
18119 Rostock – Warnemünde  
Tel.: +49 (0) 381 – 5197 – 0  
e-mail: barbara.hentzsch@io-warnemuende.de

Prof. Dr. Bodo von Bodungen, Director of the Baltic Sea Research Institute, host

Prof. Dr. Peter Ehlers,  
Chair of the Youth Forum, President of the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency Hamburg / Rostock
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09:15 State of the Art  Prof. Dr. Hans Burchard and
Dr. Günther Nausch,
Baltic Sea Research Institute Warnemünde

Topic: Natural Development and man-made changes:
- Ecosystem Baltic Sea / climate impact
- Salinity / Oxygen Dispersion
- Eutrophication
- Living and other Marine Resources
- Input of harmful substances
  (“classic pollution”)

10:15 Questions / Discussions

10:30 No fish – no future  Prof. Dr. Cornelius Hammer,
Baltic Sea Fisheries Institute, Rostock

Topic: Situation of Baltic Sea fisheries:
- ecological impact
- fisheries, an economic factor
- (semi-) closed / protected areas

11:00 Questions / Discussions
11:15 Coffee break

11:45 Mare nostrum ad navigare et recreare – The Baltic maritime
transport and its importance for the establishment of the Baltic Sea
Region

Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Breitzmann,
Baltic Institute of Marketing, Transport and
Tourism at the University of Rostock

Topic: Additional uses of the Baltic Sea:
- Maritime safety
- Shipping, an economic factor

12:15 Questions / Discussions
12:30 Lunch break

14:00 Parallel workshops: Chairs and rapporteurs to be elected by the
workshops participants, premises of the Baltic
Research Institute
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Workshop 1) Key factors influencing the ecological development of the Baltic Sea; is the Baltic Sea ecosystem really threatened? Do we really need a Baltic Sea Protection Policy?

Workshop 2) Key factors for the economic development of the Baltic Sea: Do we gain enough from the Baltic Sea? How can we increase the economic benefit?

Workshop 3) The Baltic Sea Region – a player in the global network: Does the Baltic Sea really play a role in the global agenda?

18:00

Transfer to Schwerin
Reception by the President of the Landtag Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Ms. Sylvia Bretschneider, at the premises of the Schweriner Schloß

22:30 Transfer to Rostock

Thursday: 09:00 Workshops to be continued

11:00 Coffee break
11:30 Plenary discussion
12:30 Lunch break

14:00 Plenary My Baltic Sea of Tomorrow - Students propose a future priority and find out policy approaches in Baltic Sea Policy with the aim of compiling particular findings as an input to HELCOM 27/2006

16:00 Closing of the Meeting by the Chair of the Youth Forum

Thu/Friday: Individual departure

Upper arrow: Baltic Sea Research Institute Warnemünde

Lower arrow: IBZ Rostock and Youth Hostel