



Naturskyddsföreningen
i Stockholms län

**Invitation from the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
to an international conference on**

Sustainable Transport Solutions in the Baltic Sea Area II – focus on maritime transport

Stockholm, 5-6 October 2001

Conference site: On Friday, October 5th: Swedish Environmental Protection Agency,
Blekhölmsterassen 36

On Saturday, October 6th: Skeppsholmens folkhögskola, Skeppsholmen

Time: 5 October 8.30 a.m. – 6 October 5.00 p.m.

Participants: Representatives from all stakeholder groups. For example, environmental NGOs, politicians, shipowners' organisations, maritime authorities etc.

This will be the second time the Stockholm regional branch of the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation hosts a conference to inspire discussions on sustainable solutions for transportation in the Baltic Sea Area (BSA).

The conference will gather representatives from all stakeholder groups in the Baltic region, and from the rest of the EU, to roundtable discussions on measures that can guarantee sustainable development of the transport sector in the BSA over the long term. The countries around the Baltic Sea should together identify sustainable strategies in order to solve the transport needs of the BSA. Environmental NGOs can play an important role in this work.

On the Friday, October 5th, the program will focus on the development of the transport sector, the impact of financial institutions on that development and the relation between economic and transportation growth. Three workshops will discuss how to make shipping less harmful to the environment. Among other things the Swedish Maritime Administration will present its incentive scheme for differentiated fairway and harbour dues related to environmental impacts, which is a basis for discussion on how to introduce economic incentives within the EU in order to promote environmentally sound shipping. A representative from the European Commission's DG Environment will be present.

On the morning of the Saturday, October 6th, discussions will continue in specific workshops. The agenda includes a new Swedish proposal to strengthen legislation for fighting oil pollution more effectively, and infrastructure planning of ports and cities.

Following the workshops, on the Saturday afternoon, participants from the environmental community will jointly develop a common NGO position on shipping in the Baltic region.

Who should attend?

Those who work, as volunteers or professionals, on topics like maritime transport and the environment, both in the BSA or within the EU. For example: representatives of environmental NGOs, governmental representatives, representatives of port authorities, politicians, maritime authorities, representative of shipowners organisations, maritime consultants etc.

Financing

The seminar is financed by

- The Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
- The County Council of Stockholm
- The Swedish NGO Secretariat on Acid Rain

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Abbreviations

BSA	Baltic Sea Area
CCB	Coalition Clean Baltic
CEE	Central- and Eastern Europe
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EU	European Union
HELCOM	Helsinki Commission – Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission
HELCOM SEA	HELCOM Sea-based Pollution Group
ISPA	Instrument for Structural Policies for Pre-Accession (from which 50% of the funds available are expected to be spent on transport)
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
T&E	The European Federation for Transport and Environment
TINA	Transport Infrastructure Needs Assessment

PROGRAMME

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Friday 5 October

MORNING

- 08.30 Registration
09.00 Welcome - slide show
09.20 Introduction – (Maritime) transport in the Baltic Sea Area (BSA) and the EU enlargement
09.50 NGO-reports on maritime transport development within the BSA *NGO representatives*
10.50 *Coffee*
11.20 How do instruments like TINA and ISPA affect maritime transport in the BSA? *Peep Mardiste, CEE Bankwatch*
11.50 Does economic growth depend on transportation growth? Jobs or Roads, *Ton Sledsens, T&E*
12.30 Lunch

AFTERNOON

- 14.00 Introduction to the workshops
Workshop 1
Participants choose one of the following
- Smart logistic systems - how to guarantee that goods travels the environmentally least harmful way?
 - Air pollution - could advantageously be reduced by introducing fairway and harbour dues in (northern) Europe, *Stefan Lemieszewski, Swedish Maritime Administration, Nicola Robinson/EU commission-DG Environment*
 - The problem of alien species in the Baltic Sea *Piotr Gruszka, Green Federation, Poland*
- 15.30 *Coffee break*
15.45 Plenary, reports from the workshops
16.45 Summary
19.00 Conference Dinner
Skeppsholmens folkhögskola

Saturday 6 October

MORNING

- 09.00 Welcome, summary of day 1
09.10 Sustainable harbours – do they exist? A politician from Estonia, and a politician, board of the port of Stockholm present their point of view
09.50 Workshop 2
Participants choose one of the following
- New instruments for fighting oil pollution. The Swedish proposal for a new strategy. *Tomas Fagö, Coast Guard/HELCOM SEA*
 - Strategic Environmental Assessment of ports and port/city development. *Joanna Dickinson, Swedish EPA*
 - High speed vessels - environmental impact, trends, how to prevent more damage
(10.30 *Coffee break*)
- 11.30 Plenary, reports from the workshops
12.30 Lunch

AFTERNOON

- 13.45 Discussion on a common NGO position on shipping in the Baltic region, *Sabine Bauer CCB*
(15.00 *Coffee break*)
16.30 - Summary and closing
17.00

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return by fax (+46-8-644 63 40) or e-mail (susanne.ortmanns@snf.se) **no later than September, 21st**

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SCHEDULE

Wishes to register for (please mark):

Conference 5-6 October 01

Dinner Friday evening, 5 October 01

On the seminar I want to attend the following workshops (please mark for one workshop on Friday and Saturday respectively):

Friday

Smart logistic systems

Air pollution

Alien species

Saturday

Oil pollution

Strategic environmental assessment

High-speed vessels

ACCOMODATION

We have booked some places at the youth hostel; if you want to stay there tick here:

Requires room reservation No Yes, for Thursday/Friday

Friday/Saturday

Saturday/Sunday

If you want to stay at a hotel, you may send an e-mail to: hotels@stoinfo.se or look at: <http://www.stockholmtown.com/pages/271/442/index.asp>

