

**SUMMARIES OF
WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS
- FOR ACTIVITIES 2010**

CCB SUB AREAS

**9 MAY 2009
VIHTERPALU, PEDASE
ESTONIA**

WORKING GROUPS

CCB PA 1) Promotion of good ecological water status

WG 1 Promotion of Sustainable Wasterwater management;
Moderator: Alexander Fedorov

WG 2 Promotion of Sustainable River Basin Management;
Moderator: Olga Senova

WG 3 Promotion of Water Protection measures in Agriculture;
Moderator: Maria Staniszewska

CCB PA 2) Prevention of installations and transports harmful to the Baltic Sea environment and coastal areas

WG 4 Harmful installations and transports;
Moderator: Oleg Bodorov

WG 5 Promotion of sustainable development in coastal zones;
Moderator: Jörg Schmiedel

CCB PA 3) Development of sustainable Baltic Sea fisheries

WG 6 Protection of the naturally spawning Baltic Salmon;
Promotion of Baltic Sea sustainable fishing practices;
Moderator: Gunnar Norén

To; Moderators of the CCB PA Working Groups 9th of May

Agenda for the Priority Area Working Groups at the CCB Baltic Conference, 9-10th of May

The Working Group discussions will be the first step for developing the CCB Work programme 2010. Moderators will be responsible for preparation of the agenda and facilitation of the discussions in the Working Groups

What activities should be performed during 2010? Coordination meetings? Seminars? Publications? Fieldprojects? Lobbying? Etc. What activities are planned to be financed by Member organisations themselves and what activities could be CCB financed? How can cooperation within your subarea be promoted?

The CCB Work Programme for 2010 is planned to be ready early autumn. The meeting in the working group will be very important possibility to discuss and plan for activities for the next year, 2010.

The Work Programme for 2010 will follow the Action Plan 2009-2010 (goals, objectives etc). So the new activities for 2010 within the Sub Areas shall be in the frame of the three proposed Priority Areas and their goals

- 1) Promotion of good ecological water status*
- 2) Prevention of installations and transports harmful to the Baltic Sea environment & coastal areas*
- 3) Development of sustainable fisheries)*

- Activities for 2010

to be listed

* one list for CCB possible financed activities

* one list for Member Organisation financed activities or other financial sources

To list the activities:

Possible planned activities, financed by CCB 2010	Responsible NGO/person	Date
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2.		
3.		
4. etc.		

Planned activities, financed by Member organisation 2010	Responsible NGO/person	Date
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4. etc.		

When thinking of activities/goals for 2010 – please, look at the goals in the proposed Action Plan 2009-2010 and the existing goals for the Sub Areas in the CCB Work Programme 2010.

Moderators of the Working Group session:

1. PROMOTION OF GOOD ECOLOGICAL WATER STATUS:

1.1 Promotion of Sustainable Wasterwater management;

Moderator: Alexander Fedorov , CEI

1.2 Promotion of Sustainable River Basin Management;

Moderator: Olga Senova, FoB

1.3 Promotion of Water Protection measures in Agriculture;

Moderator: Maria Staniszevska, PKE

2. PREVENTION OF INSTALLATIONS AND ACTIVITIES HARMFUL TO THE BALTIC SEA ENVIRONMENT AND COASTAL AREAS

2.1 Protection of the Baltic Sea environment from harmful installations and transports;

Moderator: Oleg Bodorov, GW

2.2 Promotion of sustainable development in coastal zones

Moderator: Jörg Schmiedel, BUND

3. DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE BALTIC SEA FISHERIES

3.1 Protection of the naturally spawning Baltic Salmon:

3.2 Promotion of Baltic Sea sustainable fishing practices;

Moderator: Gunnar Norén, CCB Secretariat

1. PROMOTION OF GOOD ECOLOGICAL WATER STATUS

1.1. Promotion of Sustainable Wastewater Management

Lead Party: PKE

Participants: Centre for Environmental Initiatives, Russia
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World Lab, Ukraine
Petro Hrytsyshyn networld@lviv.farlep.net

Joined partner: Green World, Russia (not participating in the working group meeting)

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Short-term goals: Information and **demonstration** of technologies for SWM in 1-family homes in rural areas

Possible planned activities, financed by CCB 2010	Responsible NGO/person
Construction of a facility for sustainable treatment of “grey water” in a 1-family home	WL
Construction of a built-in toilet in a rural 1-family home	CEI GW
Seminar/Conference for experience exchange in SWM (Yaremcha?/Vorohta?)	WL
Publications based on own experience, analyzing strong and weak points of constructed of facilities	CEI, WL, GW

Planned activities, financed by Member organisations, 2010	Responsible NGO/person
Continuation of info campaign on SWM (incl. anti-phosphate campaign)	CEI, WL, GW (within annual bike trip)
Lobbying SWM at local municipalities and environmental protection and sanitary bodies	CEI, WL

1 PROMOTION OF GOOD ECOLOGICAL WATER STATUS

1.2 Promotion of Sustainable River Basin Management

Lead Party: Friends of the Baltic

Participants:

Olga Senova, Friends of the Baltic, Russia

Natallia Parechyna, APB-Birdlife Belarus

Tatiana Dereviaga, Ecoproject Partnership, Minsk

Taras Hrytsyshin, , Eco-vit, Ukraina

Marya Hrytsyshina, Eco-vit, Ukraina

Oxana Hubeni, Eco-Life (Lviv region, Radehov town) Ukraine

Natalya Cholovska Ecoterra, Ukraine

Short-term goals:

To promote the development of sustainable River basin management plans in all Baltic countries

To exchange experience of river watch activities within the Baltic Sea Region

To develop public awareness raising methods for reduction of household/community load to rivers.

Activities:

Possible planned activities, financed by CCB 2010	Responsible NGO/person	Date
1..Protect Western Bug by Public	Ecovit	
3. School for Water	Ecolife	
4. RW network program for Gulf of Finland region	Friends of the Baltic	
5. International River Watch camp	Birdlife Belarus + FoB	Summer
6. International Youth Conference on practical projects for river conservation	FoB, Birdlife	October/November
7.International Water Calendar for Every Day (common design, common form, common aspects) on individual and local contribution for reduction of anthropogenic load to rivers/ Every country fill in with local examples and illustration and print.	BirdLife, FoB, Ecovit/Ecolife, Ecoterra	July 2010
8. International publication on public river watch (collection of simple methods applicable to local people).	FoB, Ecovit, BL,	Spring
9. International study tour for RW leaders	FoB/APB-Birdlife/Ecovit	End of summer

Ukraine (Poland) Belarus, Russia		
Planned activities, financed by Member organisation 2010	Responsible NGO/person	Date
1. Monitoring wells in Vitebsk oblast, Belarus	Ecoproject partnership, voluntarily	Summer
2. Leaflet "Nitrogens in the water"	Ecoproject partnership (Matra)	
3. Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SIDA+ Coca-Cola) - national competitions in Belarus, Ukraine, Russia (SPb and Lenoblast)	BirdLife, Ecolife, SPB NGOs	
4. Conference on school practical; projects for water conservation (Union of Russia and Belarus)	APB-BirdLife Belarus	
5. Cleaning springs in cooperation with regional center of water recourses	Ecolife	
6. Development of NGO participation in Neva Ladoga Basin Council (Baltic Russia)	FoB	
7. Establishing pilot River basin public councils on the small rivers	FoB, volunteer	
8. Restoration of hydrological regime of peatland in Belarus (GEF, Fund of Michael Zhukov)	APB-BirdLife Belarus	
9. Information and consultation work for public and municipalities at St.Petersburg Public Ecocentrum on water sustainable solutions (support of local municipality + volunteer work)	FoB, CEI	

1. PROMOTION OF GOOD ECOLOGICAL WATER STATUS

1.3. Promotion of Water Protection measures in Agriculture

Moderator:

Maria Staniszewska, PKE, Poland

Participants:

Lana Semenas, Ecohome, Belarus

Lidia Yeleyko, World Lab, Ukraine

Danuta Popadyk, World Lab, Ukraine

Radoslav Gawlik, ECO-UNIA, Poland

Jakub Skorupski, GAJA, Poland

Ludmila Morozova, Karelian republican Council, Society for Nature Protection, Russia

Dzmitry Sinitiski, CES, Belarus

Maret Merisaar, Parliament of Estonia, Estonian Greens

Poland:

- Creation links between consumers and organic farmers to support local market
- Information materials on benefits of organic food
- Lobby for introducing environmental friendly policy in agriculture
- Farmers training – information on new regulation
- Provide information on organic recycling agriculture
- Monitoring of the animal factory farming in terms of execution of legal environmental regulations
- Promotion of industrial animal sector transparency
- Lobbying against the loophole connected with lack of Annex III of Helsinki Convention and the Baltic Sea Action Plan implementation

Estonia – Green Movement

- Marketing on organic products
- Producing information materials
- Promotional seminars in Green cafeteria for consumers
- Initiate cooperation between different stakeholders on organic issues in Talinn

Ukraine – Worldlab

- Organise seminars for local authorities and farmers on traditional ways of farming - CCB
- Exchange information on sustainable agriculture and organic farming within CCB members (Denmark, Poland, Russia) - CCB
- Distribute information of organic products - (Worldlab)

Responsible person Petro Hrystysyshyn

Russia – Karelia

- Organization of the non-commercial Ecological University for dacha owners ecological agriculture in Petrozawodsk and Kondopoga - CCB
- Make municipality plans on Medvezagorsk region “Development of ecological agriculture and ecological tourism” - CCB
- Prepare ecological newspaper Green Leaf issue ecological agriculture - CCB

Responsible person Ludmila Morozowa

Belarus

Centre of promotion of organic agriculture, information for consumers, producers.

1. Information campaign - CCB or other donors
2. Educational seminars - CCB or other donors
3. Consultations - by ourselves
4. Advocacy, legislation lobbying - by ourselves

Study visits: For farmers, future certicators, journalists – CCB or other donors

International data base of good organic practices. - CCB or other donors

Denmark

Political and institutional lobbying for the transition from conventional to organic farming, including allocation of CAP to organic practices.

2 PREVENTION OF INSTALLATIONS AND TRANSPORTS HARMFUL TO THE BALTIC SEA ENVIRONMENT AND COASTAL AREAS

2.1 Protection of the Baltic Sea environment from harmful installations and transports

Lead Party: GREEN WORLD

Participants:

- Werner Reh (BUND), Germany;
- Tatiana Artemova , Association of Environmental Journalists, Russia;
- Mikk Tammik, Estonian Green Movement, Estonia;
- Konstantin Nemchinov, Nevariverclearwater, Russia;
- Oleg Bodrov, Green World

Short-term goals: Prevention of the harmful installations and transport

Activities:

Possible planned activities, financed by CCB 2010	Responsible NGO/person	Date
1. Seminar “Spatial Planning as a tool for the prevention of harmful installations in the environmental sensitive coast line areas”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Werner Reh (BUND), Germany; • Oleg Bodrov, Green World 	Before may 2010
2. CCB should demand info system about NPPs impacts and risks in the BSR including waste transport in Baltic Sea (Espoo convention).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oleg Bodrov, Green World • Werner Reh (BUND), Germany; 	2009-2010
3. North Stream Project: Write CCB-letter to BS region governments (together with national CCB partners) about the risks and ask them to position themselves.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vera Ovcharenko Green World, Russia • Werner Reh (BUND), Germany; • Olga Senova, FoB, Russia 	2009
4. Ship building plant near Berezovyje Island Ramsar site: Write CCB-letter to Russian government (together with Russian CCB partners) about the risks for Ramsar site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oleg Bodrov, Green World, Russia, • EGM, Estonia • Finland 	2009

Planned activities, financed by Member organization 2010	Responsible NGO/person	Date
1. To lobby Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of Fehmarnbelt – Bridge before	Werner Reh (BUND), Germany;	2009

the political decision about the project		
<p>2. To provide strong implementation of MARPOL Annex VI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sulphur reduction by 2020 • NO_x reduction : NECA BS (Emission Control Area) • PM₁₀ (Particulate Matter) reduction : PM-ECA BS 	Werner Reh (BUND), Germany;	2009-2010

2. PREVENTION OF INSTALLATIONS AND ACTIVITIES HARMFUL TO THE BALTIC SEA ENVIRONMENT AND COASTAL AREAS

2.2 Promotion of sustainable development in coastal zones

Moderator: Jörg Schmiedel, BUND

Participants: Jan Barkowski, BUND

Elke Körner, BUND

Charlie Wijnbladh, SSNC

Aleg Sivagrakau, Foundation Living Partnership

Giedrius Tumosa, Zvejone Club

Vera Ovcharenko, Green World

Improve international lobbying against coastal industrial projects in Russia

In the current situation of heavy construction operations on the Russian seashore west of St. Petersburg, local and regional environmental NGOs feel increasingly incapable to invoke political impact. Planning procedures are often performed in a doubtful, if not unlawful manner, and public participation is actively excluded by the authorities. This means that environmental aspects are often discarded, and because of the undemocratic nature of the planning processes, NGOs have few options to change this. Local NGOs feel that active participation from outside the country is crucial to improve this situation. Planning processes and land allocation would only change if the authorities notice a strong interest from abroad, being exposed to systematic criticism and openly voiced communication of the shortcomings.

Actions to be taken:

Provide external assistance to Russian NGOs through press releases, letters to Russian authorities with clear demands and political action in neighboring countries to build up diplomatic pressure on Russia.

Active parties:

Mainly the CCB secretariat.

Assistance can in some cases be granted by the Finnish Society for Nature & Environment.

Background information on all cases will of course have to be supplied by the local Russian NGOs.

Financial demands:

No additional demands. Work can be financed through Baltic Green Belt funding or other funds dedicated to CCB's secretariat.

Run an international bike campaign for information on coastal development along the Russian coast

A bike tour along the coast around St. Petersburg will arouse interest about Baltic Sea ecological matters and inform about current environmental problems in the St. Petersburg region. This is anticipated to become a yearly event from 2010 onwards.

Actions to be taken:

Organization and realization of the bike campaign.

Active party:

Green World

Financial demands:
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Other activities CCB MO will focus on:

Sweden (SSNC):

- New legislation will ease building on the shoreline and reduce protection. SSNC will conduct lobbying to fight at least the most severe possible consequences.

Lithuania (LGM):

- Several offshore wind power plants are to be erected, ecological lobbying to prevent ecological damage is necessary.
- A planned deep water port at Klaipeda for liquid gas/oil will lead to a loss of 5 - 6 km coastline. The better alternative to be lobbied for would be an offshore terminal in the sea.
- Baltic Sea day will be held on 1st weekend of October to promote awareness on ecological problems.

Russia (Green World):

- Tackle the problem of corruption, leading to unsustainable development along the coast and the development of huge industrial zones, e.g. around Sosnowy Bor. Action: Mostly public information.
- Cleanup Baltic Sea day will be held on 18/19 April.

Germany (BUND):

- Building up the shoreline has gotten easier because of modified legislation and more liberal practice of authorities. Regional & local activities are necessary to prevent at least the most harmful projects.

Baltic (Green World, BUND, assisted by Finnish Soc for Nat & Env):

- Demand strong monitoring and high EIA standards for the Nordstream pipeline.

Baltic (BUND, possibly assisted by other MO):

- Formulate minimum requirements for protected areas, especially Natura 2000 network.

CCB Working Group on CCB Priority activity Sustainable Fisheries

9 May 2009, Pedase

Participants:

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Nina Palutskaya, Neman Env Group
Vladimir Zimin, Green World
Radoslaw Gawlik, EKO UNIA
Charlie Wijnbladh, SSNC
Gunnar Noren, CCB

Notes:

-Gunnar N informed on the ongoing CCB-activities connected to sustainable fisheries and protection of the wild Baltic salmon.

-Fisheries actions in the HELCOM BSAP connected to long-term management plans for all commercial Baltic Sea fish species; to minimize by-catch e g in relation to porpoises

-Fisheries actions in the HELCOM BSAP connected to wild Baltic salmon management: active protection of at least 10 threatened salmon rivers ; safeguarding the genetic variability of wild Baltic salmon

-CCB-participation in the BS RAC in 08-09, with focus on salmon and cod management

Proposals for CCB-activities related to fisheries in 2010:

- lobby work within BS RAC, with focus on Baltic cod and Baltic salmon , CCB-secr
- lobby work with the EC and MS, on adoption of a Baltic Salmon Management Plan, CCB-secr

-provide CCB support for fisheries management in Russian small rivers on the south coast of Gulf of Finland , Green World

-CCB should seek financing for a Luga river salmon management activities to support the native salmon in Luga river; cooperation proj with Baltic Fund for Nature, St Pet

-support activities in salmon and sea-trout rivers in Polish Pomerania (Rega, Parseta etc) to stop illegal fisheries via support of voluntary fisheries inspection and support education-awareness raising activities , Green Federation Gaja

-support activities for inventory and management of the salmonids in Vilia river, and its tributaries, in Belarus. Neman Env Group

-to find/promote better NGO cooperation on sustainable fisheries in Poland.