

# AGENDA



11-12 November 2025 Riga, Latvia

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Venue: VEF Culture Palace, Ropažu iela 2, Riga, Latvia

**11 November 2025**

**9:00 EET**

## REGISTRATION

Lobby

*Welcome coffee*

**10:00**

## OPENING

Grand Hall

### *Welcoming remarks:*

- **Raimonds Čudars** *Minister of the Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development of Republic of Latvia*
- **Emilia Malak-Pętlicka** *Deputy director of Strategy Department, Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy of Poland, Chair of the VASAB Committee on Spatial Planning and Development of the BSR*
- **Kai Trümpler** *Director of Spatial Planning at the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency of Germany, Co-chair of the HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group*

### *Setting the scene – Planners in a Changing World. Key-note speeches:*

- **Diāna Rasuma** *Director of Spatial Planning and Land Management Department, Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, Lead partner of Baltic Sea2Land project*
- **MSP past, present and future: Charting a course in a changing world by Kira Gee** *Researcher, Helmholtz Zentrum Hereon and Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH), Germany*

### *Panel discussion – Current Challenges in Maritime Spatial Planning*

- **Felix Leinemann** *Head of Unit for Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and MSP, DG MARE, European Commission*
- **Kai Trümpler** *Director of Spatial Planning at the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency of Germany, Co-chair of the HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group*
- **Mari Pohja-Mykrä** *Ministerial Adviser at the Ministry of the Environment of Finland, VASAB CSPD/BSR representative of Finland*
- **Kamil Rybka** *Chair of the BSR MSP Data Expert Sub-Group*
- **Helen Erik** *Project manager, Saaremaa Municipality, Estonia*

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## COFFEE BREAK

Lobby

## EXPO

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Balcony

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<b>12:00</b>	<b>MSP &amp; COASTAL PLANNING AROUND THE BALTIC SEA</b> <i>Interactive session and introduction to EXPO area</i>	<i>Grand Hall</i>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> <b>EXPO</b>	<i>Lobby</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Balcony</i>
<b>14:00</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS #1</b> <u>1. Resilient and Liveable Coastal Communities</u> <u>2. Integrating Ecosystem Services into MSP</u> <u>3. Sea2Land Navigator: Your Compass to Unlock Planning Insights</u>	<i>Grand Hall</i> <i>Room 213</i> <i>Room 211</i>
<b>15:15</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> <b>EXPO</b>	<i>Lobby</i>
<b>15:45</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS #2</b> <u>4. Tackling Consequences of Climate Change in Coastal Municipalities</u> <u>5. Integrating Blue-Green Infrastructure in MSP</u> <u>6. Coastal accessibility: a multi-level perspective on challenges and solutions in the BSR</u>	<i>Room 211</i> <i>Grand Hall</i> <i>Room 213</i>
<b>17:00</b>	<b>EXPO</b> <b>VIDEO SCREENING</b> <b>VEF MUSEUM TOUR (optional)</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Balcony</i> <i>Room 213</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i>
<b>18:00</b>	<b>EVENING RECEPTION AND DINNER</b>	<i>Lobby</i>

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## MORNING COFFEE

Mirror Hall

9:00

## OPENING OF DAY 2

Chamber Music Hall

**Cross-sectoral cooperation, coastal economies and effective use of space**

*Recap of day 1*

**Ecosystem-Based Guideline in the BSR. Key-note speech by**

- **Jan Schmidtbauer Crona** Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

**Panel discussion - What Do We Mean as EBA Planning&Management?**

- **Jan Schmidtbauer Crona** Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, Sweden
- **Ben Sass** Head of Project Development National Offshore and Legal Counsel Offshore Wind /PNE Group, Germany
- **Marcin Kotlarek** Race for the Baltic, Poland
- **Nick Boxem** Government of the Netherlands, Manager, Marine Policy Directorate, Steering group member, Greater North Sea Basin Initiative

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## PARALLEL SESSIONS #3

**7. Advancing Transboundary Governance: Baltic and North Sea Challenges and Prospects**

Room 211

**8. Safety and Security of Supply in the Baltic Sea**

Chamber Music Hall

**9. Effective Use of Space for a Sustainable Blue Economy: Baltic Approaches to Multi-Use in Marine and Coastal Areas**

Room 213

12:00

## TRANSITION BREAK

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## **CLOSING SESSION**

*Chamber Music Hall*

*Recap of parallel sessions #3*

*Wrapping up the Forum: “Reflections for a Resilient Future”*

*Closing remarks and farewell*

**13:10**

## **LIGHT LUNCH**

*Mirror Hall*

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