

**Fifth Seminar on Cooperation on the EIA Convention in the Baltic Sea Region
Sopot, October 27–28, 2011**

AGENDA

26 October – arrival to Sopot

27 October – Sopot

Sheraton Sopot Hotel

8.30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00	Start of the conference
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and practicalities – <i>Tri-City (Gdańsk – Gdynia –Sopot)</i>
9:15 – 9:45	Work on the EIA Convention – <i>introduction, information and updates on the work by Secretariat of the Espoo Convention</i> <u>Comments</u>
9:45 – 10:00	Update on status of ratifications – <i>tour the table</i> Planned ratifications – <i>Belarus, Denmark, Finland, Latvia, Poland</i> <u>Comments</u>
10:00 – 11:30	Case studies on transboundary EIAs and SEAs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review of Espoo activities in the subregion – ongoing and new cases – <i>tour de table</i> • presentation of the practical application of a number of Espoo cases in the Baltic Sea Region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - update on FehrmanBelt Fixed Link Case – <i>short presentation by Denmark & Germany</i> - off-shore wind farm WIKINGER NORD & WIKINGER SÜD – <i>short presentation by Germany</i> - off-shore wind farm Södra Midsjöbanken – <i>short presentation by Sweden</i> - Danish experiences as an Affected Party within Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) from the North Sea – <i>brief presentation by Denmark</i> <u>Comments & discussion</u>
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 12:15	Transboundary access to justice by the public and NGO's – the recent judgment of the European Court of Justice against Germany (C-115/09 – Trianel) – <i>short presentation by Germany</i> <u>Comments & discussion</u>

12:15 – 12:45	Outcomes of the UBA-Workshop "Transboundary Access to Justice for Environmental NGOs" – <i>brief presentation by Germany</i> <u>Comments & discussion</u>
12:45 – 13:00	Cooperation with other conventions and organizations in the subregion, linkages between them and benefits derived from such cooperation (HELCOM, VASAB and others) – <i>introductory presentation by Poland</i> <u>Comments & discussion</u>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:45	Polish legal background for maritime spatial planning and short presentation of pilot maritime spatial plans for the Western part of the Gulf of Gdańsk and the Middle Bank – <i>brief presentation by Poland</i> <u>Comments & discussion</u>
14:45 – 15:30	Polish experience with Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the pilot maritime spatial plan for the Western part of the Gulf of Gdańsk – <i>short presentation concerning among others the methodological problems by Poland</i> <u>Comments & discussion</u>
15:30 – 16:00	Discussion on cumulative impacts of planned off-shore wind farms in the Baltic Sea <u>Comments & discussion</u>
16:00 – 18:00	Free time
18:00 – 21:00	Dinner

28 October – Sopot

Cruise on the Baltic Sea – Sopot – Hel Peninsula – Seal Centre – Gdańsk (in a case of bad weather transport by coach)

8:30 – 8:45 – *Boarding time*

8:45 – 10:45 - Cruise on the Hel

9:15 – 9:40	Practicalities of the cruise Presentation of natural heritage of the Pomeranian Voivodship of Poland (such as Kępa Redłowska – nature reserve) – <i>by Professor Stepnowski, guide</i>
9:40 – 10:00	Presentation of the Port of Gdynia and its infrastructure projects – <i>by President of Port of Gdynia Authority SA</i>
10:00 – 10:45	Natural heritage of the Pomeranian Voivodship of Poland - <i>continuation by Professor Stepnowski, guide</i>
Coffee break in a canteen while presentations	

11:00 – 12:15 - Excursion to the Seal Centre

12:15 – 12:30 - Walk to the conference room of Hel Marine Station

12:30 – 14:00 - Hel Marine Station

12:30 – 13:15	Post-project analysis and monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>short presentation by Secretariat of the Espoo Convention</i> • <i>update on the Monitoring of the Nord Stream case – brief presentation by Parties of Origin, among others Germany & Denmark & Finland</i> • <i>Polish experiences of a post-project analysis on the basis of sand exploitation case on the Middle Bank – short presentation by Poland</i> <u>Comments & discussion</u>
13:15 – 14:00	The application of EIA in preparation of shale gas projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>current Polish discussion on the shale gas projects – short presentation by Poland</i> • <i>current German discussion on the shale gas projects – brief presentation by Germany</i> <u>Comments & discussion</u> Conclusions and further work/ the next meeting / close of the fifth seminar
14:00 – 15:30	Lunch

Voluntarily

15:30 – 15:40	Arrival to the Port
15:45 – 17:45	Cruise Hel - Gdańsk / opportunity to network while cruising to Gdańsk
17:45 – 18:45	Sightseeing of Gdańsk (Długa street, Dwór Artusa street)