Greener Agriculture for a Bluer Baltic Sea

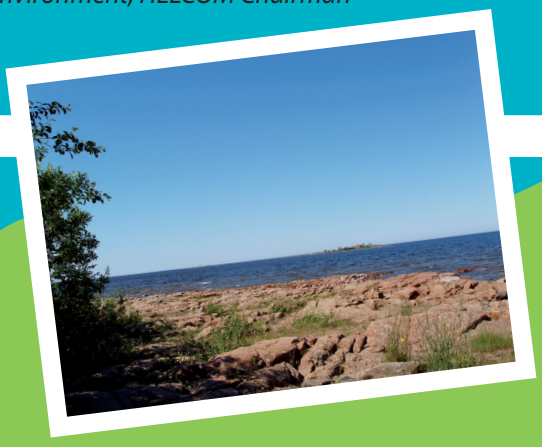
– shared sea – shared challenge – shared solutions

23-24 September 2014
Hotel Gromada Airport, Warsaw, Poland

Conference website: www.gabbs.eu

Programme day 1: Tuesday 23 september

08:00-09:00	**Registration**
PLENARY SESSION	ROOM: KRYSZTAL
09:00-09:10	**Opening of the conference** *Moderators and organisers*
09:10-09:40	**Welcome words** *Ms Zofia Szalczyk, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Poland and Minister of Environment of Poland*
09:40-10:00	**Baltic agriculture in a global outlook – trends and pressures** *Director Waldemar Guba, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Poland*
10:00-10:40	**Baltic Compact film premiere** *Presented by journalist Jenny Jewert and photographer Mikael Eriksson*
10:40-11:10	COFFEE
11:10-11:40	**Managing agriculture and environment in practice** *Discussion with Baltic Farmer of the Year 2013 Juhan Särgava, Estonia and farmers featured in the film, Jan-Christer Carlsson, Sweden, Gerd Schumacher, Germany and Juris Cirulis, Latvia*
11:40-12:00	**Sustainable agriculture and the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region** *Erik Kiesow, Prime Minister's Office, Sweden*
12:00-12:20	**HELCOM work towards sustainable agriculture** *Harry Liiv, Deputy Secretary General of Estonian Ministry of Environment, HELCOM Chairman*
12:20-12:30	**Introduction to the parallel sessions**
12:30-14:00	LUNCH



PARALLEL SESSIONS

14:00-17.00 | **Parallel sessions with individually scheduled coffee breaks**

1. Legal frameworks for water protection in agricultural areas of the Baltic Sea Region

Moderator: Marta Kalinowska, WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme

Introduction
Marta Kalinowska, WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme

Addressing agriculture's impact on our shared waters – lessons from 1st RBMPs and expectations for 2nd RBMPs
Claire McCamphill, Water Resources Unit, Directorate General for the Environment, European Commission

Water protection measures in Poland
Przemysław Gruszecki, Head of Planning and Water Management Division, National Water Management Authority, Poland

Legal framework for water protection in agriculture areas of Sweden
Josefin Walldén, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

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Discussion: Are the legal frameworks geared to deliver the desired environmental outcomes regarding water protection measures?

Summary and wrap-up

2. Aquaculture and agriculture – closing the nutrient loop

Moderators: Anders Kiessling, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and Rüdiger Schultz, Kiel University, Germany

Welcome and introduction to the topic
Anders Kiessling, Professor in Aquaculture, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

What is aquaculture and what is the role of aquaculture in future circular production systems?
Anders Kiessling, Professor in Aquaculture, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Land based aquaculture, present and future in the EU
Stefan Meyer, GMA, Büsum, Germany

Aquaculture and microalgae – connection to farming
Rüdiger Schultz, Kiel University, Germany

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Discussion: The role of aquaculture and type of aquaculture relevant for the aqua-agro circular production systems - ideas about European networking

Summary and wrap-up

3. The role of landscape management and local development projects in water protection

Moderators: Tomasz Okruszko,Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland and Otto von Arnold, Jordberga Farm and Tulltorp Stream Project, Sweden

Opening and introduction, session outline
Tomasz Okruszko, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland and Otto von Arnold, Jordberga Farm and Tulltorp Stream Project, Sweden

Natural retention as a part of integrated water resources management - experience from Central and East Europe
Tomasz Okruszko, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland

Delivering blue and green services to society: experiences from farmer cooperation on water and landscape management in Flanders
Sven Defrijn, Advisor on agro-environmental management, Agrobeheercentrum Eco^2, Belgium

Experiences from watershed level management at Tulltorpså, Sweden
Otto von Arnold, Jordberga Farm and Tulltorp Stream Project, Sweden

Participatory planning and communication in agri-environmental projects
Prof. Dr. Uwe Rammert, State Agency for Agriculture, Energy and Environment of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

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Introduction to discussion: lessons from local initiatives across the BSR
Researcher Ulla Ovaska, MTT-Agrifood Research Finland

Discussion, summary and and wrap-up

17:30-18:00	**Poster exhibition, cocktails and mingle with Yara's presentation: "A cleaner Baltic Sea by improved agricultural productivity"**
18.00-18.45	**WWF Baltic Sea Farmer of the Year Award Ceremony**
19:00	**Buffet dinner - During the dinner music performed by Lady D Funk**
20:00	**The Song and Dance Ensemble of Warsaw University of Technology**

Programme day 2: Wednesday 24 September 2014

PARALLEL SESSIONS

09:00-11:00 | **Parallel sessions with individually scheduled coffee breaks**

4. Improving the effectiveness of agri-environmental programs

Moderators: Emma Svensson, Swedish Board of Agriculture, Sweden and Maira Dzelzkalēja, Latvian Farmers Parliament, Latvia

Effective agri-environmental measures-experiences from the Netherlands
Jan Gerrit Deelen and Aard Mulders, Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Netherlands

Effective agri-environmental measures-experiences from Estonia
Aleksei Lotman, Estonian Fund for Nature, Estonia

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Effective agri-environmental measures-experiences from Latvia
Maira Dzelzkalēja, Union Farmers' Parliament, Latvia

Discussion, summary and and wrap-up

5. Possibilities for new forms of knowledge transfer and innovation systems

Moderators: Prof. Eugeniusz Chyłek from Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Poland and Knud Tybirk, Agro Business Park, Denmark

The role of EIP on knowledge exchange and innovation for Greener Agriculture
Sergiu Didicescu, European Innovation Partnership

Innovation Support within the Framework of the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
Paul Szabelak, Polish Ministry of Agriculture

The role of Interreg programmes in knowledge transfer/exchange: Research, demo, business, investments
Elena Kolosova, BSR Joint Technical Secretariat

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Finnish exchange of knowledge between research and companies/farmers within nutrient recycling and water protection
Markku Järvenpää, MTT Finland

Discussion, summary and and wrap-up

6. Future agri-environment cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region

Moderators: Lennart Gladh , WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme & Airi Kulmala, Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK), Finland

Finnish producers' perspective to regional agri-environmental cooperation
Airi Kulmala, Specialist, Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK), Finland

Achievements of Baltic Deal project
Mateusz Sękowski, Specialist, Agriculture Advisory Centre in Radom, Poland

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Why an agri-environmental platform?
Jan Wärnbäck, Specialist, WWF-Sweden

Discussion, summary and and wrap-up

PLENARY SESSION

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11:00-11:50	**Panel discussion with workshop leaders** *Moderators*
11:50-12.00	**Closing of the conference** *Professor Waldemar Mioduszewski, Institute of Technology and Life Sciences, Poland*
12:00-13:00	LUNCH
13:00-16:00	**Excursion** Possibility to join an excursion to Nature Reserve "Stawy Raszynskie" near Warsaw, sight-seeing to historic palace and park and the experimental farm of the Institute of Technology and Life Sciences in Falenty

The conference will be moderated by Stina Bergström, The Federation of Swedish Farmers and Paula Biveson, Baltic Sea Action Group.

NB. Changes to the programme may occur.

After the conference you can find presentations and the conference report at: www.gabbs.eu

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