



# “Nine States – One Identity”

## Invitation

HELCOM YOUTH FORUM 2006  
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15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2006, Flensburg (GER)

**The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany**

in cooperation with:

- Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency, Germany
- Landtag Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany
- Flensburg Tourismus und Stadtmarketing GmbH
- Baltic Sea Forum e.V.

## Call for Application

Dear student,

the Baltic Sea Marine Protection Commission - HELCOM (Helsinki Commission) is the focal point for **Marine Protection Policy** in the Baltic Sea Region. For more than 30 years HELCOM has effectively contributed to the improvement of the **marine environment of the Baltic Sea**. HELCOM has furthermore contributed very much to the overall development of this young European ecologically significant and economically prospering region.



## Content

### *What's behind? / What's about?*

HELCOM is convinced that Public Awareness Raising – in particular with regard to the **youth around the Baltic** - is of utmost importance for safeguarding future generations' interest concerning the Baltic. By performing Youth Forums on a regular basis, HELCOM has started a process of raising the youth's attention by proactively involving students into HELCOM-processes.

The third HELCOM Youth Forum will be organised by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety in co-operation with other partners from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2006 in Flensburg (Germany).

### *Why should YOU feel addressed?*

You are an inhabitant of one of the Baltic Sea riparian states and are interested in Baltic Sea affairs, regardless what discipline, be it natural or political science, law or other, if related to the issue of "**Cooperation for the Baltic**". Being interested in a sustainable future development of the Baltic Sea Region, you would like to share your views and visions with representatives of the **young generation around the Baltic**. It is your wish to be part of an open and transparent exchange of views with the aim of **feeding in your personal visions** into a future Baltic Sea Policy.

### *What do WE expect from you?*

As regards the formal qualification you are at university and have reached a bachelor's or comparable degree, and you would like to **support the Youth Forum** process in terms of discussion and written contributions.

### *What do WE offer?*

The HELCOM Youth Forum is intended to **further the exchange** amongst representatives of the **future generation** around the Baltic Sea. An interesting event including an attractive social programme will offer the possibility to feed in and receive new and additional impulses with regard to co-operation in a developing and prospering region. Scientists and members of the political decision making process are prepared to introduce their views and experiences, awaiting your questions and comments.

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Baltic Marine Environment  
Protection Commission



Workshops will offer the opportunity to actively scrutinise/investigate particular views and defend personal evaluations. Moreover you will have the chance to meet other students from the whole Baltic Sea Region.

As regards logistics and **funding**, we offer a contribution to your travel expenses up to 250 € / person (according to receipt), accommodation free of charge up to 2 nights (15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2006) and full catering, starting with a welcome event on 15<sup>th</sup> August and resulting in a working lunch on 17<sup>th</sup> August.

## *Are YOU interested to apply?*

If interested in participating you should apply by elaborating on one of the three workshop topics as indicated in the Draft Programme (see below). Please send a one-page (A4) contribution and a brief curriculum vitae (including a photo, if available) to **both** the following e-Mail addresses by **7 July 2006**:

[heike.imhoff@bmu.bund.de](mailto:heike.imhoff@bmu.bund.de)

[heike.poltrock@bmu.bund.de](mailto:heike.poltrock@bmu.bund.de)

Personal invitations will be sent out to selected candidates a few days later.

Given that the number of participants has to be kept manageable and with regard to balanced participation in terms of regional distribution there is a limit of 5 students per country to be selected by the Organisers in case the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available.

We are looking forward to receiving a proactive feedback from the youth around the Baltic and would very much appreciate meeting in particular **YOU in Flensburg in August 2006!**

For the organisers

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HELCOM Youth Forum 2006,

Flensburg 15th – 17th August 2006

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

(as from 9<sup>th</sup> June 2006)

### TUESDAY, 15.08.2006

#### Individual arrival

**Accommodation: "Jugendherberge Flensburg"** Fichtestr. 16  
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**18.00**

#### **Ice Breaker Party on MS Feodora**

Welcome  
BMU (Mrs **Imhoff**)



### WEDNESDAY, 16.08.2006

**Venue: City Hall Flensburg**

Rathausplatz 1  
24931 Flensburg

**09.30 – 09.45**

#### **Welcome / Introduction**

N.N. (City of Flensburg)  
Prof. Dr. **Ehlers** (Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency,  
Chair of the Youth Forum)

**09.45 – 10.25**

#### **Basic information about the present political and scientific status of the Baltic Sea (Area)**

HELCOM (N.N.)

- Who is HELCOM ? (incl. introduction of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan)

Representative from RUS (N.N.)

- HELCOM's role from the point of view of the Russian Federation

**10.25 – 10.40**

#### **Question / Discussion**

**10.40 – 11.20**

#### **Too acid?**

(N.N.)

- Eutrophication in the Baltic Sea

#### **Too toxic?**

(N.N.)

- The situation of Hazardous Substances in the Baltic Sea



- 11.20 – 11.30 Questions / Discussion**
- 11.30 – 11.45 Coffee break**
- 11.45 – 12.25 Too busy?**  
(N.N.)  
- Maritime Activities in the Baltic sea Region
- Too degraded?**  
(N.N.)  
- Biodiversity in the Baltic sea Region
- 12.25 – 12.40 Question Discussion**
- 12.40 – 14.30 Lunch break**
- 14.30 – 18.00 3 parallel workshops**  
Rapporteurs to be elected by the Workshop participants
- Workshop 1:**  
The HELCOM 'Baltic Sea Action Plan (Modern Environment Policy only, or a *Must*?)  
Chair (N.N.)
- Workshop 2:**  
The Baltic Sea – still a sink?  
Chair (N.N.)
- Workshop 3:**  
Pretended discrepancy: economic use and ecological needs of the Baltic Sea  
Chair (N.N.)
- Coffee permanently available, breaks to be decided by the Workshop Chairs
- 18.30 – 21.30 Social Event**  
Premises to be confirmed

## **THURSDAY, 17.08.2006**

- 09.00 – 11.00 3 parallel Workshops (to be continued)**
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break**
- 11.30 – 12.30 Plenary (incl. Discussion)**  
Rapporteurs / Workshop Chairs  
- Reports from the Workshops, each presenting a 1 page summary
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break**
- 14.00 – 16.00 Plenary**  
"Nine States – One identity" – The HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan – a tool and a challenge  
Plenary participants  
- Final Conclusions (to be introduced into the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting in November 2007)
- 16.00 Closing of the meeting**  
Chair of the Youth Forum
- Afterwards Departure**