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## HELCOM Youth Forum 2005 Call for participation

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM) 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 very much contributed to the overall development of this new European ecologically and economically prospering region.

HELCOM is convinced that raising public awareness - in particular with regard to the youth around the Baltic - is of utmost importance for safeguarding future generations' interest concerning the Baltic.

By performing a Youth Forum (the first was held in 2004) HELCOM has therefore started a process of raising youth's attention by proactively involving students into HELCOM - processes.

The second Youth Forum will be organised from 2 to 4 August 2005 in Rostock (Germany).

We hereby invite students from all Baltic Sea riparian states to participate in the event.

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 four representatives/ country.

What do possible participants/students have to do?

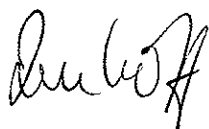
They should be inhabitants of one of the Baltic Sea riparian states and have reached a bachelor's or comparable degree. They should be interested in Baltic Sea affairs, regardless what discipline, be it natural or political science, law or other, if related to the issue of "co-operation for the Baltic".

If interested in participating they should apply by elaborating on one of the three Workshop Topics (cf. **Attachment 1**) and sending a one-page (A4) contribution to their national HELCOM contact point (cf. **Attachment 2**) by **17 January 2005**.

Each contact point (Heads of Delegation=HOD) will then select four national participants (plus one to be kept in reserve). Four nominated students will finally be invited for participating in the HELCOM Youth Forum 2005 in Germany.

We are looking forward to an interesting event in 2005 and would very much appreciate receiving a proactive feedback from the youth around the Baltic.

Yours sincerely  
For the Ministry



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**Attachments:**

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**Do we really need to protect the Baltic Sea?**

**HELCOM Youth Forum 2005**

Rostock, Germany, 2 – 4 August 2005

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

(as of 3 November 2004)

<b>Tue, 02.08.2005</b>	<i>Individual Arrival</i>		
ca. 19.00 h	Ice breaker-Party		
<b>Wed, 03.08.2005</b>	<i>Programme</i>		
	Plenary		
9.00 – 9.45 h	Baltic Sea – State of the Art	Baltic Sea Research Institute	Natural development and man made changes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ecosystem Baltic Sea</li> <li>- climate impact</li> <li>- salinity / oxygen dispersion</li> <li>- eutrophication</li> <li>- living marine resources</li> <li>- other marine resources</li> <li>- input of harmful substances (“classic pollution”)</li> </ul>
9.45 – 10.00 h	Questions / Discussion		
10.00 – 10.45 h	No fish – no future	Baltic Sea Fisheries Institute (planned to be invited)	Situation of Baltic Sea Fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ecological impact</li> <li>- fisheries, an economic factor</li> <li>- (Semi)Closed / Protected Areas</li> </ul>
10.45 – 11.00 h	Questions / Discussion		
11.00 – 11.30 h	Coffee break		
11.30 – 12.15 h	Mare nostrum ad navigare et recreare	Baltic Sea Institute for Marketing, Transport and Tourism (planned to be invited)	Additional uses of the Baltic Sea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- maritime safety</li> <li>- shipping, an economic factor</li> <li>- tourism, an economic factor</li> <li>- offshore windmills</li> <li>- [spatial planning]</li> </ul>
12.15.- 12.30 h	Questions / Discussion		

12.30 – 14.00 h	Lunch Break		
14.00 – 17.00 h	3 parallel Workshops	Chairs and Rapporteurs to be elected by the Workshop participants	
	Workshop 1	Key factors, influencing the ecological development of the Baltic Sea; ( <i>Is the Baltic Sea ecosystem really threatened? Do we really need a Baltic Sea Protection Policy?</i> )	
	Workshop 2	Key factors for the economic development of the Baltic sea: ( <i>Do we gain enough from the Baltic Sea? How can we increase the economic benefit?</i> )	
	Workshop 3	The Baltic Sea Region - a player in the global network ( <i>Does the Baltic Sea really have role on the global agenda?</i> )	
Coffee permanently available, breaks to be decided by the Workshop Chairs			
18.00 h	Departure for Schwerin for a Reception	President of the Landtag of Mecklenburg Vorpommern	
24.00 h	Arrival, back in Rostock		
<b>Thu, 04.08.2005</b>	<i>Programme</i>		
9.00 – 11.00 h	3 parallel Workshops (to be continued)		
11.00 – 11.30 h	Coffee Break		
11.30 – 12.30 h	Plenary (incl. Discussion)	Rapporteurs / Workshop Chairs	Reports from the Workshops, each presenting a 1 page summary
12.30 – 14.00 h	Lunch Break		
14.00 – 16.00 h	Plenary		
	My Baltic Sea of tomorrow? (between vision and reality)	plenary participants	Proposals for future priority setting / tools / policy approaches in Baltic Sea Policy with the aim of compiling particular findings as an input to HELCOM 27/2006
16.00 h	Closing of the Meeting	Chair of the Youth Forum	
16.30	Departure for the official opening of the HANSE SAIL 2005 (planned)		
<b>Fri/Sa/Su 05/06/07. 08 2005</b>	<i>Individual Departure</i>		

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