



BALTICITIES – Urban cooperation of the Baltic Sea countries for the protection of the marine environment

Final event Program 22nd – 23rd of May 2024

Organized in the framework of EU Maritime Days

Liepāja, Latvia

Morning seminar 22nd May

Venue: Liepaja Music, Art and Design Secondary School, Alejas iela 18

Moderator: Loreta Kelpšaitė-Rimkienė

9:30 Welcome coffee

Presentation of a photo exhibition by students of the Music, Art and Design School, EMD posters by the LIFE REEF project, and educational games by the Science and Education Innovation Centre of Liepaja.

10:00 Opening words

Mr Gunārs Anšņš, Mayor of Liepāja, Chairman of the City Council

Mr Jaakko Koivusaari, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Finland

10:15 Project BALTICITIES in retrospect

Mika Raateoja (Finnish Environment Institute)

10:30 BalticSeashoreStories-campaign – award ceremony

Joni Pohjankettu (Videotiiviste Ltd.) & Eija Rantajärvi (Finnish Environment Institute)

11:00 Artistic intervention

by students Liepaja Music, Art and Design Secondary School: introduction to the “Phosphorus project”, and Musical performance

11:30 Looking forward

Experiences of networking: an introduction by *Outi Seppälä* (Baltic Sea Challenge)

Panel discussion. *Moderator: Andris Andrušaitis*

Strengthening and expanding environmental cooperation of Baltic coastal cities – key to a better Baltic Sea.

Panelists:

- *Johanna Tõugu* (City of Tallinn), Mai Andersson (Ministry of Climate, Estonia)
- *Diana Stendzeniece* (City of Liepāja), Jānis Ulme (Environmental Education Foundation, Latvia)
- *Jurata Sokolova* (City of Klaipeda), Gabriele Burbulyte-Tsiskarishvili (Klaipeda University)
- *Esa Nikunen* (City of Helsinki), Kai Myrberg (Finnish Environment Institute)

12:30 Closing of the seminar

Kai Myrberg & Andris Andrušaitis

Afternoon 22nd May

13:00 Lunch Restaurant "Parka Paviljons", Valtera iela 3

15:00 Official raising of the Blue Flag on Liepāja Central beach site

15:30 Guided excursion: Karosta historical military territory by the sea

19:00 Joint Dinner, Hotel Promenade

Second day 23rd May

10:00 Bus from hotel Promenade

10.30 Visit to the Liepāja's Nature education centre "Nature House"

13:00 Lunch, Restaurant Kapitan, Jēkaba Dubelšteina iela 14
and Farewell!