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Ocean literacy in the Baltic: EU4Ocean launch event workshop

25 September 2020, 14:00-16:00 CEST

Welcome to the Baltic Sea workshop on Ocean Literacy, facilitated by SUBMARINER Network and co-hosted by HELCOM. This session is for anyone active or interested in contributing to the promotion of ocean literacy around the Baltic Sea Region.

Our immediate aim is to operationalise the next phase of the EU4Ocean Coalition in the Baltic. This means:

- engaging with our stakeholders on the current state of OL in the BSR and focusing on challenges that are particular to our sea basin,
- identifying strategic actions to address these,
- putting in place concrete proposals for next steps that will help us build momentum for ocean literacy.

Please note that we are planning an interactive workshop. Those participants not designated as speakers in the programme will not be “silent attendees”. We will conduct polling at various stages, as well as offer questions from the audience and have reserved the longest timeslot (sessions 4 and 5) for an inclusive discussion of our jointly determined next steps. For this purpose, please take a look at the circulated discussion paper prior to the workshop. Thank you!

AGENDA

14:00-14:10 Introduction: Who are we?

Facilitator: [Angela Schultz-Zehden](#), SUBMARINER Network

Introduction of the workshop purpose and agenda, as well as polling to find out about the profile of participants.

14:10-14:25 Session 1: Contextualising Ocean Literacy progress and challenges in the Baltic

[Angela Schultz-Zehden](#), SUBMARINER Network

A brief presentation of the status quo and suggested actions (discussion paper). Introduction of working method for discussion facilitation.

14:25-14:55 Session 2: Key perspectives on Baltic OL in civil society, youth and schools

The speakers contribute a short insight from their own experience in OL and its challenges in the Baltic, and make their suggestions for how to proceed in terms of actions. The short presentations are followed by questions / comments from the audience.

[Tymon Zielinski](#), Institute of Oceanology, Polish Academy of Sciences, *The “Ocean of changes” initiative and how to create a pan-Baltic movement*





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Malin Rosengren, University of Gothenburg and **Ida Wendt**, Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment, *Sweden's bottom-up approach and the importance of networking for Ocean Literacy*

Dominika Wojcieszek, Gdynia Aquarium and European Marine Educators Association, *Developing a blue schools network in the Baltic: progress and challenges*

14:55-15:15 **Session 3: Expert comments and reactions from panel**

Panellists comment both on the suggested next steps and on the input from speakers to add their unique perspectives.

Dominik Littfass, Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM)

Joachim Hjerl, Havhøst ("Ocean Harvest")

Lisa Simone de Grunt, SUBMARINER Network and Youth4Ocean founding member

15:15-15:45 **Session 4: Coming together on OL actions in the Baltic**

All participants are invited to discuss the most urgent next steps for the Baltic to "bring back" to the overall EU-wide coalition (Baltic priorities). We will discuss concretely along the lines of how to operationalize these steps – what would common actions look like and which stakeholders could and would commit to them? Discussion facilitated with use of an interactive flip chart tool.

15:45-16:00 **Session 5: What have we agreed?**

We would like to have a working document established at the end of this session which will help us to keep track of our progress and inform additional interested stakeholders. We will also be taking a group picture.

