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Baltic Sea Region cooperation platform to reduce pharmaceuticals in the Baltic Sea environment

Venue: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Riga, Latvia
Date: Wednesday 22 November, 2017, 12:30 – 17:00
Registration: By invitation only. Register at pharmaplattform@naturvardsverket.se by 1 November.

Scope

Pharmaceutical residues in the Baltic Sea are causing concern as the full impact for the marine environment is still unknown. To reduce emissions, measures are needed on both national and regional level. The Baltic Sea Pharma platform is a new initiative to bring together projects and stakeholders from the whole region to assist knowledge-sharing, streamline activities, increase effectiveness and support regional policy development. This is the first platform meeting.

Agenda

- 11.30 Registration and coffee with lunch sandwich
- 12.30 Welcome and introduction by Policy Area Hazards, EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Project presentations *by project leaders and partners*

- MORPHEUS
- CW Pharma
- MicroWasteBaltic
- GrePPP
- NonHazCity

These trans-national projects address various stages of the pharmaceutical life cycle, e.g. sustainability criteria for public procurement, mapping of consumption patterns, emission load calculations, advanced waste water treatment technologies and water management. More information about the projects can be found at www.swedishepa.se/hazards/pharmaceuticals

- 13:30 Workshop 1: Thematic discussions
Identify overlaps, gaps and common interests of the projects; Alignment with policy/stakeholder interests.
- 14:20 Coffee

- 14:40 Policy perspective and platform development
- EU-COM Strategic approach to pharmaceuticals in the environment *DG Env/DG Sante (To be confirmed)*
 - Helcom Correspondence Group Pharmaceuticals *Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky, Helcom*
 - Interreg BSR project platform call *Elena Kolosova, Interreg Baltic Sea Region Joint Secretariat*
 - Baltic Sea Pharma Platform
 - Inspiration from other regional clusters – Baltic Impulse *Paula Biveson, Baltic Sea Action Group*
 - PA Hazards vision for the pharma platform *Jenny Hedman, coordinator PA Hazards*
- 15:40 Workshop 2: Process discussions
Establishment of the Baltic Sea Pharma platform network – content and working processes 2017-2020 for added value at national, regional and European level
- 16:30 – ca. 17:00 Wrap-up and summary
- Social activity and joint dinner

Registration

Please register by sending an e-mail to pharmaplattform@naturvardsverket.se no later than 1 November 2017, including

- Name and affiliation
- Lunch sandwich – yes please or no thank you
- I am interested / I am not interested in participating in social activity and/or joint dinner

Registration by invitation only – you have been identified as an important stakeholder to the Baltic Sea Pharma platform. Your input to the project processes is important for their development and policy relevance. Project results and information will be shared through the platform. If you would like to share the invitation, please send an e-mail with contact details to pharmaplattform@naturvardsverket.se and we will forward it.

Practical information

The meeting venue is located in the city centre, old town, around 5-10 min walking distance from the central train station and international bus station, 20 min walking distance from the ferry terminal. The Riga International airport is around 35 min driving distance with bus (No 22, ticket can be bought from driver) or minibus (No 222, ticket can be bought from driver) to city center, or around 20 min by taxi (depending on traffic). The bus and minibus stop closest to the meeting venue is "11.novembra krastmala" (3 min walking). Taxi could cost around 20 EUR.

Information about public transport in the city: <https://www.rigassatiksmelv/en/>. Tram routes in the city: https://www.rigassatiksmelv/files/tram_05062017_eng.pdf.

More information

Policy Area Hazards of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region: www.swedishepa.se/hazards; Twitter: @BSRHazards

Baltic Sea Pharma platform: www.swedishepa.se/hazards/pharmaceuticals