



Report on event

Project	LIFE+ project “Baltic actions for reduction of pollution of the Baltic Sea from priority hazardous substances” (acronym BaltActHaz) Reference number LIFE07 ENV/EE/000122
Subject	2 nd Partners meeting
Place	Hotel AVALON, Kaleju Str 70 (Riga, Latvia)
Date	7 th – 8 th September 2009
Participants	<i>List of participants attached in the Annex</i>
Rapporteur	Katrin Juhanson, Baltic Environmental Forum Estonia

Goal of the meeting:

2nd project partners meeting to discuss the project process. Give an overview what has been done, feed backing from first period financial reporting.

Discussion issues:

1. Opening and introduction (Heidrun Fammler, BEF, Project supervisor)

Ms. Heidrun Fammler made an opening to the partners meeting, welcoming everyone and gave an overview of the topics for the upcoming days. Introduction round of all participants.

2. Overview on the BaltActHaz project implementation (Kitty Kislenco, Project manager)

Ms. Kitty Kislenco gave a short overview of project and the activities. Introduced to the partners what activities have been implemented already and what type of deliverables are available.

Ms. Kitty Kislenco made a short overview of first observations how the project implementation has gone (communication with partners and mostly in the beginning of project dealing with administrative issues of the project).



3. Project implementation - overview of project activities by Action leaders

- **Compilation of background information and setting the frame for a common understanding of the EU Hazard Concept (A1)**

Ms. Kislenco presented the action as foreseen in the application and presented the status of each activity, described what has been done and informed the partners where it is possible to find the deliverables from Action 1.

- **Investigation on the occurrence of selected substances and relevant reduction and monitoring measures (A2-4)**

Ms. Zita Dudutyté gave an overview of the following project actions: preparatory action for screening of substances (A2), screening and source analysis (A3), overall substance reduction strategy and optimising information source uses and elaboration of proposals for

future state monitoring programme (A4). She presented shortly the aim of each action and what has been done, current timeline and activities which have been already carried out.

- **Improvement of the current permitting (A5-6)**

Mr. Juhan Ruut also gave a short overview of the actions and presented what has been done, made conclusions from national roundtables which were organised in the Baltic States (the aim of national roundtables was to involve different stakeholders in the discussions how to improve the current permitting system and what are the most problematic aspects at the moment).

Mr. Juhan Ruut also presented gathered content wishes on the permitting guideline and introduced the next steps for Actions 5 and 6.



- **Enhancing better chemicals management at enterprises (A7-8)**

Mr. Valters Toropovs presented the activities as foreseen in the application, introduced the aim and goals. After general overview he presented the current situation and what activities have been implemented, what are the first findings and observations.

- **Visibility of project (A10)**

Ms. Katrin Juhanson presented to project partners what actions have been done regarding the visibility of the project. Introduced the project website, what information is available there and how it will still be improved. Gave an overview of activities foreseen in the application and the given timelines.

- **Management of the project (A11-13)**

The project manager, Ms. Kitty Kislenko, gave an overview of project management to project partners. Informed the participants of current status of signed partnership contracts and the request of amendments sent to the European Commission on possible change in partnership.

Ms. Kitty Kislenko also presented a summary of project costs for period January – April 2009.

4. Project administration: contracts, reporting, finances (Kitty Kislenko and Maria Štšukina, BEF-Estonia)

Ms. Maria Stsukina gave an overview of the financial reporting to partners. The comments and observations, giving feedback on common mistakes and drawing partners attention to some aspects when compiling financial reporting documents. Feedback on first report on expenditure report, personnel costs, travel costs, overheads.



5. Discussion in action-based working groups (Action leaders + working team)

The participants were given time for discussions inside action-based working groups. Where they discussed what has been done so far and make further planning of actions.

- **Permitting**

Participants: Latvian State Environmental Service, Lithuanian Environmental Protection Agency, Vilnius REPD, Kalipeda REPD, Siauliai REPD, BEF-LT

Chair: Juhan Ruut, Hendrikson&Ko

- **Chemicals management in industries**

Participants: Tarkon, Estko, Eskaro, Tenax, Kvaldro, VLG, BEF-EE, Estonian Environmental Research Centre, Latvian Institute for Aquatic Environment

Chair: Valters Toropovs, BEF-LV

- **Public awareness raising and visibility**

Participants: Katrin Juhanson, Inguna Rauda, Vaida Olšauskytė-Skorupskienė, Agense Linde



6. Feedback in the plenary from working group discussions

Feedback from working group discussions

- Proposed to discuss possible study visits to partner enterprises among project partners;
- Possible meeting with action leaders and the visibility team in Nov/Dec to get feedback on the concept of public awareness raising strategy;
- New person taking a lead in Action 9 – Ms. Ginta Opmane (BEF LV)



Conclusions/agreements/ outcomes:

The overall conclusion was that the project implementation has been started successfully. No major delays have occurred and the deliverables that were foreseen in this timeline have been produced.

- Report and presentations from the partners meeting will be uploaded on project website: www.baltacthaz.bef.ee
- Next partners meeting will be held in February 2010
- 2-3.11.2009 will take place advisory board meeting (Tallinn, Estonia)



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