



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	3 rd Partners meeting
Place	Hotel Europa Royale Riga: Krišjāņa Barona street 12, Rīga 1050, Latvia
Date	22 th – 23 th February 2010
Participants	List of participants attached in the Annex
Rapporteur	Jörgen Talkop, Baltic Environmental Forum Estonia

Goals of the 3rd project partners meeting:

- to discuss the progress of the project
- to give an overview regarding completed activities
- to collect feedback regarding the financial reporting of the 3rd period

Discussion topics:

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

Ms. Heidrun Fammler made an opening speech to the partners meeting, welcoming everyone and gave an overview of the program of the upcoming days.

2. Overview on the BaltActHaz project implementation (Jörgen Talkop, Project manager)

Mr. Jörgen Talkop gave a short overview of the project and its activities. He introduced to the partners the activities that had been already implemented and the types of deliverables available. Mr. Jörgen Talkop made a short overview regarding the project implementation and gave an introduction to the project action presentations of the Action leaders.

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

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

Ms. Zita Dudutytė 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 activities completed and the current timeline.

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

Mr. Juhan Ruut gave a short overview of the main activities completed since the last partners meeting and the future actions. He presented the results of 2nd roundtable round organised in Estonia and informed that the 2nd round in Latvia and Lithuania will be organised in March 2010 (the aim of national roundtables is 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 work done regarding 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 general summary of the activities completed in his actions and the first results, the current situation and timeline for the next activities.

- **Implementation of public attention and awareness actions (A9)/Visibility of project (A10)**

Ms. Ginta Opmane presented the completed activities in action 9. She gave an overview of the findings, conclusions drawn regarding the findings and presented future activities. She also gave an overview of the results of the Journalist Roundtables held in all three Baltic States and presented the input of the journalists regarding the Public Awareness Raising Strategy. Ms. Katrin Juhanson presented the completed and ongoing activities regarding the visibility of the project (action 10). She gave an overview regarding the project website and the comments received from the European Commission regarding the website. And she introduced a form that will be used to gather information from project partners' communication activities involving the project.

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

Mr. Jörgen Talkop, gave an overview regarding the project management, the activities implemented, advisory board meeting agreements, on the feedback received from the European Commission about the inception report and the future activities related to the management of the project.

4. Project administration: reporting, finances (Jörgen Talkop, BEF-Estonia)

Mr. Jörgen Talkop gave an overview of the 3rd period financial reporting of the partners. The presentation included comments, observations and feedback on reporting. The presentation also covered the common mistakes and important aspects of correct financial reporting. Budget line specific feedback was given on expenditure report, personnel costs, travel costs and overheads. Project partners were given initial information on the audit activities, which will take place in spring-summer 2010.



5. Action-based discussions (Action leaders + working team)

More in-depth discussions were held on project Actions 5, 6, 7, and 8 with action leaders and partners attending. Specific cases were discussed and feedback collected. Participants involved in Action 9 and Action 10 had a separate action-based working group for planning future actions.

- **Permitting**

Example on discharging wastewater to common/public sewerage system

Participants: Hanza Tarkon, Estko, Eskaro, Tenax, Kvadro, Siulas, VLG, BEF-LT, BEF-EE, Estonian Environmental Research Centre, Latvian Institute for Aquatic Environment Latvian State Environmental Service, Lithuanian Environmental Protection Agency, Vilnius REPD, Klaipeda REPD, Siauliai REPD

Chair: Hendrikson&Ko

- **Chemicals management in industries**

Enterprises will give a short presentation on the completed and planned activities.

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Discussion in working group: Public awareness raising and visibility

Public Awareness Raising Strategy

Participants: Katrin Juhanson, Ginta Opmane, Goda Kuliešytė, Agnese Linde

Chair: BEF-LV

6. Feedback in the plenary from the discussions

Following conclusions were drawn from the discussions:

Action 5-6

- In Baltic States the clients of WWTP are still not reporting to the WWTP if they have Hazardous Substances in their wastewater. During the last years the WWTP has been made responsible and the effect of that is still to be seen
- Upstream approach would be the most efficient for reducing the amount of hazardous substances in wastewater
- For WWTP it would be useful to use risk-based evaluation system on clients' wastewater. Further training for the WWTP is also needed
- Inspectors working with non-permit companies should focus on hazardous substances
- Inspectors in Baltic States are in need of further training
- Laboratories with improved capabilities are needed in Baltic States in the near future

Action 7-8

- The status of chemical inventories differs widely in partner companies
- There are still problems with SDS compiled inside the EU. Starting from 2010 companies have a legal right to ask for REACH-SDS from their partners

Action 9

- The draft Strategy for public information and awareness raising should be sent to partners for feedback

Conclusions/agreements/ outcomes:

The overall conclusion was that the project implementation is proceeding 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
- BEF-EE will discuss internally the possibility for bookkeeping help visits to help project partners to prepare for the audit in spring;
- Next partners meeting will be held in November 2010.
- The next advisory board meeting will take place in November 2010.



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