

## Draft Agenda ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION



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3–4 September 2013 | Riga, Latvia

### Day 1: Tuesday, 3 September 2013

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| 09:00–10:00 | Registration & Welcome coffee  |
| 10:00–10:30 | <p><b>Conference Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Welcome by Ole Krarup Leth, Head of Section, Danish Meteorological Institute, Baltadapt Lead Partner</li> <li>· Welcome by Mārcis Auziņš, Rector, University of Latvia</li> <li>· Welcome by Aleksandrs Antonovs, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Regional Development</li> </ul>   |
| 10:30–12:30 | <p><b>Keynote Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Europe adapting to the impacts of climate change</b><br/>André Jol, Head of Group Vulnerability and Adaptation, European Environment Agency</li> <li>· <b>What can we learn from climate models about future conditions in the Baltic Sea Region?</b><br/>Erik Kjellström, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute</li> </ul>   |
| 12:30–13:30 | <p><b>Lunch   Exhibition Area Activities*   Geodome presentations*</b></p> <p><small>* see p. 3 for more details on Geodome and Exhibition Area</small></p>  |
| 13:30–14:45 | <p><b>Presentation of Baltadapt project results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Key implications from macro-regional strategy to national levels: the Baltic Sea Region Climate Change Adaptation Strategy</b><br/>Lotta Andersson, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute</li> <li>· <b>Priority Adaptation Actions: The Action Plan for Adapting the Baltic Sea Region to Climate Change</b><br/>Katrin Kiefer, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety</li> </ul> |
| 14:45–15:15 | <b>Questions and discussion, interactive voting</b>  |
| 14:45–15:15 | <p><b>Coffee &amp; tea break   Exhibition area activities*   Geodome presentations*</b></p> <p><small>* see p. 3 for more details on Geodome and Exhibition Area</small></p>   |
| 16:15–16:30 | <p><b>Overview of possible next steps: the link between the EUSBSR, Baltadapt and added value for cooperation on climate change adaptation in the Baltic Sea Region</b></p> <p>Krista Kampus, Senior Advisor, CBSS Baltic 21, EUSBSR Horizontal Action Leader “Sustainable Development”</p>  |
| 16:30–17:30 | <p><b>Panel Discussion:</b></p> <p><b>Gaps and practical achievements in climate change adaptation in the Baltic Sea Region</b></p>  |
| 19:00       | Conference dinner  |

#### Registration

Registration is open at  
[www.lu.lv/baltadapt/reg](http://www.lu.lv/baltadapt/reg)

#### Venue

**University of Latvia**  
19 Raina blvd. | LV-1586 Riga | Latvia

#### Accommodation

For special hotel rates, please contact the tourism company “AVEROJA” ([aija@averoja.lv](mailto:aija@averoja.lv)) and make reference to the keyword „BALTADAPT”.

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Day 2: Wednesday, 4 September 2013

09:00–10:30

**Practical lessons in climate change adaptation**

- **The new Baltic Sea Region sub-section in the platform Climate-ADAPT**  
André Jol, Head of Group Vulnerability and Adaptation, European Environment Agency  
& Sebastian Ebert, German Federal Environment Agency (UBA)
- **Climate change adaptation examples from the UK**  
Sebastian Catovsky, Head of Adaptation, Committee on Climate Change (UK)
- **Discussion & questions**

10:30–11:00

**Coffee & tea break | Exhibition area activities\* | Geodome presentations\***

*\* see p. 3 for more details on Geodome and Exhibition Area*

11:00–12:45

**Parallel Sessions: Promotion of sector relevant macroregional cooperation\***

*Session A:*

**Save the Sea**

Climate change impacts and adaptation options for safeguarding Baltic marine life and ecosystem services

*Session B:*

**Connect the Region**

Coordination and cooperation in climate change adaptation on all levels

*Session C:*

**Increase Prosperity**

Facing climate change pro-actively: Collaborative governance, adaptive economy and spatial planning

*\* see p. 3 for a more detailed description of the parallel sessions*

12:45–13:10

**Results from parallel sessions**

13:10–13:30

**Summing Up & Closure of the Conference**

13:30–14:30

**Lunch | Exhibition area activities\* | Geodome presentations\***

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14:30

**Excursions\***

- **Excursion A: Riga adapting to climate change (14:30–16:00)**
- **Excursion B: Sigulda – adaptation problems and tourism (14:30–20:00)**

*\* see p. 3 for a more detailed descriptions of the excursions*



## Contribute to Parallel Sessions!

### Save the Sea – Climate change impacts and adaptation options for safeguarding Baltic marine life and ecosystem services

This session will focus both on demonstrating climate induced changes in key species, communities, habitats and processes, as well as on adaptation measures that can minimize the expected effects of climate change on the marine environment and society.

**Connect the Region – Coordination and cooperation in climate change adaptation on all levels**  
In this session, you can present your examples and lessons learned from specific projects. Presentations could cover examples from local, regional, national or transnational climate change adaptation efforts in order to exchange experience and share best practice across the region.

### Increase Prosperity – Facing climate change pro-actively: Collaborative governance, adaptive economy and spatial planning

In this session presentations focusing on research and best practice examples in collaborative governance, adaptive economy and spatial as well as sectoral planning are welcome that can offer inspiration and practical lessons to policy-makers and decision-makers.

**Please submit your topic proposal for the parallel sessions to [janis.sire@lu.lv](mailto:janis.sire@lu.lv) by 21 June 2013!**



## Geodome & Exhibition Area

Climate change research provides large amounts of data which are converted into knowledge about the future climate. By using visualisation technology, the Geodome makes it easier to see and understand these complex issues. At the heart of the Conference's Exhibition Area, the Geodome will feature the following films and sessions:

- **Climate Change Adaptation:** The film shows some examples of how climate change influences different parts of society and what can be done.
- **Baltic Vision:** What causes the eutrophication of the Baltic Sea? What are the future climate scenarios for the sea?
- **Urban Water Vision:** More rain with increasing intensity places big demands on how to plan cities for the future. How can the water volume be handled? And how can science support with knowledge?
- **World View:** What causes global warming, what do the climate change scenarios show us and what alternatives exist for reducing greenhouse gases?

We also invite you to display your best practice examples, project results and products in our Exhibition Area on Climate Change Adaptation in the Baltic Sea Region. For more details, please contact [janis.sire@lu.lv](mailto:janis.sire@lu.lv).



## Excursions

Join one of our excursions on Wednesday afternoon and learn more about approaches to climate change adaptation in Latvia.

- **Riga adapting to Climate Change:** This excursion will focus on climate change adaptation examples in Riga. Located at the mouth of the Daugava River, Riga was founded in 1201 and is a former Hanseatic League member. Riga's historical centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, noted for its Art Nouveau/Jugendstil architecture and 19<sup>th</sup> century wooden architecture. It is the capital and largest city of Latvia and the Baltic states with approx. 650 000 inhabitants, more than one third of Latvia's population.
- **Sigulda – adaptation problems and tourism:** Sigulda is situated on a picturesque stretch of the primeval Gauja river valley. Because of the reddish Devonian sandstone which forms steep rocks and caves on both banks of the river, Sigulda has been called the "Switzerland of Vidzeme". After the restoration of Latvian independence in 1991, an emphasis was placed on conserving Sigulda's public monuments and parks as well as improving the town's tourist sector.