



**Agenda on the Baltic Sea Challenge 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Group  
in Helsinki, 12 – 13 June 2008**



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Afternoon arrival to Helsinki, accommodation

19:00 Reception at the Empire Hall, Aleksanterinkatu 20

19:30 Reception of the Helsinki Day at the City Hall, Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

(City Hall, Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13)

- 9:00 Welcome - *Mr Pekka Kansanen, Director General, City of Helsinki Environment Centre*
- 9:10 The Baltic Sea Challenge in Finland - *Ms Lotta Ruokanen, City of Helsinki*
- 9:40 Existing national and international co-operation in Baltic Sea issues - *Mr Pekka Kansanen, City of Helsinki*
- 10:00 The International Baltic Sea Challenge – *Pekka Kansanen and Lotta Ruokanen, City of Helsinki and Mika Akkanen, City of Turku*
- The idea and background of the international Baltic Sea Challenge
  - Goals of the International Baltic Sea Challenge
  - The common international process (3-5 years)
    - o phase 1: recruiting cities
    - o phase 2: action programmes for involved cities
    - o etc.
  - Roles of the involved cities and stakeholders
    - o National coordinators
    - o Other cities and stakeholders
  - Quality guidelines for action plans
- 11:00 Discussion – *Björn Grönholm, UBC*
- General discussion but also on “How shall we best build commitment and motivation? What do the different partners of the challenge need? Do we have needs for external funding (Baltic Sea Programme, BONUS programme etc.)?”
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:45 Brainstorming concerning the project idea and international Baltic Sea Challenge (based on the discussion in the morning session)
- 13:45 Discussion
- 14:30 Coffee break
- 14:30 Conclusions and next steps
- 15:30 End of the meeting