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To relevant authorities responsible for clean shipping
and maritime environment in the Baltic Sea States
Relevant maritime associations
HELCOM
Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics
Council of the Baltic Sea States
Relevant services of the European Commission
Flagship Projects of the Priority Area

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MINISTRY OF BUSINESS AND GROWTH

Invitation for meeting to establish a Steering Committee for the Priority Area on Clean Shipping of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

In 2009, the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region was adopted, and one of its thematic Priority Areas focuses on Clean Shipping. Since 2009, most of the Priority Area´s Flagship Projects have developed well, and several are either already successfully completed or rapidly heading towards completion.

Denmark, represented by the Danish Maritime Authority, serves as Priority Area Coordinator for this area of the Strategy on behalf of the other EU Member States around the Baltic. Since 2009, we have tried to assist the Flagship Projects and to encourage the development of new projects in the field of clean shipping.

Given the need to develop new Flagship Projects and following the adoption of new and wider roles and responsibilities for the Priority Area Coordinator, we would like to propose the creation of a steering committee for the priority area, in order to ensure that activities are anchored all over the region and to receive advice from all member states regarding the facilitation of new flagship projects. Throughout our region, the maritime sector is facing difficulties, but also new business opportunities due to upcoming environmental regulation. From 2014 onwards, new EU funding opportunities will be available and there may be a potential to draw advantage of this by planning joint project activities in the Baltic Sea Region in the field of clean shipping.

Moreover, The European Commission has on several occasions encouraged Priority Area Coordinators to create such committees in their respective areas. The Priority Area on Maritime Safety and Security, which is closely connected with the Priority Area on Clean Shipping, established such a committee in 2010 and has good experience with the committee's work.

For those reasons, the Danish Maritime Authority would like to convene representatives of relevant government authorities in the Baltic Sea States, representatives of the Priority Area´s current Flagship Projects and

relevant regional organisations and stakeholders in order to establish a steering committee and to discuss the further development of the Priority Area on Clean Shipping.

You are cordially invited to Copenhagen on **Friday 4 October 2014** for the founding meeting of the proposed Steering Committee for the Priority Area on Clean Shipping in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea.

The meeting will be held at Radisson Blu Royal Hotel Copenhagen at Hammerichsgade 1, DK-1611 Copenhagen K, situated next to Copenhagen Central Station.

The meeting will commence in meeting hall Oxford I at 09.30h with the intention to adjourn the meeting no later than at 15.00h in the afternoon.

The Danish Maritime Authority will host a lunch.

A draft agenda for the meeting is attached while a proposal for terms of reference for the Steering group will follow shortly.

Kindly note, that the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting and related events are taking place in Copenhagen during the same week. One of the major events is the conference on Blue Growth, Sustainability and Water Industries organised by the Baltic Development Forum on 3 October, which participants may consider attending. Further info on this event can be found at www.bdforum.org

Kindly inform the Danish Maritime Authority by close of business Friday **13 September 2013** about the composition of your delegation, by sending an e-mail to Head of Section Ditte Folke Henriksen, dfh@dma.dk with a copy to Chief Adviser Bjarke W. Bøtcher, bbt@dma.dk

Please do not hesitate to contacting us should additional information be required.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Director General

EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Priority Area on Clean Shipping

Draft agenda

1) Welcome by the Danish Maritime Authority in its capacity as Priority Area Coordinator for Clean Shipping.
   Francis Zachariae, Deputy Director General, Danish Maritime Authority

2) Brief update on the progress of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region since its adoption in 2009 and future plans.
   Kim Vinthen, National Contact Point, Chief Adviser, Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

3) Presentation on the development of the Priority Area in the years 2009 – 2013.
   Bjarke Wiehe Bøtcher, Priority Area Coordinator for the Priority Area on Clean Shipping

4) Results of the HELCOM Ministerial Conference held in Copenhagen on 3 October 2013.
   Representative of HELCOM

5) Plans of the Lithuanian EU Presidency in the maritime field.
   Laura Sereniene, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

6) Brief progress presentations of the current, recently completed and new Flagship Projects of the Priority Area on Clean Shipping:

   - Martech LNG
   - Clean Shipping Index
   - Clean Baltic Sea Shipping
   - BSR Innoship
   - Flagship Projects led by HELCOM:
     - Promote measures to collect ship generated waste
     - Introduce differentiated port dues depending on the environmental impact of ships
   - Expected new Flagship Project: LNG in Baltic Sea Ports

7) Discussion of the role of the EUSBSR Priority Area on Clean Shipping as one of several actors in the field of clean shipping in the Baltic Sea Region and cooperation with those.

8) Proposal for the creation of a Steering Committee for the Priority Area to anchor decisions and activities all over the region. Presentation of draft terms of reference.

9) Briefing on expected sources of EU financing for projects in the field of clean shipping from 2014 onwards.

10) Discussion on topics for potential new Flagship Projects addressing Clean Shipping in the Baltic Sea Region.