

## Fact Sheet Baltic Master II

Baltic Master II is an international project which aims to improve maritime safety by integrating local and regional perspectives. The focus is on the Baltic Sea Region and issues concerning pollution prevention, coastal zone management and on land response capacity to an oil spill at sea.

The project brings together actors from a wide range of levels going from local, regional and national authorities to research institutes, universities and pan-Baltic organisations. Providing a link between the local/regional level and the national level is an important task of the project in order to combine hands-on knowledge with strategic work.

The maritime field is regulated by conventions and regulations. However, the level of enforcement varies around the Baltic Sea. The project will look into the existing legal framework regulating maritime pollution and rise the question what can be done within this framework to prevent further pollution from maritime transport. Ports play an important role in the work of preventing pollution from ships. One of the major activities will be to investigate the possibilities of finding common solutions of waste management in ports and on board vessels.

### Background

The Baltic Sea is one of the world's most heavily trafficked waters and the environment is fragile with a limited water flow from the Atlantic. It takes 25-30 years to renew the water of the Baltic Sea. Shipping, fishing, tourism, offshore wind power plants and other interests are often operating in the same area and the use of sea and coastal zones is increasing.

According to the Helsinki convention vessels are not allowed to discharge any oil or rubbish into the sea, and ports and terminals are obliged to provide disposal facilities that don't cause any delays or extra costs to the vessels. Cooperation between the ports and shipping lines is a must to make this work in reality.

### Budget

- Budget – 4 million euro
- Part financed by the European Union. (Baltic Sea Region Programme) [www.eu.baltic.net](http://www.eu.baltic.net)

### Organisation

- Region Blekinge is lead partner and is responsible for project management and communications as well as to make sure there is a political commitment for the questions at hand
- World Maritime University in Malmö leads the work regarding improved land-based response capacity to oil spills at sea (WP 3)
- Maritime Institute in Gdansk leads the work regarding enhanced prevention of pollution from maritime transport (WP4)

### The expected outcome

One main task for the project is to increase the awareness among politicians and decision makers in different levels – locally, regionally, nationally, within the European Union and internationally.



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maritime safety across borders

Baltic Master II will produce:

- A number of local and regional oil contingency plans
- A checklist with good examples from local and regional oil contingency plans
- A scenario on CD to test and evaluate oil contingency plans
- Recommendations to integrate coastal zone planning and oil contingency planning
- Research brief on maritime conventions regulating pollution from maritime transport
- Common ways of treatment of ship generated waste
- Suggestions of protective measures within the PSSA framework
- An action plan for decreased waste disposal from maritime transport
- A political vision for the Baltic Sea based on results from the project

## Partnership

The project consists of 48 partners from nine countries.

### Denmark

Danish Emergency Management Agency  
Municipality of Bornholm, B7  
Bornholm police\*

### Estonia

Saaremaa, B7

### Latvia

Latvian Maritime Association\*

### Lithuania

Klaipeda County

### Poland

Maritime Institute Gdansk  
Port of Gdynia  
Maritime University of Szczecin  
Ministry of Infrastructure Poland\*  
Office of the Marshal, Pomorskie Voivodeship\*

### Germany

Maritime Institute in Bremen  
Ministry of Agriculture- Mecklenburg  
Vorpommern\*  
Ministry of Federal State of Bremen\*

### Russia Kaliningrad

ABIORAS\*  
Administration of Baltijsk Municipal district\*  
Institute of spatial planning\*  
Zoological Inst. of Russian Academy of Science\*

### Finland

Merikotka  
Finnish Maritime Administration\*  
University of Turku\*

### Sweden

Region Blekinge  
Region Skåne  
Regional Council of Kalmar County  
Region of Halland  
County Administrative Board of Blekinge  
County Administrative Board of Kalmar  
County Administrative Board of Skåne  
County Administrative Board of Halland  
Municipality of Karlskrona  
Municipality of Ronneby  
Municipality of Karlshamn  
Municipality of Helsingborg  
Municipality of Kalmar  
Municipality of Västervik  
Municipality of Oskarshamn  
Öland Federation of Local Authorities, B7  
Municipality of Gotland, B7  
Swedish Coast Guard  
MSB - Swedish Contingencies Agency  
Blekinge Institute of Technology  
KSRR\*  
The Höganäs Rescue Service\*  
The Ängelholm Rescue Service\*  
**International partners**  
World Maritime University  
Baltic Sea Seven Island (B7)\*  
Baltic Sea States Subreg Co-operation (BSSSC)\*  
CPMR Baltic Sea Commission\*

\* Associated partner without own budget

Read more about the project at [www.balticmaster.org](http://www.balticmaster.org)

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