



Baltic Sea Regional Workshop

The Baltic Sea – Implementing Sustainable Economic Development in Cities and Municipalities

Time: May 6-7, 2014

Place: Stockholm, Sweden, the Swedish Parliament building

CITYWATER participated in and was taking part in the arrangements of the workshop “The Baltic Sea – Implementing Sustainable Economic Development in Cities and Municipalities”. The workshop provided an interesting day filled with presentations, panel discussions and networking. The participants represented municipalities, companies, networks, investment institutions and foundations from Baltic Sea countries including Sweden, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland; in total about 40 participants. The main organizers were the Zennström Philanthropies “Race for the Baltic”, the Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC) and Globe Europe.



During the workshop, the CITYWATER project expert Tina Nyfors held a presentation entitled “Baltic Sea Challenge: A Tool for Baltic Sea Friendly Cities” (picture above), with the aim of inspiring cities and other actors around the Baltic Sea to take action for our common sea. Also, CITYWATER contributed in preparing a panel discussion entitled “Cities Taking the Lead in Sustainability”, in collaboration with the Baltic Sea Challenge coordinators, UBC and Zennström Philanthropies. Panelists were Mr. Sten Björk, Trelleborg City Port (Baltic Sea Challenge member); Mr. Pekka Salminen, City of Turku; and Ms. Outi Salminen from the Urban Oasis Life+ project (picture below to the left). Also, CITYWATER invited contacts to participate in the workshop.



Other presentations included e.g. “Measuring Eco-System Services: The Ocean Health Index Tool for Public Authorities” by Mr. Sebastian Troëng, Conservation International (picture above in the middle); and “A New Approach to Investing in the Environment” by Mr. Allan Larsson, Forum Östersjön (picture above to the right). There were also two other panel discussions: “Infrastructure and Technology: Building Adaptable and Liveable Cities” and “Financing Blue & Green Investments in the Baltic Sea Region” (pictures below). The day was concluded with group discussions about national policies.



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