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Invitation to a Conference on Maritime Spatial Planning

Herewith, the Estonian Ministry of the Interior kindly invites you to participate in a conference on maritime spatial planning on the 19th of May 2015 in Hotel Strand (www.strand.ee), Pärnu, Estonia.

The aim of the conference is to introduce the results of the cross-border project between Estonian and Latvian authorities, including the outcomes such as the methodology of maritime spatial planning and functional linkage between marine and coastal areas. In addition, the foreign experts will introduce good practices in the Netherlands and Denmark.

Maritime spatial planning and planning of coastal areas are important tools to help resolve the conflicts on marine areas, integrate different sector-based interests and coordinate spatial use of the sea and ensure the functional linkage between marine and terrestrial areas, minimize coastal erosion and its effects and ensure nature conservation and overall coastal development.

The conference will be translated into Estonian and Latvian simultaneously.

For registration, please fill in the short registration form (<http://goo.gl/forms/MfwMUuz1e0>) by the 5th of May at the latest. The number of seats has been limited to 100 people.

Further information

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Agenda

10.00-10.30	Welcome & registration
10.30-10.45	Welcome by Pärnu County Governor Mr Kalev Kaljuste
10.45-12.30	<p>Outcomes of the project „Coastal and Maritime Spatial Planning in Pärnu Bay Area in Estonia and Coastal Municipalities of Latvia“</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maritime spatial plan in Pärnu Bay Area [Mrs Tiiu Pärn]• Methodology on maritime spatial planning [Ms Anni Konsap]• Management plans for the Natura 2000 areas – nature reserves ‘Oviši’ and ‘Užava’ [Anete Pošiva-Bunkovska]• Methodology on functional linkage between marine and coastal territories [Anda Ruskule]• Guidelines for minimization of coastal erosion impacts [Jānis Lapinskis]
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.30	Local governments’ rights and opportunities on marine areas [Leonardus de Vrees, the Netherlands]
14.30-15.30	Danish Experience of offshore Wind energy in relation to the interests of coastal municipalities and Communities [Hans Christian Soerensen, Denmark]
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-16.30	Maritime spatial planning – data-based approach [Robert Aps]
16.30-17.00	Q&A, Conclusions

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