



MEDIA ADVISORY

HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2013 in Copenhagen

Nine Environment Ministers and EU Commissioner gather for Baltic Sea health check

WHAT Press conference following the HELCOM 2013 Ministerial Meeting

WHEN Thursday 3 October 2013, at 12.45 – 13.30 (local time)

WHERE Eigtveds Pakhus, Asiatisk Plads 2G, Copenhagen, Denmark

WHY

The high-level representatives from all nine Baltic coastal states and EU will gather to discuss priorities and agree on actions for improving the Baltic Sea marine environment, along with observer organizations, financing institutes and other stakeholders. HELCOM Contracting Parties have committed to implement the Baltic Sea Action Plan (2007–2021), and now the progress will be reviewed. The outcome – 2013 Ministerial Declaration – is the master blueprint for stronger efforts for a healthier Baltic Sea, following the long tradition of regional HELCOM cooperation.

Any interested media are invited to apply for accreditation for the Press conference by sending name, media represented, and contact information to HELCOM Secretariat (johanna.laurila@helcom.fi), by Tuesday 1 October 2013.

Dedicated webpages: www.helcom.fi/Ministerial2013

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The Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission, usually referred to as [HELCOM](http://www.helcom.fi), is an intergovernmental organization of the nine Baltic Sea coastal countries and the European Union, working to protect the marine environment of the Baltic Sea from all sources of pollution, including response to spills and clean and safe shipping. HELCOM governs a legal treaty from 1974, "Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area," aka the Helsinki Convention.

High-level representatives attending the Press conference:

Ms. Ida Auken

Minister of the Environment, Denmark

Ms. Keit Pentus-Rosimannus

Minister of the Environment, Estonia

Mr. Karl Falkenberg

Director General, DG Environment, European Commission

Mr. Ville Niinistö

Minister of the Environment, Finland

Mr. Fritz Holzwarth

Deputy Director-General, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

Mr. Edmunds Sprūdžs

Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia

Mr. Almantas Petkus

Vice-Minister of the Environment, Lithuania

Mr. Stanisław Gawłowski

Vice-Minister of the Environment, Poland

Mr. Nuritdin Inamov

Director of International Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Russian Federation

Ms. Lena Ek

Minister of the Environment, Sweden