



5th Session

MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH

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The Nordic-Baltic network on water and health - experiences from the Nordic-Baltic cooperation

Concept note

Strengthening progress on water and health by sharing and discussing common issues in the sub region.

Background

The Nordic-Baltic network was established in 2012 with the purpose of strengthening sub-regional collaboration on water and health. It consists of persons engaged in issues related to water and health, mainly from the public sector. The work mode in the network is a yearly joint meeting concerning topics of common interest. So far, we have carried out seven meetings. In this event, we share our experience from some of the topics we have discussed and benefitted from.

Objectives, scope and expected outcome

The objective of the side event is to share with participants our experience on collaborating within the Nordic-Baltic network, and how meeting and sharing our experience in a frequent, but rather informal manner, is a useful way of addressing common issues within the field of water and health.



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Programme

- 1) How the Nordic-Baltic network came to be and what are we doing
(Kjetil Tveitan, Ministry of Health and Care Services, Norway)
- 2) Solving tasks under Programme area 2 – how we used the network for preparations for risk-based drinking water surveillance document
(Susanne Hyllestad, Norway)
- 3) The Lithuanian experience from the 6th Nordic-Baltic meeting in Vilnius, November 2017
(Natalja Sliachtic, Lithuania)
- 4) Preparedness among water suppliers – a model inspired by Sweden established in Norway
(Susanne Hyllestad, Norway)
- 5) Interpretation of the EU Drinking Water Directive – do we think the same?
(Anders Bekkelund, Norway)
- 6) Planning for the 8th meeting in Riga