

Sixth Seminar on Cooperation on the EIA Convention in the Baltic Sea Region 20–21 September 2012, Tallinn

Venue: Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel (Paldiski mnt 4, Tallinn)

Agenda

20 September 2012

8.30–9.00 – Arrival and registration

9.00–9.15 – Welcome and practicalities

9.15–10.00 – Work on the EIA Convention

- *Updates on the activities carried out under the Espoo Convention and its Protocol – presentation by the Secretariat.*
- *Planned ratifications – relevant countries.*

10.00–11.15 – Case studies on transboundary EIAs and SEAs

- *Review of Espoo activities in the subregion – ongoing and new cases – tour de table.*
- *Presentations of the practical application of a number of Espoo cases in the subregion:*
 - *update on Fehmarn Belt Fixed Link case – brief presentation by Denmark;*
 - *off-shore wind farm Södra Midsjöbanken and Finngrundet wind mill project – brief presentation by Sweden;*
 - *EIA for building a terminal to import and store liquefied natural gas in Porvoo Tolkkis and Inkoo – brief presentation by Finland.*

11.15–11.30 – Coffee break

11.30–13.00 – Sharing experiences on EIA and SEA of nuclear-energy related activities

- *Brief presentation by the Secretariat on the outcomes of the IAEA conference in Porto (good practices and future developments in nuclear energy-related EIA and SEA).*
- *Reflections on Baltic Sea region situation and sharing national practical experiences.*
- *Possible discussion on the topics that could be discussed at the half day seminar on nuclear energy to be organized by Finland, Sweden and Austria.*
- *Possible discussion on issues that could be addressed in the future guidance document.*

13.00–14.00 – Lunch

14.00–15.00 – New developments concerning Nord Stream

Remark: open to the press.

15.00–15.15 – Coffee break

15.15–16.30 – Experiences gained, exchange of views

- *Presentation by Sweden on the practical experiences of the first Nord Stream gas pipelines project.*
- *Discussion.*

17.00–19.00 – Excursion to the new maritime museum Seaplane Harbour

19.30–21.30 – Dinner at the Balalaika Restaurant (Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel)

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10.00–11.00 – Shale gas projects and the application of EIA – update

- *Participants are invited to give updates on the state of play in their country.*
- *Presentation by Estonia on the situation.*

11.00–11.15 – Coffee break

11.15–12.00 – Discussion on maritime spatial planning and SEA

- *Participants are invited to give updates on the state of play in their country.*
- *Presentation by Estonia on legal background for maritime spatial planning and experiences gathered so far.*
- *Possible discussion on expected or potential off-shore wind farms projects in the Baltic Sea (cumulative impacts).*

12.00–13.00 – Carbon capture and storage and the application of SEA/EIA – update

- *Participants are invited to give updates on the state of play in their country.*

13.00–14.00 – Lunch

14.00–15.00 – Any other business

- *Brief discussion on reindeer husbandry and the application of the Convention.*
- *Brief discussion on the proposed EU Infrastructure ordinance (Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1364/2006/EC and amending Regulations (EC) No 714/2009 and 715/2009).*

15.00–15.15 – Conclusions and closing