



23 April, 2013

## Invitation

*Dear Madam/Sir*

Consortium of the [PartiSEApate project](#) in cooperation with the State Inspection for Heritage Protection of the Republic of Latvia hereby invites you to the pan-Baltic stakeholder workshop on:

### **Maritime Spatial Planning as Tool for Underwater Cultural Heritage Management**

to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 in Riga, at the premises of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Peldu street 25, room 409.

The underwater cultural heritage of the Baltic Sea is unique asset, representing the common history and identity of the Baltic Sea Region. Preservation of the cultural heritage has become essential policy planning issue in the Baltic Sea region in relation to the use of sea space. At the same time there is emerging public interest in underwater heritage, which calls for solutions how to balance its protection, research, security aspects and tourism potential. The maritime spatial planning can serve as a tool for reaching such balance, although the appropriate approaches for reflection of the sea related cultural heritage in MSP still has to be discussed and agreed at Pan-Baltic level.

The workshop is organised by the Baltic Environmental Forum, VASAB and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia in frame of the project "Multi-level Governance in Maritime Spatial Planning throughout the Baltic Sea Region "(PartiSEApate)" (co-financed by the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013). The workshop is free of charge and 2 lunches and dinner are included, but travel expenses and accommodation has to be covered by the participants.

**The main goal** of the workshop is to initiate pan-Baltic multi-sectorial stakeholder discussion on maritime spatial planning (MSP) establishment as management tool for underwater cultural heritage (UCH) at Pan-Baltic level.

#### **The main issues on agenda:**

- Towards coherent maritime spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region, transnational and project perspective, *Tālis Linkaits, Head of VASAB Secretariat*
- Objectives and priorities in international policies for preservation of UCH, *Prof. Vladas Žulkus, International Committee on the Underwater Cultural Heritage & University of Klaipeda, Lithuania*



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- Existing strategies for management and protection of UCH in the Baltic Sea, *Ralf Bleile, CBSS working group on UCH, & Stiftung Schleswig-Holsteinische Landesmuseen, Archäologisches Landesmuseum*
- Current experience balancing UCH protection to other marine space uses, *prof. Juris Urtāns, State Inspection for Heritage Protection of the Republic of Latvia*
- Discussions within working groups on UCH impacts, conflicts, synergies with other uses and on needed requirements for protection
- Examples of successful UCH management solutions relevant for MSP in England, Sweden, Netherland, Lithuania
- Discussions on role of MSP as tool for management of UCH; data need for MSP purpose; agreements on pan-Baltic level

More detailed agenda please see enclosed in attachment.

**Target groups** of the workshop is competent authorities for preservation of underwater cultural heritage, ministries of defence/ border guards, associations/scientific institutions for exploration of underwater cultural heritage, associations of scuba divers, representatives of coastal municipalities from all BSR countries, related international initiatives and authorities.

For participation in the event, we kindly ask you to fill out and submit the **[Registration Form on-line by 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2013](#)**

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