

**Seventh Seminar on Cooperation on the EIA Convention in the Baltic Sea Region  
6 – 7 November 2014, Berlin**

**at the Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit (BMUB),  
Stresemannstraße 128 - 130,  
10117 Berlin**

**Room: 1.001**

**Draft Agenda**

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<b>Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
08.30 – 09.00	<b>1.</b>	Arrival and registration
09.00 – 09.15	<b>2.</b>	Welcome and Practicalities
09.15 – 10.00	<b>3.</b>	Work on EIA Convention and SEA-Protocol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction, information and updates on the work by the Secretariat of the Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA</li> <li>• The opening of the Convention: the entry into force of the 2001 amendment, in force since 26 August (state of play and implications – report: Secretariat)</li> <li>• Planned ratifications – relevant countries</li> </ul>
10.00 – 11.15	<b>4.</b>	Ongoing transboundary EIAs and SEAs and case studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country Reports – Tour de Table</li> </ul>
11.15 – 11.30		Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.30	<b>5.</b>	Experience of large scale transboundary projects and plans/programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Germany as an affected party: Characteristics and implications of Germany's federal structure</li> <li>• Fennoivoima npp case: experience from Finland as a party of origin</li> <li>• Experience of Poland in application of SEA in a transboundary context for Polish Nuclear Power Programme – benefits, challenges and best practices</li> <li>• Points to be discussed:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for a common understanding on transboundary procedure in the Baltic Sea region, e.g. timeframes for commenting, arranging public participation in affected party, providing the decisions/final decision</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.30		Lunch
13.30 – 14.30		Continuing: Experience of large scale transboundary projects and plans/programs
14.30 – 15.30	<b>6.</b>	SEA and EU marine Strategy Framework Directive

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of the EU marine Strategy Framework Directive: relationship with SEA (report: N.N.)</li> <li>• State of play in Sweden (Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management)</li> <li>• Points to be discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for the assessment according to the SEA directive and transboundary procedure according to the SEA protocol</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
15.30 – 15.45	<b>7.</b>	Coffee Break
15.45 – 16.30	<b>8.</b>	Continuing: SEA and EU marine Strategy Framework Directive
17.00 – 18.30		Side Event: Exhibition “The Vikings” <a href="http://wikinger.smb.museum/en/home.html">http://wikinger.smb.museum/en/home.html</a>
18.45 – 21.00		Dinner: Restaurant “Ständige Vertretung” – <a href="http://www.staev.de">www.staev.de</a>
		<b>Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>
09.00 - 09.45	<b>9.</b>	Transboundary access to justice by members of the public, including NGO’s (Report: Germany) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirements of the Espoo-Convention and access to justice under the Aarhus-Convention</li> <li>• Jurisdiction</li> </ul>
09.45 – 10.30	<b>10.</b>	Experience of bilateral agreements under Espoo-Convention and SEA-Protocol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estonian view <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• comment by Finland regarding FIN-EE Agreement</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Polish view</li> <li>• German view</li> </ul>
10.30 – 10.45		Coffee Break
10.45 – 11.30		Continuing: Experience of bilateral agreements under Espoo-Convention and SEA-Protocol
11.30 - 12.30	<b>11.</b>	Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendment of EU EIA-Directive (implementation – state of play)</li> <li>• Good practice regarding Art. 7 (5) and Art. 9 of the Regulation No. 347/2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure</li> <li>• Next meeting</li> </ul>
12.30 – 12.45	<b>12.</b>	Conclusions and Closing
12.45 – 13.45		Lunch at the BMUB

Voluntarily at the afternoon (from 17.00, approximately 90 minutes):

Visit to the German Parliament (German Bundestag)