FINNISH GOVERNMENT

FINNISH PRESIDENCY 2023–2024

The Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Expert Group on Sustainable Maritime Economy

meeting in Turku on 12 October 2023

Finland holds the presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. During its presidency, Finland aims to strengthen both the political dimension and the practical cooperation of the CBSS. The cross-cutting themes of the presidency are comprehensive security, crisis preparedness and resilience.

During Finland's Presidency, the Expert Group on Sustainable Maritime Economy (EGSME) will continue to chart clean transport corridors (green shipping corridors as defined in the Clydebank Declaration) and bring together actors to promote sustainable maritime transport and cruise tourism in the Baltic Sea region. The Expert Group will work in close cooperation with the PA Ship and PA Safe Policy Areas of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR).

The first meeting of the EGSME during Finland's CBSS Presidency will be arranged **in Turku on 12 October**. You are cordially invited to the expert seminar in conjunction with the meeting. Please use **this link** to **register by October 3rd**. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the CBSS EGSME Presidency team (jussi.soramaki@gov.fi; eero.hokkanen@gov.fi; berit.lahti@gov.fi) and the CBSS Secretariat (igne.stalmokaite@cbss.org).

DRAFT PROGRAM

Wednesday, 11 October	venue: Turku City Hall (Aurakatu 2)
18:30	Welcome reception

Thursday, 12 October

venue: Auriga Business Center
(Juhana Herttuan puistokatu 21)

Morning session

9:00	Opening the meeting	Mr. Jussi Soramäki, EGSME Chair
	Words of welcome and keynote address	MEP Ville Niinistö Chair, Board of Directors, Port of Turku
9:10	Greeting from the CBSS Secretariat	Mr. Gzegorz Poznanski Director General, CBSS Secretariat
9:15	Video greeting	Ms. Minna Kivimäki, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Transport and Communications, Finland
9:20	Keynote address	Mr. Matti-Mikael Koskinen, Chair of the Board Finnish Shipowners' Association
9:30	Presentation: Decatrip project (Turku - Stockholm Green Corridor)	Dr. Magnus Gustafsson Åbo Akademi University
9:40	Discussion on the status of green shipping corridors in the Baltic Sea	
10:00	Coffee break	
10:15	Presentation: Food waste from cruise ships in the Baltic Sea	Ms. Mia Hytti, Project Manager Baltic Sea Action Group
10:30	Comment	Mr. Sascha Gill, VP Sustainability (Europe) Cruise Lines International Association
10:45	Discussion on the status of food waste from cruise ships in the Baltic Sea	

11:00	Lunch	
12:00	Study visit in the Port of Turku: automooring equipment reducing ship emissions at port	

Afternoon session

13:30	Opening the session	Mr. Eero Hokkanen, EGSME Chair
	Video greeting	Ms. Magda Kopczynska, Director-General DG Move, European Commission
13:40	Keynote address	Mr. Jesse Fahnestock, Project Director Global Maritime Forum
13:50	Panel discussion: Green shipping corridors as catalysts for the clean energy transition around the Baltic Sea	Mr. Jacob Armstrong, Shipping Policy Manager Transport & Environment Mr. Dani Lindberg, Sustainability Manager Viking Line Mr. Sascha Gill, VP Sustainability (Europe) Cruise Lines International Association
14:30	Coffee break	
14:45	Presentation: Charterer's view	Mr. Markus Lemberg, Outokumpu
15:00	Presentation: Kvarken Green Shipping Corridor (Vaasa - Umeå)	Ms. Anna Måtts-Fransen, Project Manager Vaasa Region Development Company
15:15	Panel discussion: Green corridors as regional investment drivers	Mr. Jörgen Petterson Rapporteur on Integrated Maritime Policy (Åland Islands) Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference Mr. Kim Krokfors, Senior Banker, Country Lead Finland Nordic Investment Bank

		Ms. Alexandra Billeskov, Assistant Program Manager Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping
		Video greeting from Mr. Bogdan Ołdakowski, Secretary General Baltic Ports Organization
15:45	Summing up	Mr. Eero Hokkanen, EGSME Chair
	Closing words	Mr. Jussi Soramäki, EGSME Chair
	End of the expert seminar	