

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

**Seminar in Mariehamn, Åland, on 22 May 2024**

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) as well as HELCOM's Green Team Working Group.

The second expert seminar of the EGSME during Finland's CBSS Presidency will be arranged **in Mariehamn, Åland, on 22 May**. Please see the draft program below. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the CBSS EGSME Presidency team ([jussi.soramaki@gov.fi](mailto:jussi.soramaki@gov.fi); [eero.hokkanen@gov.fi](mailto:eero.hokkanen@gov.fi); [berit.lahti@gov.fi](mailto:berit.lahti@gov.fi)) and the CBSS Secretariat ([ugis.zanders@cbss.org](mailto:ugis.zanders@cbss.org); [olga.zuin@cbss.org](mailto:olga.zuin@cbss.org)).

## PROGRAM

**Wednesday, 22 May**

venue:

Hotell Arkipelag, conference room 'Kapten'  
35 Strandgatan, Mariehamn

9:30            Opening the meeting

Mr. Jussi Soramäki, EGSME Chair  
Prime Minister's Office, Finland

Words of welcome

Mr. Mats Perämaa, Minister of Finance  
Government of Åland

9:45            Video greeting

H.E. Ms. Elina Valtonen, Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Government of Finland



Morning session: Sustainable maritime fuels in the Baltic Sea

9:50	Keynote address	Mr. Jaak Viilipus, Head of Maritime Department Ministry of Climate, Estonia
10:00	Keynote address	Mr. Eero Lehtovaara Chair of EU Waterborne Technology Platform
10:10	Presentation: Future fuel mix for shipping in the Baltic Sea	Mr. Serkan Ünalán, Associate Researcher The International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT)
10:25	Comment	Mr. Håkan Jonsson, Head of Business Development Flexens Oy Ab
10:35	Coffee break	
10:45	Panel discussion: Perspectives to safe and sustainable maritime fuels in the Baltic Sea (facilitated by Dr. Anita Mäkinen)	Ms. Tiina Tuurnala OR Mr. Mats Björkendahl, Finnish Shipowners' Association (HELCOM Green Team) Dr. Ulla Tapaninen, Tallinn University of Technology (EUSBSR PA Ship) Mr. Serkan Ünalán, ICCT Mr. Håkan Jonsson, Flexens
12:00	Lunch	

Afternoon session: Alternative fuels bunkering infrastructure

13:00	Opening the session	Mr. Eero Hokkanen, EGSME Chair Ministry of Transport and Communications, Finland
13:05	Keynote address	Ms. Eirill Bachmann Mehammer, Senior Consultant Nordic Green Corridors Project / DNV
13:20	Keynote address	Mr. Roland Teixeira, President European Onshore Power Supply Association (EOPSA)
13:35	Presentation: Shipowner's perspective	Mr. Peter Ståhlberg Managing Director NLC Ferry Ab Oy / Kvarken Link Oy (Wasaline)
13:50	Presentation: Charterer's view	Mr. Jyrki Sandelin, Category Manager for Transports Outokumpu Oyj
14:00	Panel discussion: Role of sustainable port cities in maritime decarbonization (facilitated by H.E. Mr. Jörgen Pettersson, Speaker of the Parliament of Åland)	Mr. Jussi Mälkiä, Chairman, Meriaura Group Mr. Markku Alahäme, Technical Director, Port of Turku Mr. Alef Jansson, CEO, Port of Mariehamn Mr. Mattias Sandell, Port Development Strategist, Port of Stockholm



15:15	Summing up	Mr. Eero Hokkanen, EGSME Chair
	Closing words	Mr. Jussi Soramäki, EGSME Chair
15:30	End of the expert seminar	
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18:30	EGSME Reception	Museum Ship <i>Pommern</i> (Hamngatan 2)