



INVITATION - FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Gdansk, Union of the Baltic Cities and Helsinki Commission
have the honour of inviting you to share

Practical experiences on advanced municipal sewage treatment

– PURE FINAL CONFERENCE

on 16-17 October 2012, in Gdansk, Poland

Project on urban Reduction of Eutrophication (PURE) highlights concrete local achievements in reducing the nutrient loading to the Baltic Sea, and provides a platform to experience exchange and good practices sharing to motivate new cities and water companies to join the work. Cities, municipalities and water utilities in the Baltic Sea Region are central actors in the implementation of EU or national legislation as well as HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan.

The event will showcase the results of PURE project in Belarus, Estonia, Germany, Latvia and Poland; reflect the Polish national situation and also international views on the role of municipal waste water treatment in reaching EU norms and HELCOM recommendations. PURE partner water companies have implemented concrete investments to enhance their phosphorus removal and have planned improvements in their sludge management. We promote practical experiences in problem solving and provide inspiration and ideas for further work. Voluntary commitments to improve waste water and sewage sludge treatment emphasize the importance of local actions – impact of which extend wide beyond the local borders of municipalities. Please find enclosed the preliminary programme of the event.

Looking forward to seeing you in Gdansk in October.

Yours sincerely,

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Venue: New Town Hall at Wały Jagiellońskie 1, Gdansk, Poland

Programme and practicalities: The final programme and practical information will be published and can then be downloaded from the PURE website www.purebalticsea.eu.

Registration: Registration opens in June 2012 and the final date for registration is 5 September 2012.

Organizers: Project on Urban Reduction of Eutrophication (www.purebalticsea.eu), HELCOM (www.helcom.fi), Union if the Baltic Cities Commission on Environment (www.ubc-environment.net) and the city of Gdansk (www.gdansk.pl)

The conference is free of charge and the main conference language is English. Simultaneous interpretation is provided to Russian.

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