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Marine Litter in the Baltic Sea: Challenges and Opportunities (CleanSea Discussion)



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A clean, litter-free marine environment through scientific evidence, innovative tools and good governance

On 14 November 2013, a workshop on marine litter in the Baltic Sea took place at the Ecologic Institute's offices in Berlin. Susanne Altvater, a Fellow at Ecologic Institute, gave an introductory presentation on the topic and on the Clean Sea project in general to German representatives of the relevant industries. Subsequently, Matthias Mossbauer presented the first results of the project [MARLISCO](#) [2]. Dr. Ingo Sartorius presented activities of the plastic associations regarding marine litter. All presentation slides are available for download.

The workshop "Marine litter in the Baltic Sea: challenges and opportunities" was organized as part of the [CleanSea](#) [3] project. CleanSea is a European multidisciplinary research project, which aims to assist Member States and other stakeholders with an improved knowledge base, as well as methods and tools to reduce the marine debris. The project will run until mid-2015.

At the beginning of the event [Susanne Altvater](#) [4], Ecologic Institute gave an introductory [presentation on marine litter in the Baltic Sea](#) [5] and introduced the project CleanSea. Subsequently Matthias Mossbauer, EUCC The Coastal Union Germany eV, presented first results of the project [MARLISCO](#) [2]. Aim of the work in MARLISCO is to increase the awareness of society for the environmental and economic problems caused by marine litter and thereby influence decisions and behavior in society in favor of a better marine protection. Dr. Ingo Sartorius, Head of the department "Humans and Environment" in Plastics Europe Germany e.V., presented activities of the plastic associations, regarding marine litter.

Apart from the lectures and the joint discussion on the challenges in the Baltic Sea caused by marine litter, the participants were separated in the afternoon in two groups discussing the following topics in more detail:

- Legal and institutional framework regarding marine litter
- Socio-economic aspects related to marine litter


The results of this discussion will feed directly into the 'roadmap' of the CleanSea project, which will support the EU Member States and other stakeholders with an improved knowledge base, as well as methods and tools in order to have clean, healthy and productive marine regions.

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Attachments

 [Presentation of Susanne Altvater \[pdf, 2.2 MB, German\]](#)

 [Presentation of Matthias Mossbauer \[pdf, 1.8 MB, German\]](#)

 Presentation of Ingo Sartorius [pdf, 700 KB, German]

Main Link

project website: CleanSea

Ecologic Related Articles

- New Tools and Policy Options to Improve the Management of Marine Litter (CLEANSEA)
- Swimming in Trash - Marine Pollution and its Effects on Marine Life - Kick-Off Event

Further Links

- Project Website Marine Litter in European Seas - Social Awareness and Co-Responsibility (MARLISCO)
- EUUC - Die Küsten Union Deutschland (EUCC-Germany)
- Plastics Europe Germany

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Links

- [1] https://www.ecologic.eu/sites/files/event/2013/Sartorius-CleanSea-Workshop-14Nov2013_1.jpg
- [2] <http://www.marlisco.eu/>
- [3] <https://www.ecologic.eu/node/10066>
- [4] <https://www.ecologic.eu/node/2502>
- [5] <https://www.ecologic.eu/node/10207>