


NonHazCity Final Conference in Riga January 29-30, 2019


Draft Programme

The NonHazCity project, flagship of the Baltic Sea Region, is ending on 28 February 2019 after three years of successful implementation. We therefore want to gather representatives of municipalities, national authorities, international organisations, business stakeholders, researchers and civil society representatives to discuss the findings, learnings & conclusions of the project, hear about its highlights and evaluate its impacts on the emission of harmful substances from every day's uses into the urban environment and the Baltic Sea.

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 Venue: Riga City Council, Latvia	
11:30	<i>Coffee & Registration</i> 
12:00	<p>Introduction to Agenda and Event <i>Heidrun Fammler, Moderator of the event, Deputy Project Manager, Baltic Environmental Forum</i></p> <p>Looking back to the beginning: the idea and motivation for the project – and how it was implemented: main results of NonHazCity <i>Arne Jamtrot, City of Stockholm, Project Manager</i></p> <p>The political uptake of the project: NonHazCity has left a footprint in its partner cities Feedback by representatives from the cities' leadership</p>
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00 - 17:30	<p>NonHazCity experiences: substances in use and their reduction potential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findings from screening & source tracking of the target substances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ articles are important sources, especially when it comes to human exposure (Martyn Futter, SLU) ➤ when it comes to the environment (Piotr Stepnowski, GU, tbc) • Impacts of NonHazCity pilot measures at municipal entities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Evaluation of the efficiency of chemicals action plans (Maria Azzopardi, Stockholm, tbc) ➤ Quantification of use reduction by removing objects from pre-schools (Stockholm, Vasteras – Anne Lagerquist) • Examples of newly developed chemicals action plans by partner municipalities (Riga – Larisa Abelite, Kaunas district – Dovile Bartasiunaite)
17:30 – 18:30	<p>Feedback Panel: the potentials from use reduction – limiting the sources of exposure and environmental damage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ HELCOM (D.Frank-Kamenetzky, tbc), ECHA (A. Ahrens, tbc), N.N. EU member states
19:00	Reception

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Venue: Riga City Council, Latvia

9:00 – 11:00	<p>NonHazCity highlights: Procurement as key to success in limiting uses of products containing harmful substances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPP and the specific criteria addressing harmful substances at different product groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Guidelines developed and tested within NonHazCity (Hannamaria Yliruusi TUAS/Turku) ➤ Barriers for implementation: assessment of guidelines and implementation practices (N.N.) ➤ Experiences from NonHazCity partners and other municipalities with GPP as tool for chemicals management (Baltic Sea region, other countries (2-3)) • Businesses – specific actors that can do a lot avoiding products containing the target substances in their operations and production processes: summary presentation (Audrone Alijosiute, BEF Lithuania) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hairdressers as specially concerned target group (Alena Lucht, BEF Germany) ➤ Recreational boating – a sector with direct impact to the water bodies (Susanna Grystad, Västerås)
11:00	<p><i>Coffee & Registration</i> </p>
11:30 – 12:30	<p>NonHazCity highlights: visibility actions and inhabitant campaigns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary: The NonHazCity visibility and dissemination (Matthias Graetz, BEF Germany) • Target groups and campaigns in NonHaz-Cities (Kristine Senele, BEF Latvia) • Gdansk – a city on DETOX, unlimited creativity (Monika Piotrowska-Szypryt, Gdansk Water Utilities) • “Check your household” – getting very close to the inhabitants (Martin Krekeler, BEF Germany)
12:30 – 13:30	<p>Feedback Panel: procurement, environmental management at businesses and awareness raising of inhabitants: soft measures, but important results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ with representatives from DG ENV (tbc) - ICLEI – Env. NGO – Tonie Wickman, Swedish Substitution Centre, tbc
13:30 – 14:00	<p>Conclusions of the conference Moderator & Plenary</p>
14:00	<p><i>Lunch and departure</i></p>
	<p><i>NonHazCity – Partners meeting (partners only, 30-31.01.2019)</i></p>