

Expert Panel - Short Biographies

Workshop 1

**Recommendations on access and mobility, sustainable food systems, renewable energy
Transnational issues – sub-regional challenges:**

How much scope of influence do regions have?

Sakari Saarinen (expertise: access & mobility)

- Former project coordinator at Union of the Baltic Cities - Environment and Sustainable Development Secretariat. The Union of the Baltic Cities is a voluntary, proactive network mobilizing the shared potential of over 100 member cities for democratic, economic, social, cultural and environmentally sustainable development of the Baltic Sea Region.
- Currently communication manager of the project „Rail Baltica Growth Corridor“

Florian Lennert (expertise: access & mobility)

- Director, Intelligent City Forum
The Intelligent City Forum is an international platform for multi-disciplinary, applied research into sustainable cities, networked mobility and intelligent infrastructure. Its focus is on researching, developing and implementing innovative approaches to the design, operation and governance of sustainable urban infrastructure. The Intelligent City Forum is an initiative of the InnoZ (Innovation Centre for Mobility and Societal Change) and London School of Economics Enterprise, situated at the EUREF Campus, a zero-emission science-business park based in Berlin.

Nils vagmann (expertise: access & mobility)

- Expert in logistics
- Owner of Vågman Konsult AB, active in consulting and training of large and medium-sized businesses covering all industries.

Marjatta Kemppainen-Mäkelä (expertise: sustainable food systems)

- Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, active at HELCOM and Baltic 21

Lena Kauranne (expertise: sustainable food systems)

Finnish Ministry of the Environment, active at HELCOM and Baltic 21

Mats Rydehell (expertise: renewable energy)

- Bioenergy Promotion project coordinator - flagship project in the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. The Bioenergy Promotion project promotes the development of sustainable production and commercialization of biomass in the Baltic Sea Region.
- Founder of KanEnergi Sweden AB. KanEnergi offers expertise within the fields of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies.

Workshop 2

Recommendations on integrated management of natural resources, sustainable tourism, culture, youth and democracy

Involving local communities into sustainable development: Can green economy counter demographic challenges?

Risto Veivo (expertise: integrated management of natural resources)

- Advisor to Deputy Mayor, Environmental Affairs, City of Turku
- Former Head of Baltic 21 Unit (Sustainable Development) at the Council of Baltic Sea States Secretariat

Przemyslaw Majewski (expertise: integrated management of natural resources)

- Project manager "Baltic Landscapes" (2011-2014). Forests in the Baltic Sea Region are either dominating in the landscape (FIN, NOR, Russia, SWE) or are its important part (POL, Belarus, EST, LV). The long-term goal of the project is to foster good governance in forested landscapes. These landscapes are facing new challenges caused by i.e. globalization, climate change, demands of both more intensive use of natural resources and enhanced protection, international conventions and recreation development. These new challenges override local communities and institutions, cornering them into conflicts, temporary solutions and unsustainable practices...
- Director Silver Taiga Foundation. Komi Regional Non-Profit Foundation "Silver Taiga" was founded in 2002 on the basis of the WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature). The Foundation is implementing Komi Model Forest, Forest Village and High Conservation Value Forests Projects, Komi Republic, Russia. Founder of the Silver Taiga Foundation is the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) of the Swiss government.

Frank Gotzmann (expertise: integrated management of natural resources)

- Head of the local Administration, Gartz (Oder)

Olaf Ostermann (expertise: sustainable tourism)

- Lead Partner of the project "Parks and Benefits". Parks & Benefits will result in a network of certified Charter Parks around the Baltic Sea, new nature tourism products and enlarged commitment of citizens and tourism entrepreneurs to the Charter and their protected Parks.
- Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Consumer Protection, Mecklenburg –Vorpommern

Astrid Sandas (culture, youth, democracy)

- Senior advisor in the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training, Education sector of the CBSS – Baltic 21 Expert Group. The Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training is responsible for the development of primary and secondary education. The Directorate is the executive agency for the Ministry of Education and Research.