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## CONFERENCE INVITATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) together with CHEMSEA project would like to invite you to participate in the Open Day Event on 29<sup>th</sup> of August in Klaipėda, Lithuania.

CHEMSEA (Chemical Munitions, Search and Assessment) is a flagship project of the Baltic Sea Region Strategy, financed by the EU Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013. Many leading scientific institutes and maritime decision makers from the region cooperate to assess and minimise risks related to sea-bottom activities near WWII chemical munitions dumping sites. This international applied science project gathered partners from Poland, Sweden, Finland, Lithuania and Germany as well as associated partners from other countries and organisations.

The Project with the duration time from 2011 till early 2014 identifies the most concerned areas in the Baltic Sea contaminated with chemical warfare agents (CWA). Furthermore, the project assesses the probability, range and ecological consequences of potential CWA release from dumped munitions. It provides stakeholders and national administrations with guidelines for handling contaminated material, updates existing procedures for fished munitions and gives suggestions how to improve contingency planning.

The Open Day Event will be a forum to share and discuss information about the results of the project and its activities. It will serve as a good opportunity to bring together maritime stakeholders concerned with the well-being and sustainable use of shared resource.

Please find the enclosed agenda for the Open Day Event starting at 9:00 AM on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2013 in Klaipėda and send us complete registration form.

Your participation and contribution to the discussion are very welcomed.

Sincerely yours,

Environmental Protection Agency

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Director Algirdas Stankevičius



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## AGENDA for the CHEMSEA Open Day Event:

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**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2013**

Klaipėda, Lithuania

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| <b>9:00</b>  | <b>Registration, coffee</b>  |
| <b>9:30</b>  | <b>Welcome words from organizers<br/>Galina Garnaga, Environmental Protection Agency (LEPA)<br/>Ministry of Environment<br/>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b>  |
| <b>10:00</b> | <b>Introduction to CHEMSEA project<br/>Project leader Jacek Beldowski, Institute of Oceanology of the<br/>Polish Academy of Sciences (IOPAS)</b>   |
| <b>10:30</b> | <b>Ecological risks of chemical warfare agents: CHEMSEA results<br/>on the health status of fish and bivalves at CWA dumpsites in the<br/>Baltic Sea<br/>Matthias Brenner, Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre<br/>for Polar and Marine Research (AWI)</b> |
| <b>10:50</b> | <b>Genotoxicity risk in the chemical munitions dumpsite<br/>Janina Baršienė, Nature Research Centre</b>  |
| <b>11:10</b> | <b>Guidelines on Chemical Munitions in the Baltic Sea Search<br/>for CWAs<br/>Bartłomiej Pączek, Polish Naval Academy (PNA)</b>  |
| <b>11:30</b> | <b>Global perspective on underwater munitions<br/>Terrance P. Long, International Dialogue on Underwater<br/>Munitions (IDUM)</b>  |
| <b>11:50</b> | <b>Discussion session for Lithuanian and international maritime<br/>stakeholders</b>   |
| <b>12:30</b> | <b>Lunch (covered by hosts)</b>  |
| <b>13:30</b> | <b>Awareness programme for Lithuanian fishermen</b>  |
| <b>15:30</b> | <b>The end</b>   |
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