

Baltic Sea Bankruptcy: A changed climate, broken economy and ecosystem

Hosted by MEP **Isabella Lövin**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair

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The Baltic Sea ecosystem is heavily impacted by human activities. Because of its unique natural traits, equal in size to the Black Sea but only 4% of its water volume, it is more sensitive than any other sea basin. As such, the Baltic Sea requires special attention and special measures. Climate change and the drastic loss of the main predator species cod is driving big changes and losses of a vital ecosystem components as well as economic and food resources. The Baltic Sea has gotten renewed attention as border region to Russia and resilience is now a word both ecological status and EU food security and safety. We cannot afford to continue business as usual and this event is to explore and expose two key issues: the economic potential in restored fish stocks and how scientific advice on fishing opportunities have missed the mark and needs to be changed in the Baltic Sea.

It is in this crucial context for the Baltic Sea, MEP Isabella Lövin is currently preparing her own-initiative report on the multiannual plan for the Baltic Sea and ways forward, and invites you for this timely event to address the issue together.

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AGENDA

Welcome and Introduction – A changed sea and lost opportunities, by:

- **Isabella Lövin**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair

Interventions by:

- **Konrad Stralka**, Baltic Waters Foundation: *‘Economic value of restored fish stocks’*

Q&A

- **Rainer Froese**, GEOMAR, Kiel Germany: *‘The True value of sustainable biomass estimates: how we can get real about restoring fish stocks’*

Q&A

Reactions by:

- **Christian Tsangarides**, Low Impact Fishers of Europe
- **Johanna Fox**, WWF Baltic Region

Panel discussion : Options for going forward

Moderated by Isabella Lövin, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair

- **Maja Kirschner**, Head of Unit, DG MARE
- **Sofie Eriksson**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Risto Lampinen**, Representative from the government of Finland
- **Thomas Lindman**, Representative from the government of Sweden
- **The invited speakers**

Conclusive remarks by

- **Isabella Lövin**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair