

# Minister Pūce will participate in an online conference on the Baltic Sea Environment

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Today, Environment and Regional Development Minister Juris Pūce (AP!) will participate in the online conference “Our Baltic Conference”, which will discuss issues related to the environmental status of the Baltic Sea and how to improve it.

Expressing concern about the poor state of the marine and marine environment, the European Union's (EU) Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Commissioner Virginian Sinkevich holds a high-level conference on possible measures to improve the situation.

To discuss the challenges facing the Baltic Sea, the conference will bring together ministers, decision-makers, scientists and stakeholders from non-governmental organisations. . In line with the EU Biodiversity Strategy and the targets for zero pollution set out in the European Green Course, the conference will focus on reducing fishing pressure and marine litter and pollution, including the production of pharmaceuticals o.

Juris Pūce (AP!): "Countries with the Baltic Sea must find solutions to jointly reach new commitments to protect the marine environment. . We need action to prevent marine pollution at both regional and national levels and to contribute to the preservation and renewal of the marine ecosystem. s. I would therefore like to thank Commissioner Sinkevics for organising such an important conference, where policy makers and environmental experts and scientists meet to share experience and knowledge, and to agree on measures to be taken to reduce marine pollution. "

The Baltic Sea is greatly affected by global threats such as biodiversity loss and climate change, as well as specific local challenges such as eutrophication, overfishing, increased pharmaceutical content and scarcity, particularly plastic waste. .

The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development is currently drafting a draft law aimed at preventing and reducing the impact of certain plastic products and plastic-containing fishing gears on the aquatic environment and public health and facilitating the transition to a circular economy with innovative and sustainable business models, products and materials. .

The Ministry is currently reviving the circular economy approach, in practice introducing EU plastic requirements in its legislation, improving water farm services, developing safe management of chemicals, as well as implementing marine spatial planning. . All this together will contribute to improving the state of the marine environment, thereby contributing to the sustainable growth of the marine economy.

The event will be accompanied by discussions with stakeholders at the meeting of high-level ministers. . Ministers for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries from eight EU Member States in the region (Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Finland, Germany and Sweden) are invited to participate in the conference and to sign the Ministerial Declaration during it.

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