



**10th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy of Baltic Sea Region  
12-13th of June, 2019  
Gdańsk, Poland**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Seminar: *Close Plastic Tap - Plastic Does not Belong to Environment*  
Time: 13 June, 10.45 - 12.15**

*The seminar belonged to the most interesting among participants - 129 people have registered to take part in plastic discussion.*

*Our idea was to show the situation from EU, regional and local level as well as give examples of activities taken in BSR.*

*Thus we've invited panelists from various localizations in Europe: European Environmental Bureau in Brussels, Coalition Clean Baltic in Uppsala/SE, HELCOM in Helsinki/FI, entrepreneur from Jokkmokk/SE. City of Gdańsk was represented by Environmental Dept. Director and Gdansk Water. Scientific basis of the problem was prepared by cooperating professors of chemistry from Gdansk University and Technical University of Gdansk.*

*Our supporting partner for the seminar agreed to be Gdansk Economic Development Agency (InvestGDA)*

*The agenda of the seminar was divided into two parts: presentations from the panelists and moderated open discussion with the audience.*

*Titles of the seminar presentations:*

- *Macro and Microplastics; the Sources and Threats - Ewa M. Siedlecka - Gdańsk University, Waldemar Wardencki - Gdańsk University of Technology,*
- *Waste Framework Directive, Single Use Plastic, next steps - Piotr Barczak - European Environmental Bureau - Senior Policy Officer for Waste*
- *HELCOM framework to prevent plastics input to the sea - Marta Ruiz - HELCOM - Associate Professional Secretary*
- *Plastic Free Baltic - Plastic Free Ocean - Eugeniy Lobanov - Coalition Clean Baltic - Working Area Leader, Hazardous Substances & Marine Litter*
- *Gdańsk without plastic - Maciej Lorek - Gdansk Municipality, Environmental Dept. Director*
- *Cosmetic industry free of plastic - Jim Seido - Cosmetics AB*
- *FanLESStic-Sea project - Initiatives to remove microplastics before they enter the sea - Małgorzata Drewnowska - Gdańsk Water*



*To avoid exclusion of Polish citizens not fluent enough in English to understand specialized language concerning plastics, we employed the simultaneous interpreter.*

*Also posters specially designed for the Forum were presented, which were exhibited in the corridor leading to the Jazz Hall.*

*Some information-educational materials were prepared for all the participants of the seminar: pocket cards with names and symbols of plastics, files A5 with laser-printed logos, water gardens manuals, cotton bags, maps of Gdansk water bodies.*

*Comments:*

*Organizational cooperation with The Team of Marshal Office was perfect, fast and reliable. Great thanks specially to Ms Ewa Malinowska.*

*The seminar hall was well equipped, worked correctly.*

*From the Participants: seminar time was too short, translation was highly welcomed.*

*Maria Weber - coordinator*