# BSSSC Annual Conference 2020

# Programme

# of the Session on **State of the Baltic Sea – Plastic Free Sea**

Date: 30th September

Time: 14:30 -17:00 CET

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*”It is estimated that there are currently over 150 million tons of plastic waste in the seas and 10 million tons more of plastic waste are transported annually into the seas. Plastic garbage in the oceans is  a threat to marine animals and marine ecosystems, but also to human health.*

*When plastic particles get into the sea, it won’t disappear, instead, it slowly grinds into microscopically small particles, microplastic. Animals eat or cling to plastic, in addition the microplastic ends up  in  the food chain and eventually in the human body.*

*In all the seas in the world where there is garbage. Every minute one truckload of plastic is dumped into the sea. The sea has been treated as a landfill and the consequences are now visible. The plastic waste must be removed from the water as soon as possible.”*

*Plastic waste in the oceans is one of the largest environmental problems, which affects all the seas of  the world. Could the Baltic Sea be the first plastic-free-sea in the world? What can we do together, and what can all different stakeholders do? In our session we hear what is already going on, and have a common discussion of the idea – raised by young peope!*

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| *Moderation:**Ms Sari Rautio - Chair of City Board, Member of COR. Vice Chair of Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities* |
| *14.35**14.40* | *Future school. Plastic and circular economy – an icebreaker from Kaliningrad Youth Hub, a video* *Introduction of the panelists:* ***Ms Venla Hatakka******Ms Agnes Lusti******Ms Fiona Morrison******Representative of the Kaliningrad Youth Network*** |
| *14.50**15.05**15:15**15:30* | *How to make sustainable business with plastic? Two stories and visions* ***Mr Heikki Karppinen*** *– Chief Executive Officer, Durat oy**Panel discussion, and comments after every presentation* *How to make sustainable business with plastic? Two stories and visions* ***Mr Keijo Säilynoja*** *-  Chief Executive Officer, Clewat oy* *Panel discussion, and comments after every presentation* |
| *15:40**16:00**16:10* |  *Is there a fair future with plastic? Theory and practical solutions**Professor* ***Ali Harlin*** *- VTTresearch* *Panel discussion, and comments after every presentation****Ms Małgorzata Drewnowska*** *- FanpLESSic – sea* |
| *16:25* | *Plastic Free Future – what do we think and what do we want? Young voices* ***Ms Venla Hatakka******Ms Agnes Lusti******Ms Fiona Morrison******Representative of the Kaliningrad Youth Network*** |
| *16:45* *17:00* | *What next – the future is there!  Q&A Session – everyone* *End of the session* |