

Opening Forum Gulf of Finland Year 2014



Tuesday 21 January, Helsinki City Hall, 14.00–18.00

Programme

The participants are kindly requested to arrive by 13.45 and take their seats at 14.00 latest.
Facilitator of the Forum is Nicklas Wancke.

14:00 Opening words

Minister of the Environment of Finland Ville Niinistö

Keynote and greeting from the Patron of Finland

President of the Republic of Finland Sauli Niinistö

Helsinki and the cities around the Gulf of Finland - working towards a cleaner Gulf

Mayor of Helsinki Jussi Pajunen

Keynote and greetings

The Chairman of the Steering Group of Russia, Vice-minister of the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment of the Russian Federation Rinat Gizatulin

The Chairman of the Steering Group of Estonia, Secretary General of Minister of the Environment of Estonia Andres Talijärv

Responsibility of large population centers and their administrations in environmental protection

Governor of St. Petersburg Georgi Poltavchenko

National and international public sector tools available for cooperation in marine protection

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment of Finland Hannele Pokka

Parliamentary work and responsibilities in the Gulf of Finland cooperation

Member of the Parliament of Finland Christina Gestrin

Coffee break

“I love Gulf of Finland” –video presentation

Greetings from the Finnish and Estonian National Delegations

Matti Vanhanen and Andres Tarand

Greetings from the “Marine Science for the Society”-Forum for the panel discussion

Head of the Marine Protection Group, Ministry of the Environment of Finland Eeva-Liisa Poutanen

Panel discussion: Sustainable ways to protect the Gulf of Finland

- *Jüri Elken, Marine Systems Institute at Tallinn University of Technology*
- *Ilkka Herlin, Chairman of the Board, Baltic Sea Action Group*
- *Nuritdin Inamov, Director of the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment of the Russian Federation*
- *Liisa Rohweder, The Secretary General of WWF Finland*
- *Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary, HELCOM*

Future policy measures for the protection of the Gulf of Finland, summarizing the messages of the event

Minister of the Environment of Finland Ville Niinistö

18.00 Reception by the City of Helsinki