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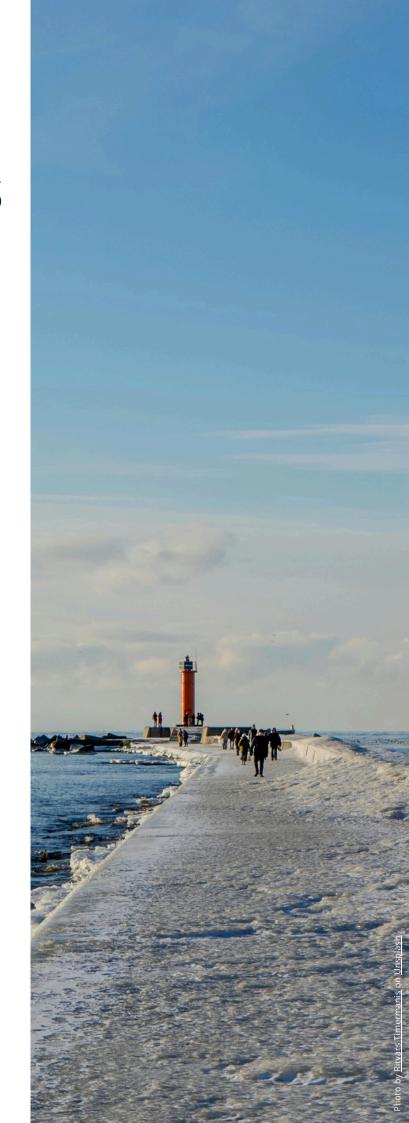
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### LIST OF ACRONYMS



**ASCOBANS** - Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas

**AGRIFISH** - Agriculture and Fisheries Council

**BALTFISH** - Baltic Fisheries Forum

BAT / BEP - Best Available Technique / Best Environmental Practice

**BCS** - Baltic Climate School

**BSAC** - Baltic Sea Advisory Council

**BSAP** - Baltic Sea Action Plan

BSR - Baltic Sea Region

**CCB** - Coalition Clean Baltic

**CFP** - EU Common Fisheries Policy

CITES - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

**COP** - Conference of Parties

EBM - Ecosystem-based Management

**EIA** - Environmental Impact Assessment

EC / EP / EU - European Commission / Parliament / Union

**GES** - Good Environmental Status

**GRASS** - Greener Agriculture for a Sustainable Sea

**HELCOM** - Helsinki Commission

ICES - International Council for the Exploration of the Sea

**IMO** - International Maritime Organization

**INC** - International Negotiating Committee

IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature

MOs - Member Organizations

**MPAs** - Marine Protected Areas

MSFD - Marine Strategy Framework Directive

MSP - Maritime Spatial Planning

NGO - Non-governmental Organization

NRL - Nature Restoration Law

**OCB** - Our Common Baltic

**OECM** - Other effective area-based conservation measures

OSPAR - Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic

**OWE** - Offshore Wind Energy

**ORE** - Offshore Renewable Energy

PRs - Press Releases

SEPA - Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

Sida - Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

**SwAM** - Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

**UNEP** - United Nations Environment Programme

**UWN** - Underwater Noise

**TACs** - Total Allowable Catches

**WA** - Working Area

WFD - EU Water Framework Directive

WG - Working Group

WWF - World Wide Fund for Nature

YG - Youth Group

## FOREWORD BY CCB CO-CHAIRS

Dear friends and colleagues,

In 2024 our work has been driven by the urgent need to protect the Baltic Sea and its unique ecosystems while promoting sustainable practices across the region. Our efforts focused on restoring ecosystems and protecting vulnerable species.

Key actions included advancing river connectivity, reducing by-catch, addressing underwater noise, and promoting the phase-out of eel fishing. At the same time, supported safer chemical management, sustainable farming practices, and policies industrial pollution, concrete steps toward a healthier Baltic Sea and a more sustainable future.

Policy engagement remained central to our work. In 2024, CCB influenced EU-level legislation including the Nature Restoration Regulation and Marine Action Plan for fisheries, contributed to shaping the new Oceans Pact, and provided NGO input on the expansion of offshore wind energy, ensuring cumulative environmental impacts were considered.



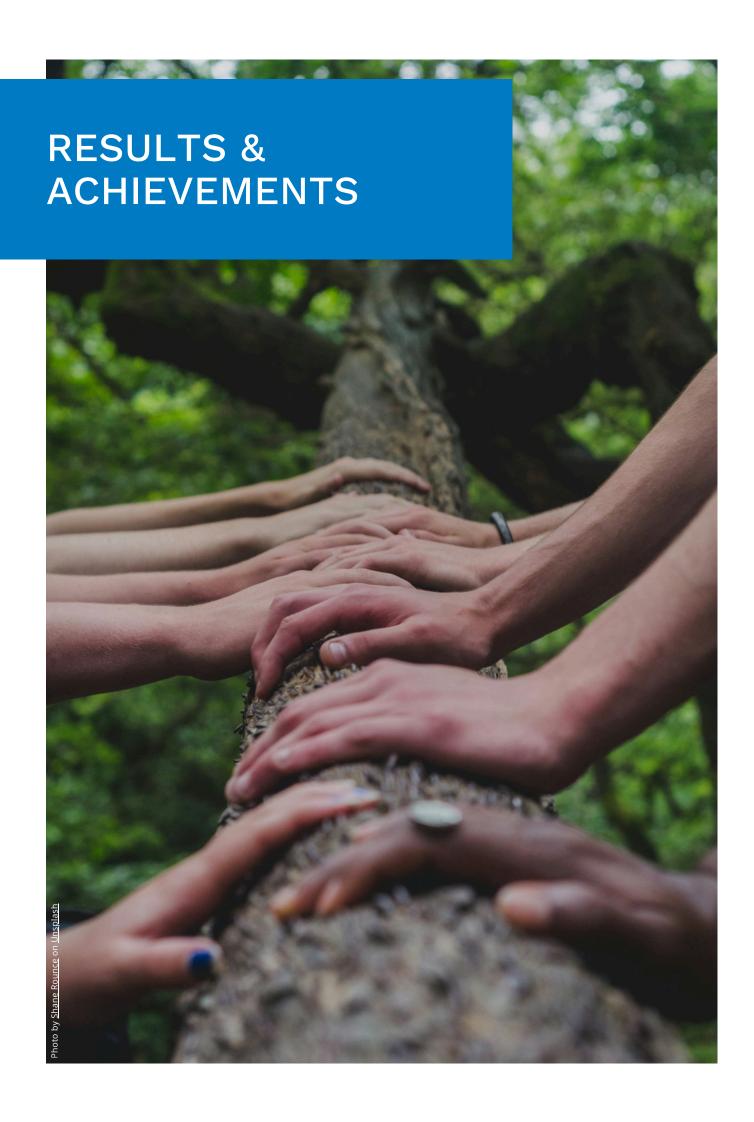


On the global stage, we actively participated in negotiations for a legally binding agreement to tackle plastic pollution.

Collaboration and dialogue have been key to achieving these results. By connecting Member Organisations, NGOs, and other stakeholders across the region, we ensured that multiple perspectives were reflected in decision-making, and that collective action could make a difference.

The progress documented in this report is thanks to the dedication of CCB members and partners in all Baltic Sea countries. We are deeply grateful for your commitment and hard work, which continue to safeguard our shared marine environment.

Bettina Taylor CCB Co-Chair (2024-25) Eugeniy Lobanov CCB Co-Chair (2024-25)



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CCB focused protecting on threatened species such as Baltic harbour porpoise, the European eel and wild salmon through MPAs and strictly protected areas, also as restorative measures, pushing for bycatch reduction measures, underwater noise mitigation (continuous and impulsive) and to phase out targeted, especially recreational, eel fishery. CCB also aimed contributing to improvement of key EU ocean legislation such as MSFD, CFP, the **Nature** Restoration Regulation and the Marine Action Plan for fisheries.

### **Baltic Proper Harbour Porpoise**

CCB worked closely with its MOs SSNC and BUND to protect the critically endangered Baltic proper harbour porpoise, focusing on major threats such as underwater noise and fisheries' bycatch. This work contributed to the species' inclusion in the Appendix I of the UN Convention of Migratory Species (CMS), recognizing it as at risk of extinction across most of its range.

In 2024, CCB closely followed the implementation of relevant policies

and action plans (i.e. Marine Action ASCOBANS Jastarnia Plan. Plan. HELCOM BSAP, and the SAMBAH II project), pushed for a BALTFISH joint recommendation on bycatch, and led a task force to tackle the conflict between pingers, which prevent bycatch, and military activities. also worked on issues related underwater noise and offshore wind energy (OWE).

Moreover, in 2024 the #SaveTheBalticPorpoise petition reached 140,000 signatures and was sent to ASCOBANS' contracting parties and the Swedish Ministry.

### Salmon and Eel

To protect these migratory fish species, CCB focused on river restoration and management, halting of eel fisheries, improved management of salmon and eel. This focus addressed the main pressures these animals face: unsustainable fishing, migration barriers, and degraded and inaccessible spawning habitats.

CCB promoted a coordinated, ecosystem-based approach to European eel recovery, working with

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partners to enhance management, cooperation, and awareness.

Through advocacy at national and regional levels, CCB pushed for an end to targeted eel fishing and stricter closure periods. This led to eel protection discussions under the German presidency and the species' reclassification in the CITES Annexes.

As chair of a HELCOM expert group, CCB helped shape new recommendations for salmon and eel management on migration barriers, restoration, and fishing pressure, in cooperation with the Swedish Anglers, the Baltic Salmon Fund, and WWF Finland.

#### **Fisheries**

Baltic Sea fish stocks, especially cod and herring, remain in poor condition. promoted CCB transparent, science-based quotas and ecosystem-based management, providing input on 2024 TACs that failed to meet environmental ecosystem-based legislation or management, and publishing a joint NGOs TAC paper and press release.

As chair of the Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management group, CCB

contributed to policy development, CFP consultations, and the implementation of national Action Plans. It also advocated for a ban on bottom trawling in MPAs, released a position paper on grey seals addressing the issues between seals and fishermen, and co-hosted a workshop with Fältbiologerna.

#### **Marine Protected Areas**

CCB followed relevant developments through expert working groups and meetings, including on the NRL and Bogskär MPA case in Åland.

CCB also published three position papers on <u>MPAs</u> and OECMs (1 & 2) and held the <u>'Youth Actions for Marine Protection'</u> workshop.

Additionally, CCB contributed to the PROTECT BALTIC project regarding data collection and legal frameworks across national jurisdictions.

#### **Restoration & Renaturalisation**

In addition to the riverine restoration efforts (see eel & salmon section), CCB supported the adoption of the Nature Restoration Law (NRL), which entered into force on 18 August 2024. This included continued en-

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-gagement in the <u>#RestoreNature</u> campaign, collaboration with NGOs and the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), and advocacy on spatial nature protection at EU, HELCOM, and national levels.

#### **Underwater noise**

The impacts of underwater noise on marine species are increasingly recognized. CCB worked to expand knowledge and promote measures to reduce noise in the Baltic Sea.

CCB engaged in HELCOM and OSPAR expert groups and monitored the implementation of the BSAP, the Regional Action Plan on Underwater Noise and IMO guidelines on underwater noise. CCB also promoted the benefits of Experience Building Phase (EBP).

With HELCOM and MO BUND, CCB co-organised a workshop on noise impacts and biological effects, raised awareness via social media, and led the RED NOISE BALTSHIP project, including a webinar on continuous noise impacts on fish. A workshop on BSAP actions addressing recreational crafts was also held.

#### **Offshore Wind Energy**

The rapid expansion of offshore wind energy (OWE) is vital for the EU's carbon neutrality and energy independence. CCB supports this but stresses that OWE development must must be compatible with nature and align with nature protection frameworks

CCB worked to close knowledge gaps, advocated for a HELCOM group on cumulative impacts, linked OWE to 30x30 targets, and promoted WWF-CCB Guidelines on ORE.

Activities included seminars, youth presentations, and participation in HELCOM, ASCOBANS, and EU discussions.

The CCB Secretariat became co-chair of the Eklipse Expert Working Group on cumulative OWE impacts and submitted a related project application.

### **EUTROPHICATION**



Eutrophication remains a critical threat to the Baltic Sea, largely driven by nutrient pollution from agriculture, wastewater, energy sector and forestry. CCB worked in 2024 to reduce nutrient leakage, support nutrient recycling, and promote nature-based solutions and organic farming, in line with ecosystem-based water and land management.

CCB actively supported relevant EU and regional frameworks, including the European Green Deal (incl. Circular Economy Action Plan and Zero Pollution Action Plan) and the HELCOM BSAP (incl. Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy). Additionally, CCB supported the Green Recovery Plan for Ukraine.

Policy influence was strengthened via targeted contributions to HELCOM processes, EU consultations, and joint advocacy on sustainable agricultural practices, manure management, and nutrient emissions from industry and infrastructure such as ports, phosphogypsum sites. and the Lynetteholm island project. CCB also chaired various groups and meetings to drive progress.

### **Reducing nutrient inputs**

CCB's activities focused on engaging and building awareness of targeted actors and stakeholders at all levels, that are relevant for reducing nutrient inputs, including those in agriculture and water management sectors.

Some of the main activities were:

- The <u>2024 edition</u> of the annual event **GRASS Conference** was focused on Polish Nature and Agriculture in the context of EU Regulations (EU Deforestation Regulation and Nature Restoration Law) and took place as hybrid event in November.
- Seminar/Webinar on "Sustainable agriculture for a healthy Baltic Sea cultivating joint solutions and sharing best practices" organized in October 2024 by HELCOM and the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Finland.
- Seminar/Webinar <u>"How deep does agriculture influence our waters?"</u> in June 2024.
- Joint policy brief and fact sheet on "Effects of the new Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive on nutrient inputs to the Baltic Sea" with Baltic Sea Center of Stockholm University.

### **EUTROPHICATION**



#### Wetlands and buffer zones

The use of buffer zones in the Baltic Sea region varies between countries due to different national legislation and other regulations. To take stock of the situation concerning use of buffer zones in the Baltic Sea countries an investigation was undertaken based on a questionnaire which was distributed among CCB Member Organizations.

As a result of this study, the <u>report</u> "<u>Buffer zones in the Baltic Sea region</u>" was finalized in 2024 and promoted through a joint informal social media campaign.

### Monitoring sources of nutrient inputs

CCB continued addressing also other new sources of nutrients (e.g. minimisation of nutrient losses from dry bulk fertilizer handling, phosphogypsum waste stacks).

In 2024, this reference document "Minimizing nutrient losses from dry bulk fertilizer storage and handling in ports in the Baltic Sea Region", with CCB contribution, was adopted for publishing on HELCOM's website.

Danish Moreover, pressure to European authorities and Commission with a request to stop the <u>Lynetteholm project</u> continued in 2024 with a letter submitted by CCB together with its Member Organization the Danish Society for Nature Conservation in February 2024. follow-up Α letter resubmitted to the Danish Ministry on 26 June 2024. CCB has also provided inputs to support the following <u>petitions</u> regarding Lynetteholm to the EP Petitions Committee.

### Policy inputs to reduce nutrient inputs

In 2024, CCB presented to the HELCOM policy level, the **BSAP Shadow Implementation Plan** and **Green Recovery Plan** for the Ukrainian part of the BSR, which outline measures to be prioritized and facilitated to achieve BSAP targets by 2030 and to make sure that the Baltic Sea ecosystem is healthy and resilient.

### HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES



CCB's target is for BSR residents to be aware of environmental and health risks related to hazardous substances and single-use plastics and take local actions to reduce them by promoting circular economy practices. CCB worked on circular economy, addressing the main pressures, and providing policy inputs.

CCB promoted and supported various directives and action plans, including the EU Single Use Plastic Directive, the EU Circular Economy Action Plan, and the EU Action Plan "Towards a Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil".

CCB provided input to and shared knowledge at various conventions, sessions, forums, and policy discussions at global and BSR level - regarding highly hazardous pesticides, waste incineration, Global Framework on Chemicals, Plastics, chemical tanker waste water, and marine litter.

### Raising awareness campaign

CCB is a partner of several consortiums, implementing EU Baltic Sea Interreg projects: <u>BALTIPLAST</u>, <u>NonHazCity3</u>, <u>Change(K)now!</u>.

Those address hazardous substances topic related to plastic and chemicals in construction. As a part of these projects, in 2024 CCB led the raising awareness campaign by sharing content for social media to the partners.

#### **Addressing main pressures**

CCB in 2024 continued the partnership with John Nurminen Foundation. Swedish **Transport** Agency and Finnish Communication and Transport Agency Traficom for the **Chemical Tanker project** that seeks to identify the most harmful and hazardous chemical discharges into the Baltic Sea resulting from the tank washing of chemical tankers at Finnish and Swedish ports. It also seeks to find solutions to reduce permissible discharges.

CCB co-organized and moderated the Informal HELCOM <u>workshop</u> on discharges of harmful substances from tank washing on chemical tankers in May.

A <u>short video</u> on the problem and project was broadcasted by the Swedish SVT Media in December.

### HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES



#### **Pharmaceuticals**

In 2024 CCB continued promoting opportunities for safe disposal of outdated pharmaceuticals in Baltic Sea countries with poor or absent system of outdated pharmaceuticals collection and disposal. Special attention was paid to the situation in Ukraine, given the ongoing war and a high demand and use of medicines.

In particular, CCB provided support into development of a pilot initiative in the Lviv region to establish a first pilot system of collection of obsolete pharmaceuticals.

### **Contributions to chemicals policy**

In 2024 CCB has continued to actively monitor the implementation of the "Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste". CCB took part in the meetings of the Open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators, which was established to prepare recommendations for finalizing the measurability structure and proposing a set of indicators for Annex III of the Global Framework on Chemicals.

Moreover, in 2024, CCB has continued its engagement into the UNEP-led INC process to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

Specifically, CCB and some of its Member Organizations took an active part in the Fourth Session of the INC on Plastic, which took place in Ottawa, Canada in April, and in the Fifth Session of the INC on Plastic, which took place in Busan, South Korea in November.

More information about CCB participation is available on the website with four articles: <u>April 24</u>, <u>May 13</u>, <u>November 25</u>, <u>December 4</u>.

### **HELCOM & EU BSR processes**

CCB was engaged into several HELCOM informal consultation sessions.

Moreover, represented by MOs Ecoterra and Zero Waste Lviv and other partners, CCB attended the MARLICE Forum "Enhancing Interregional Cooperation Towards Addressing Riverine Input of Marine Litter" in May 2024.

## MARITIME ACTIVITIES



Protecting the Baltic coastline remained a key focus throughout the year. Local communities and society groups safeguard natural coastal areas by monitoring changes, following large infrastructure projects, and taking part in decision-making processes. They also engaged with environmental assessments and planning strategies to ensure the long-term sustainability of the coast.

### Coastal infrastructure for better nature protection

Since 2017, CCB MO Latvian Green Movement and the Association of Disabled People and their Friends "Apeirons" have started work on the development of a unique nature accessibility certificate "NaAc" (Nature Accessible) to ensure accessibility to natural objects.

The work on promotion of **NaAC Certification** scheme through CCB network continued in 2024, including:

 Promotion of the NaAC Certification experience among CCB members;

- 12 visits organized on potential NaaC sites in Latvia, including 4 experts visits;
- 7 joint restoration works on grey dunes to collect and transport branches away;
- Coast Watch and Clean Games arranged throughout the year, involving more than 1,000 participants from various coastal areas.

#### **Coast Watch**

Based on the 2023 <u>CoastWatch Manual</u>, in 2024 CCB carried out different trainings for CCB Youth Group, MOs, and during CCB annual main events such as Our Common Baltic and Baltic Climate School.

### **Clean Games - Coastal CleanUps**

In 2024, CCB continued maintaining a beach litter-monitoring network in the BSR gathering knowledge and data following the Clean Games approach and involving more partners into its implementation.

### **Maritime Spatial Planning**

In 2024, CCB re-designed and tested both online and offline the MSP Game. The revision included: rules,

## MARITIME ACTIVITIES



layout of the cards and adjustment of the play field.

The MSP Game was tested during CCB OCB event in August, with CCB MOs in December and one session organized by the MO Estonian Green Movement in the same month.

### **Large infrastructure projects**

Within recent years the BSR has been experiencing a boost of various large-scale development projects, ranging from pipelines, oil terminals, nuclear power plants and wind parks to navigation canals connecting different watersheds.

Such big investments require EIA or SEA to ensure that environmental impacts are minimised and mitigated.

Previous CCB's actions resulted in the development of a list and map of hot spots that proved to be an efficient public awareness instrument targeting both local residents as well as authorities, and giving the ground for initiating management measures, including legal cases.

Besides the #STOPLynetteholm ), during the campaign (c.f. page **HELCOM Heads of Delegation held in** December 2024, CCB shared concerns related to offshore gas exploration in the Polish waters, requesting more transparent EIA consultations to be carried out, as as draw attention to the construction of a new nuclear power plant in Poland, calling for a closed loop cooling system in order to limit environmental effects including eutrophication.

Within 2024, **CCB** has also shared consistently its position against allowing Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) in the Baltic Sea Area at various HELCOM meetings, pointing that in the current legal setting it is a violation of Helsinki Convention and that proper EIA and assessment should be performed before any discussion on legal implications of CCS can take place.

Moreover, CCB <u>supported the efforts</u> of German NGOs, including one MO, against the extension of Rostock port, Germany.

## ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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#### **Organizational structure**

In 2024 the new organizational structure (see the Constitution) was tested and evaluated by MOs, WAs and WGs. The changes were largely perceived positively and increased the efficiency, transparency and accountability of CCB.

### **Capacity building**

Based on the capacity building assessment and discussions with MOs. CCB identified several areas in which members need support from CCB in the upcoming years, such as security management, economy, gender equality in the environmental sphere, conflict resolution, and involvement of vulnerable groups. CCB included these trainings in the Plan of Actions 2025-2026 and will provide training for members in these topics.

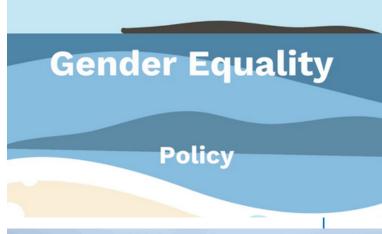
In 2024, CCB organised several capacity building seminars for its network on <u>gender equality</u>, Results-based management, NRL and OECM, plus trainings within the scope of the Youth Group and CoastWatch.

#### **Monitoring & Evaluation**

In 2024, CCB continued to use Results-Based Management as its main monitoring and evaluation method, and will continue in the coming years.

### **Gender & Equality**

CCB also adopted the <u>Gender</u> <u>Equality Policy</u> and promoted it at OCB and through a <u>dedicated</u> <u>course</u>.





## ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT - CCB MAIN EVENTS

## Our Common Baltic OCB course



In 2024, the <u>Our Common Baltic</u> course took place from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> of August at the educational marine center <u>Fjord & Bælt Center</u> in Kerteminde, Denmark, in cooperation with the <u>Marine Biological Research Center of University of Southern Denmark.</u>

OCB course focuses on educating students and early career professionals on the Baltic Sea environmental protection, Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) and gender issues. OCB is aiming to engage young activists in CCB's work, and create conditions for the development of new ideas and youth projects uniting organisations and individuals within the BSR.

This year the programme concentrated on Coastal Watch Prac-

OUR COMMON BALTIC COURSE

-tices and Citizen Science in general, bringing together 20 participants mainly from Denmark, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden, but also Czech Republic and Spain.

The participants represented:

- the Student Naturalist Scientific Society (LT);
- the Gdańsk Medical University and CCB's MO PKE Gdańsk;
- the University of Southern Denmark;
- the youth organisation <u>Global</u> <u>Shapers</u> (SE).

Lectures, workshops, and trainings were given by 14 international experts. The course participants got involved into the coastal watch practices, operated tools for stakeholder engagement and dialogue, and learned motivate communities through videos and story telling.

Young people conducted practical laboratory research, participated in group debates, created small media projects and gave <u>interviews about their experience</u> contributing to the development of OCB and the Youth Group.

## ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT - CCB MAIN EVENTS

## **River University**



In 2024 the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of **River University** was hosted by Ukraine and took place in the transboundary Roztocze region in Poland due to safety reasons.

Representatives of 10 countries gathered to focus on transboundary cooperation with Ukraine regarding water resilience and restoration. The River University ensured a supportive space for initiating urgently-needed projects that aim to rebuild the state and condition of Ukrainian waters.

The River University is an open, international and interdisciplinary outdoor course that supports institutional and official knowledge exchange in the BSR and EU. As a part of the EU Open Life Science program since 2021, it has focused on river basin management, Source-to-Sea approach, and EU policies.

Through collaboration with universities across Europe and participation in the <u>Nature Positive Universities network</u>, River University is able to provide the best level of riverine knowledge.

This year the event continued to increased competence, skills and connection among river stakeholders, and provide opportunities for cross-sectoral networking and project development.





### ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## **Baltic Climate School & Climate Change**



In 2024, CCB continued to raise awareness about the issue of climate change in the BSR, with a special focus on coastal habitats and Baltic communities. Efforts to address these issues were made through the following events:

 CCB held its first edition of the <u>Baltic Climate School</u>, with the MO Latvian Green Movement as co-organiser. The course took place in Latvia from 11-15<sup>th</sup> of September, and focused on the consequences of climate change on the Baltic Coast.

This event united 15 bloggers, journalists, and content creators from across the EU in the creation of content about Baltic Sea climate challenges and solutions. BCS also provided meetings with experts and visits to protected areas.

- CCB was represented at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 29) in Azerbaijan, by its MO Friends of the Baltic, which led to the publication of the article "Water for Climate and Finance: Key Takeaways from COP29 in Baku".
- CCB also supported HELCOM's work on climate change in the BSR by presenting its <u>2023 report</u> on impacted communities to 5<sup>th</sup> Informal Consultation Session of the Expert Network on Climate Change (IC EN CLIME 5-2024).





### ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## **Youth Engagement**



An outcome of CCB's revitalization process was the identification of a need for engaging more young people in CCB activities.

This was addressed through dedicated activities in 2024 involving the CCB WG Youth Group (YG):

- 10 new young people engaged in CCB.
- 5 Youth Group events.
- 4 trainings & 5 webinars to develop the Youth Vision on the BSAP implementation with over 55 participants.
- OCB event with 20 young participants.
- 20 small projects developed.
- 15 experts involved into YG activities.
- Monthly YG meetings.
- YG members participating in CCB WA meetings & activities.

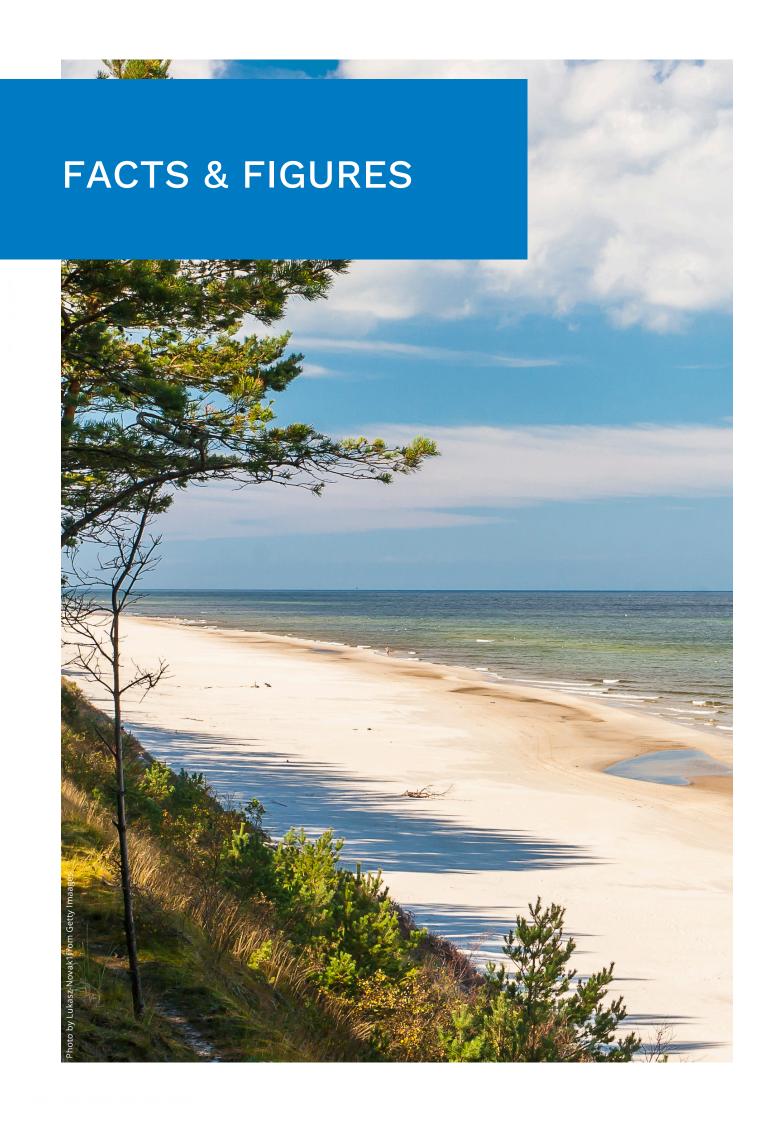
There are also ongoing collaborations with three youth organisations from BSR, who might in future join CCB as members.

The YG was involved in the following events:

- CoastWatch <u>webinar</u> and trainings (see <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>).
- The BSAP through <u>webinars</u> and HELCOM workshops.
- Youth Restoration Camp with restoration workshop.
- Contributed to <u>OCB</u>, <u>River University</u>, and provided input to <u>CCB-WWF event</u>, <u>HELCOM discussion</u>.







### COMMUNICATIONS

Social media, Events & More



#### **CCB FOLLOWERS**











1,631

654

829

929

176



**53,300** WEBSITE VIEWS



135 EVENTS





+20 PRs & ARTICLES



+3
LETTERS



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RAISING AWARENESS &
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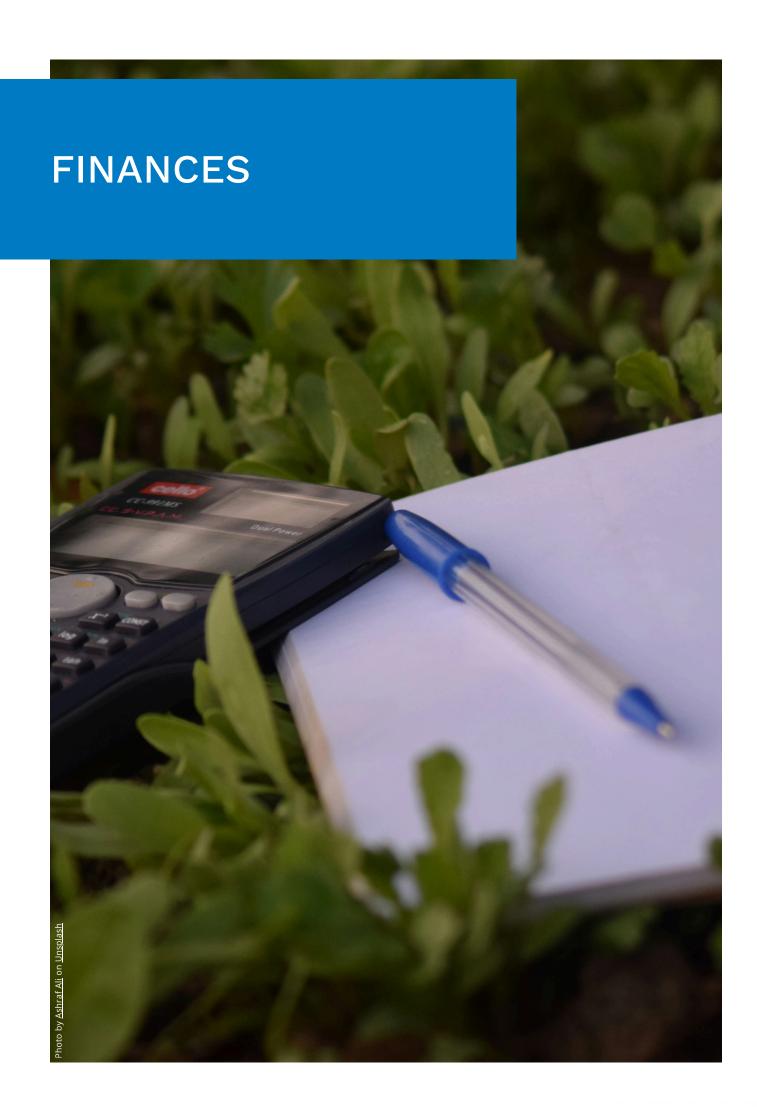


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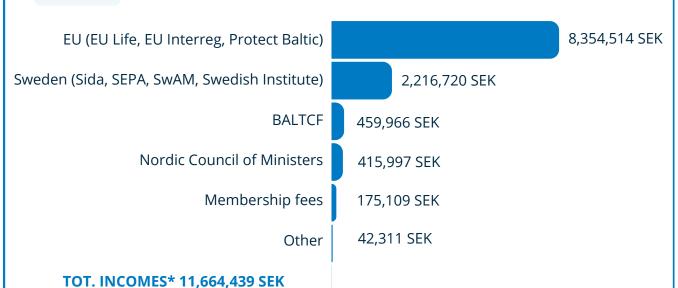




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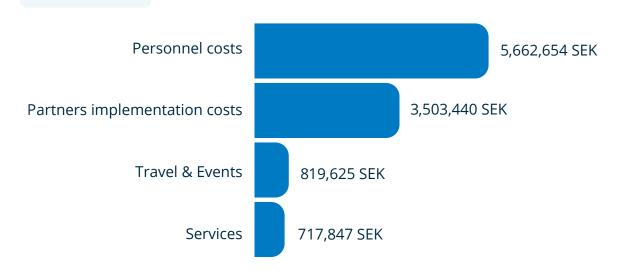


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### **EXPENDITURES**



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### **FINANCES**

## Increasing the financial capacity



Overall, CCB's fundraising activities demonstrate a shift towards increased share of and dependence on EU funding.

In the face of constantly decreasing national funding for NGOs, the new EU co-funded projects increase CCB's capacity to manage multi-annual and multi-stakeholder initiatives.

Targeted funding was received among others from John Nurminen Foundation, Zero Waste Europe, and private donations (crowdfunding), contributing to further diversification of CCB's financial streams.

In addition, CCB participated in the in <u>Funding Future Conference 2024</u> in September in Poland.

### **FINANCES**

### **CCB's Funders**









Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management











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### **CCB NETWORK**





CCB is a politically independent, non-profit association that unites Member and Observer organizations, as well as partners and individual experts in all countries of the Baltic Sea Region.

The organizations represent the largest and most important environmental NGOs in these countries and together have over 1 500 000 individual members.

The overall coordination of the network is done by the International Secretariat based in Uppsala, Sweden.

Since 2022, CCB operates through 4 Working Areas: Biodiversity, Eutrophication, Hazardous Substances and Maritime Activities, as well as the Youth Working Group on Youth and Communication.

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