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Background

Coalition Clean Baltic – CCB wishes to invite representatives of the Contracting Parties and Observer Organizations to attend the following side events that will be co-organized by CCB:

- 06 June 2025, 10:00-12:00 CET (virtual/online) - [Green Recovery for Ukraine: from source to sea/sink](#)
- 10 June 2025, 13:00-15:00 CET – [MUD MATTERS – Tapping the Ocean Floor for Climate Solutions](#)
- 11 June 2025, 11:30-13:00 CET (in person) – [Quiet Seas in a Climate Transition: Aligning decarbonisation with Ocean Health](#)

See further information on the above events attached.

CCB will also participate in and contribute to the following side-events co-organized by HELCOM:

- 11 June 2025, 09:15-11:00 CET – [The sea knows no borders: transboundary protection for a thriving Baltic](#)
- 11 June 2025, 18:00-20:00 CET – [No Time to Waste: Tackling Submerged Munitions in European Seas,](#)

Action requested

The Session is invited to take note of the information

Side events co-organized by CCB at the 2025 UN Ocean Conference

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ORGANIZERS

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UNOC 2025 SIDE EVENT:

GREEN RECOVERY FOR UKRAINE: FROM SOURCE TO SEA/SINK

**6 JUNE 2025
10-12 CET (ONLINE, ZOOM)**

REGISTER NOW

Credit: Western Bug River by Natalia Cholovska

Virtual side event at UN Ocean Conference 2025

Date and time: 6 June 2025, 10.00-12:00 CET

Place: Zoom, register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2ud2p2y8>

This event will

- highlight solutions to address war-driven environmental impacts in the Ukrainian part of the Baltic Sea basin;
- showcase reduction of nutrients and toxics, and biodiversity loss by linking upstream actions with climate goals;
- promote source-to-sea innovation and cross-border cooperation emphasizing Baltic Sea's role as a carbon sink
- support SDG 14 implementation through resilient, ecosystem-based marine recovery and nature restoration;
- facilitate cross-sectorial partnership by presenting the connections in e.g. water-energy nexus by the experts involved in Green Recovery actions, as well as by sharing experiences from Baltic to the Black Sea basins.

Provisional agenda

10:00-10:05	Introduction and practicalities, <i>Mikhail Durkin, Executive Secretary, Coalition Clean Baltic - CCB</i>
10:05-10:15	Welcome words: – <i>Basin Department of Water Resources of Zakhidnyi Buh and Sian Rivers, Ukraine, tbc</i> – <i>State Water Holding Polish Waters (PGW WP), Poland, tbc</i>
10:15-10:30	Green Recovery Plan for Ukrainian part of the Baltic Sea basin : from source-to-sea approach – <i>Natalia Cholovska, Ecoterra / Maria Staniszewska, PKE / Mikhail Durkin, CCB</i>
10:30-10:45	Case Eutrophication: Wastewater/sanitation needs and Nitrate Vulnerable Zones – <i>Roman Kizyma, LvivVodokanal / Anna Danilyak, NGO EcoAction</i>
10:45-11:00	Case Hazardous Substances: pharmaceuticals and pesticides, – <i>ZeroWasteLviv / CSA, tbc</i>
11:00-11:15	Case Biodiversity: river restoration – <i>[Natalia Kruta, Basin Department of Water Resources of Zakhidnyi Buh and Sian Rivers]</i> – <i>[Ewa Leś, Polish Ecological Club], tbc</i>
11:15-11:55	Panel: Elements for successful implementation – from large scale to small pilots – <i>Greening the Ukrainian Recovery, financing recovery actions</i> – <i>'Shopping List' of priority projects for Green Recovery in Ukraine</i> – <i>Sharing experiences from Baltic to Black</i>
11:55-12:00	Concluding remarks



The CCB side event "Quiet Seas in a Climate Transition: Aligning decarbonisation with Ocean Health" will take place in Nice, France, on 11 June 2025, under the UN Ocean Conference 2025.

Our event aims to foster dialogue among stakeholders from industry, government, and civil society to explore solutions to reduce underwater noise, focusing on the Baltic and North Seas, while addressing climate-oriented technologies such as offshore wind energy, cleaner shipping, and carbon capture and storage (CCS). It will raise awareness of underwater noise impacts on marine ecosystems, highlighting the need to align decarbonisation with marine protection. Through expert presentations, a panel discussion, and an interactive dialogue, the event will engage participants in identifying integrated approaches and cross-sectoral partnerships that support biodiversity and a sustainable climate transition—contributing to the SDG 14, through marine conservation, sustainable use, and science-based solutions

Provisional Agenda

11:30 - 11:45 Welcome and introduction

11:45 - 12:20 Thematic discussions (one topic per table: CCS, offshore wind, shipping) - explanation of the exercise and time for discussions. Each table is chaired by one panellist.

12:20 - 12:55 Reporting of outcomes and interactive panel discussion

12:55 - 13:00 Closing remarks

Coffee and snacks are available throughout

Registrations

You can register to the event through the link: <https://tinyurl.com/mtknyy8n>

How to get there

Please check [Agenda, directions & concept note](#).

Contact person

If you have any questions, please write to Andrea Cervantes, CCB Biodiversity Officer: andrea.cervantes@ccb.se

MUD MATTERS – Tapping the Ocean Floor for Climate Solutions

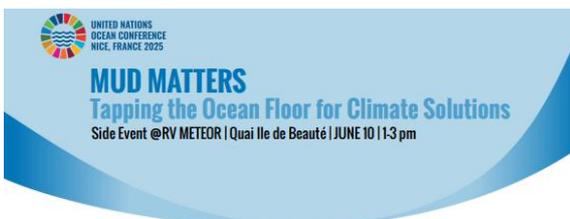
June 10, 2025 | 1–3 pm | FS METEOR, Quai Ile de Beauté*

*Participation is restricted to confirmed guests. If you are interested in attending, please contact us via email at: unoc@bund-bremen.net



While coastal “blue carbon” ecosystems such as mangroves, salt marshes, seagrass meadows, and kelp forests have increasingly been recognized for their vital role in climate mitigation, marine sediments remain underappreciated in global conservation and climate strategies. To address this gap, AWI, BfN, BUND, CCB, Hereon, and SAR invite you to a two-hour side event aboard the German Research Vessel METEOR during the 2025 UN Ocean Conference in Nice. This event will spotlight the critical role of marine sediments as blue carbon ecosystems. It will explore how human activities affect their carbon storage capacity. The discussion will also cover the conservation actions needed to safeguard their climate function and support the achievement of Paris Agreement goals.

Join us for expert presentations, interactive discussions, and networking opportunities. Together, we aim to elevate marine sediments in the blue carbon agenda and accelerate ocean-based climate action!



- 12:45** Welcome at mooring site of R/V METEOR
- 13:00** Onboarding, Opening and Introduction
Bettina Taylor / Julia Strahl (BUND)
- 13:15** Scientific Input
 - Sediments as Natural Carbon Sinks
Sabine Kasten (AWI)
 - The Impact of Bottom Trawling on Sedimentary Carbon Storage
Lucas Parz (Hereon)
 - Climate Action: Protecting Mud Matters
Jannis Kuhlmann (BUND)
- 13:40** Fishbowl Panel Discussion
Protecting Marine Sediments to Accelerate Climate Action - Challenges and Opportunities
 - Sebastian Unger (BMUKN, Director for Marine Protection)
 - Sabine Kasten (AWI, Coordinator of research projects APOC and KomSO)
 - Isabella Lövin (Member of European Parliament, SEARICA)
 - Representative of DG MARE, European Commission (TBC)
- 14:25** Conclusions and outlook
- 14:30** Catering / Networking / Foto Opportunity on Hell Deck
- 15:00** End of Event

