

new Hansa



OF SUSTAINABLE PORTS AND CITIES



- Towards sustainable port policy around the Baltic Sea -

NewHansa of Sustainable Ports a

In successful port cities the growth of trade and transport is achieved in good balance with the living environment. The New Hansa of Sustainable Ports and Cities project aims at creating ecologically, socially and economically sustainable ports. It is a unique co-operation process of ports and cities around the Baltic Sea. During the project, several common environmental practices for ports are agreed upon in the Baltic Memorandum of Understanding on Sustainable Ports.

Addressing concrete practices

New Hansa identifies good practices for ports in:

- monitoring and preventing ships' emissions to the air,
- receiving and handling sorted waste from the vessels, and
- management of ships' waste waters.



Photo: City of Malmö

Why NewHansa?

The Baltic Sea has become almost an inside sea of the European Union - trade is growing and transport is increasing. Sea transport is basically a good solution for the environment. However, there are issues that need to be addressed in order to find a good balance between economic, environmental and social aspects at ports and port cities.

Ports are often located close to city centres, recreational areas or even nature protection zones. Consequently, balance needs to be sought between the different interests. This can best be done in Baltic Sea Regional co-operation. Such co-operation is necessary in order to prevent competition between the ports on the cost of the environment.



Photo: Finnlines

nd Cities

Common practices will make environmental improvements easier for both ports and shipping lines. Ports and cities have already co-operated for years within the Union of the Baltic Cities. Good network and pilot cases for New Hansa are thus available and will be further utilised.

How is NewHansa implemented?

The first phase of the project is information gathering and analysis. Information on ships' emissions to the air, waste treatment and waste water management will be collected from all participating ports. Relevant national and international legislation will also be analysed.

A dialogue between participating ports, cities, shipping lines, officials and other stakeholders will then follow in order to identify possible common solutions and good practices to build on.

Good practices found will be agreed upon and formulated into common recommendations in order to improve and harmonise emission control practices, waste treatment and waste water management step-by-step in all Baltic ports.

During the project the results are disseminated in three newsletters, project web-site and in meetings and events (see: www.newhansa.net).



Photo: Finlines

NewHansa impacts

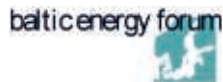
The New Hansa project is expected to have positive impacts on the practices, policies and stakeholder co-operation of all participating ports. On the Baltic Sea Regional level, the project is expected to pave the way for common standards, fair competition and better co-operation of ports, cities and stakeholders. The project is also expected to have a piloting role in the development of European port policies.

Baltic Memorandum of Understanding on Sustainable Ports

- joint principles and targets for sustainable port policies in all Baltic ports and port cities
- concrete recommendations for harmonised treatment of ships' emissions to the air, waste and waste waters
- to be presented for endorsement at the VIII General Conference of the Union of the Baltic Cities in Autumn 2005.

NewHansa of Sustainable Ports and Cities

Co-ordination and research:



Project partners

- Union of the Baltic Cities ■
- Stadtwerke Lübeck ■
- baltic energy forum e.V. ■
- University of Turku ■
- Centre for Maritime Studies
- City of Lübeck ■
- Port of Rostock ■
- Port of Kolding ■
- City of Malmö ■
- City and Port of Stockholm ■
- City of Mariehamn ■
- City of Pori ■
- City and Port of Turku ■



- City and Port of Helsinki
- Port of Szczecin
- Finnlines
- In addition, several cities and ports from the Baltic Sea Region have been invited to join the project events as associated partners

Co-funders

- The project partners
- European Union Baltic Sea Region Interreg III B Programme
- Finnish Ministry of the Environment



The New Hansa of Sustainable Ports and Cities project is part of the UBC Agenda 21 Action Programme 2004-2009 – Roadmap for Sustainable Baltic Cities.

For more information, please, visit the project website at:

www.newhansa.net