



Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to a workshop on **“Towards indicator based, cost effective and policy compliant monitoring and assessment of the marine biodiversity in the Baltic Sea (TotalBio)”** in the frame of the LIFE+ Biodiversity project “MARMONI – Innovative approaches for marine biodiversity monitoring and assessment of conservation status of nature values in the Baltic Sea”. The workshop will take place on **7-8 May 2014** (start at 13:30 on 7 May and finish at 14:00 on 8May) in the “Tallink SPA&Conference hotel”, Sadama 11a, **Tallinn**, Estonia.

The objectives of the workshop are:

- to exchange experience on integrated, indicator based marine biodiversity assessment schemes and tools;
- to examine issue on cost implications of introducing new monitoring methods for building policy compliant national monitoring programs for marine biodiversity assessment.

Please find attached the draft programme of the event.

Target group: competent authorities, biodiversity monitoring and assessment experts.

For organizational reasons we would like to ask you kindly to confirm your participation by **registering** on [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/134QvrsRtxiksc\\_4PWuxK76w8jYxlzhpJeJR8LZWiyuM/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/134QvrsRtxiksc_4PWuxK76w8jYxlzhpJeJR8LZWiyuM/viewform) by **17 April, 2014**.

Logistics: We have made a preliminary booking at the Tallink SPA&Conference hotel, thus the accommodation will be arranged according to information provided in the registration form. Accommodation will be covered by organisers. The Marmoni project partners shall cover their costs from project budget (74€/night). In case you need a support for travel costs, please contact Kristina Veidemane.

For additional information please contact:

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Looking forward to meeting you in Tallinn.

Yours sincerely,

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