

WG of Underwater Cultural Heritage, report by Chair Iwona Pomian 14.4.2014

In 2014 planned two meetings of the working group - in April in Riga (Latvia) and in Gdańsk or Schleswig

Tasks:

Application to the CBSS Project Support Facility –program (PSF); project “Evaluating the Universal Value of the Submerged Heritage of the Baltic Sea (USHer)”. The project aims at strengthening cooperation when it comes to raising public awareness of the environment of the Baltic Sea, its unique underwater cultural heritage and good preservation conditions. The project will make the base to the cooperation for all Baltic countries working within the framework of WG UCH within the scope of planned task. The application states that the submerged cultural heritage of the Baltic Sea is a potential candidate for the World Heritage List. The Underwater WG acts as a reference group of the project.

- LP - Estonian Notional Heritage Board
- Partners – National Maritime Museum Gdansk in Poland and Swedish National Maritime Museums
- Duration of the project - 01.09.2014 – 31.05.2016 / 21 months.

The raise role of the protection of maritime cultural heritage in the spatial planning process at the sea - the elaboration of criteria and recommendations for planners. Maritime Spatial Planning should be connected better to the UWCH. Should the idea of Baltic WH sites be connected to the Maritime Spatial Planning (as a tool for protection and management)? The participation of chairwomen of UCH WG in Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Forum – PartiSEApate Conference taking place on 17th – 18th June, 2014 in Riga, Latvia.*

*The Baltic Environmental Forum is composed in 2003 of NGOs in Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Germany. As an NGO, the BEF - Latvia facilitates a Baltic dialog. The focus remains on environmental issues, such as nature conservation, water policy, waste management, climate change, energy, and chemicals policy.