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**„Baltic marine litter project MARLIN`s one of the main activities – litter monitoring – for the first time was launched this spring to collect data from each partner organization around the Baltic Sea,„**



*Jānis is telling local TV about project aims and first findings during the monitoring. Foto: Ilze Grunška*

Calm, little bit cloudy day was waiting Latvia`s crew at their first monitoring at Vakarbulji beach near to Riga. Litter findings, except breathing respirator, did not bring surprises. Moreover, the total amount of litter was pleasantly small.

So far also Sweden shores can be proud with small amount of litter findings. The biggest amount was at the beach Rullsand and it was 9kg. “However, it isn’t the amount of litter that makes this an important project it is the surveys them self and the collecting of data”, said Andreas Frössberg, the project coordinator.

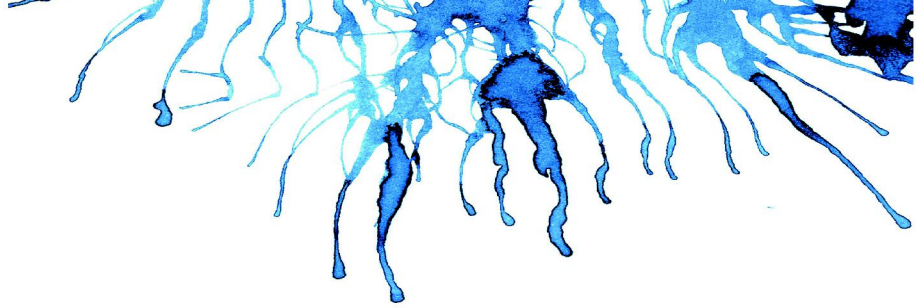
In Finland five out of seven beach assessments was done by the end of April. Assessments were made in Utö, Björkö, Åbo, St. Karins and Helsinki.

The remaining two will be done in the beginning of May in Kotka. All-together over 1200 pieces of litter have been found so far. Most of the litter found was plastic - fragmented or still in one piece such as plastic bottles.



*Litter in Björkö. Foto: Nora Forsman*





In Estonia first monitoring was located on Saka beach, which is on Northern East of country, with 44 kg total litter amount, which was „quite expected”, regarding to the words of project leader Marek Press. No cigarettes, butts or filters were found on first surface. It was big event with 50 person involvement.



„Litter assesment in process in Utö. Foto: Foto: Nora Forsman

## ***What you have found at your coast, can reborn, help it happen!***

It is known that so many different things, trash, debris, discarded objects of many kinds can be found in the coast of the Baltic Sea left by people or arriving with the winds from the sea. Sometimes these findings tend to be surprising and even inspiring. Projects MARLIN and Balticseanow.info invited people to give a second life to these things. All the results and best works will be published and winners announced separately in each country. Best pictures you will see in the next MARLIN`s newsletter.

## ***Wake up and stop wasting Baltic Sea!***

The Baltic Sea Waste Campaign is a tour – a road show – around Baltic Sea in 2012 to mark the marine litter and waste problems around Baltics. The main purpose of this campaign is to spread knowledge and information about marine litter/waste and environmental issues in general. The goal is to get attention of both – local and national media to raise the issue on departmental or ministerial level in each country. This tour will be cooperation between Swedish journalist Folke Ryden and also project MARLIN partner organization Keep Sweden Tidy.

Waste campaign plan for the meeting dates and countries:

- Visby 2nd July
- Kalmar 14th July
- Simrishamn 23rd July
- Stockholm 29th August
- Tallin 7th September
- Riga 13th September

