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Last week the first spring beach litter assessments were done in all partner organizations. All the data will soon be available and spread within each country. For more information about the spring results, contact partner organizations:

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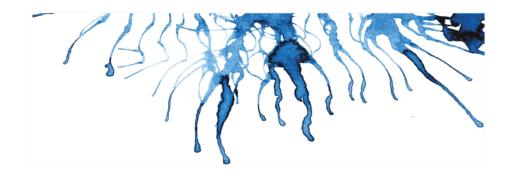


Pictures from beach litter assessments in Latvia this year. Photo Ilze Grunska









Companies, NGOs' and organizations in Finland get involved in disscusions about marine litter

On the 17th April Keep the Archipelago Tidy held a one-day seminar on the subject of marine litter in the Baltic Sea. The occasion was directed to professionals working with litter and environmental issues in municipalities, communities, companies and NGO's. Project manager Hanna Haaksi presented the mid-term results of Marlin and opened the discussion about whether littering is or is not a threat to the Baltic Sea and its ecosystem, where the litter comes from and what kind of solutions there could be to prevent the damages caused by marine litter and especially plastic in

MARLIN results were presented in Marine litter conference in Berlin

The International Conference on Prevention and Management of Marine Litter in European Seas was held in Berlin, Germany, 10 - 12 April 2013. The Conference participants, which included a wide array of stakeholders, government representatives, businesses and regional organisations, analysed the issues at stake, reviewed current efforts and suggested ways forward in order to address marine litter. Results and aims of project Marlin was presented to the audience and got full attention of participants and special interest from HELCOM.

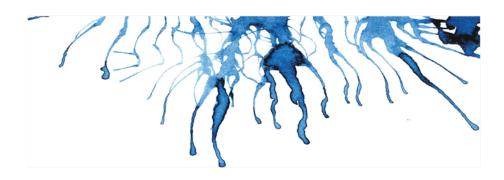


European Commissioner Janez Potocnik, speaking about marine litter at the conference in Berlin









Poster contest in Turku

Keep the Archipelago Tidy organized poster contest, which participants were students studying graphic designing in Turku. The winning poster (Author: Minttu Kilpinen) was characterized as a simple, question-arising piece of work that functions in several levels.



The winning poster from contest in Finland. Author: Minttu Kilpinen



COMING UP

Summer activities within project Marlin 2013

· Beach walk in Latvia

Remember the last summer, when participants for the cleaner Baltic Sea walked all the 500 km along the shore in Latvia? This is coming up again and with new and wider activities!

- · Litter free marinas in Sweden
- · Photo exhibiton of marine litter in Finland and Sweden

Artist Anna Liukas is one who's pictures will be seen in this exhibition. Her picture from exhibition in Finland last year





