

Working group of coastal culture and maritime heritage

In 1997 the ministers of culture in the Baltic Sea region agreed that special attention should be given to co-operation in cultural heritage. Four working groups were established to safeguard and develop common policies and to spread and exchange knowledge and expertise.

<http://www.baltic-heritage.net/index.html>



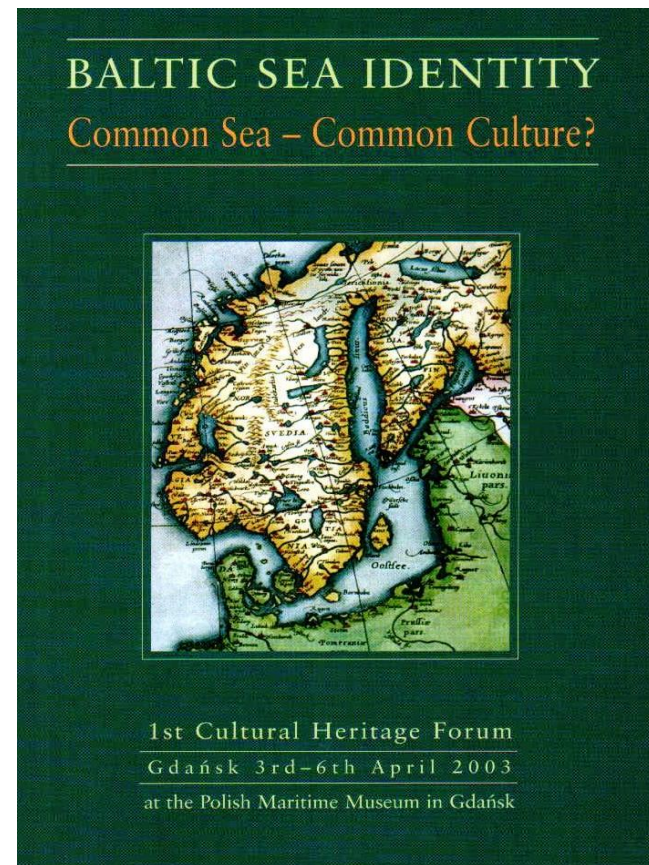
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The working group deals with the challenges connected to how maritime heritage could and should be a resource in the contemporary development of our rural and urban landscapes.



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**The Group
initiated first
Baltic Sea
Cultural Heritage
Forum under the
title: “Common
Sea – Common
Culture?” in
April 2003.**



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- **During the forum in Gdansk in 2003, the working group launched a poster exhibition on “Baltic Lights”. The twelve posters present a brief history of lighthouses and lightships in the region and show examples of good practice in preservation.**

<http://www.cmm.pl/balticlights/index.html>



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- **During the 3rd Forum in Vilnius 26-27th Spetember 2007 the working group launched next poster exhibition on „Baltic Harbors”.**



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The rapid change of shipping and other maritime industries leads to a change of core areas in our towns. Harbour activities are being moved out of city centres. Redundant harbour areas have become battlefields in the struggle for access to the waterfronts, between different and often conflicting interests.



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**Nowadays WG
focuses on Historic
Ships preservation.
Next Baltic Sea
Cultural Heritage
Forum is planed in
Riga in 2010. During
this Forum new
poster exhibition
about Histoic Ships
will be launched.**

