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## **BONUS Annual Conference 2010 will be held in Vilnius on 19-21 January 2010**

A year ago 16 BONUS+ projects started their work in more than 100 participating institutions. Now it is time to gather together for BONUS Conference 2010 to discuss the results of the first year of projects' implementation. The Conference programme will be built on the four main thematic sessions:

- Theme 1: Building the knowledge-based governance and management of the Baltic Sea. (Generic issues of communicating knowledge to the policy level, Coping with implementation deficits, Cross-disciplinary analysis of environmental risks in Baltic Sea);
- Theme 2: Understanding processes and assessing the status of the Baltic Sea. (Abiotic setting, Functioning of biotic communities, Measuring ecosystem health);
- Theme 3: A system of catchment – coast – sea continuum; and
- Theme 4: Assessing future development of the Baltic Sea and uncertainties of projections. (Including modelling as a collective learning tool).

The conference will feature several invited lectures by authorities on topics relevant to BONUS. Registration and more information are available at [www.bonusportal.org/ac2010](http://www.bonusportal.org/ac2010).

## **Clustering meeting on the use of scientific knowledge in decision-making**

The BONUS RISKGOV project invites participants of the other BONUS+ projects to a Clustering Meeting in connection with the conference 'Coping with Uncertainty' to exchange ideas and discuss possible future collaboration. The general topic for the discussion will be *'The use of scientific knowledge in decision-making'* and in particular there will be a discussion on *how to assess, communicate and manage uncertainties and scientific disagreement*. The meeting, starting at 16:00 and ending at 18:30 on Sunday 15th November, will take place in Stora Brännbo, Sigtuna (Stockholm/Sweden). To attend the cluster meeting all participants must email their intended presence to [uncertainty09@sh.se](mailto:uncertainty09@sh.se). For those who wish to participate in the conference as well, please register at [www.sh.se/uncertainty09](http://www.sh.se/uncertainty09), see "registration" in the left menu. The conference starts shortly after the clustering meeting. If none of the conference alternatives 1-5 is suitable, please email [uncertainty09@sh.se](mailto:uncertainty09@sh.se) so we can make a special arrangement. BONUS+ project representatives may apply to max 400 EUR travel support from BONUS EEIG Secretariat. More information in the attached file.

best regards,

BONUS EEIG Secretariat