

Cross-border
collaboration
for a cleaner
Baltic Sea

Resolving PFAS pollution together –
protecting the Baltic Sea for future generations.

BalticPFASResolve

Project presentation

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What are PFAS?

- PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are a large group of synthetic chemicals, with **over 10,000 identified variants**.
- They are used in products like firefighting foam, water-repellent clothing, non-stick cookware, and food packaging.
- PFAS are extremely **persistent in the environment**, earning them the nickname “*forever chemicals*.”
- **PFAS are recognized as a growing environmental problem in the Baltic Sea**, where their persistence and ability to accumulate in marine ecosystems threaten biodiversity, food safety, and the long-term health of this already vulnerable sea.



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PFAS Source Tracking, Mitigation, and Remediation in the Central Baltic

Project duration: 3 years – 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2028

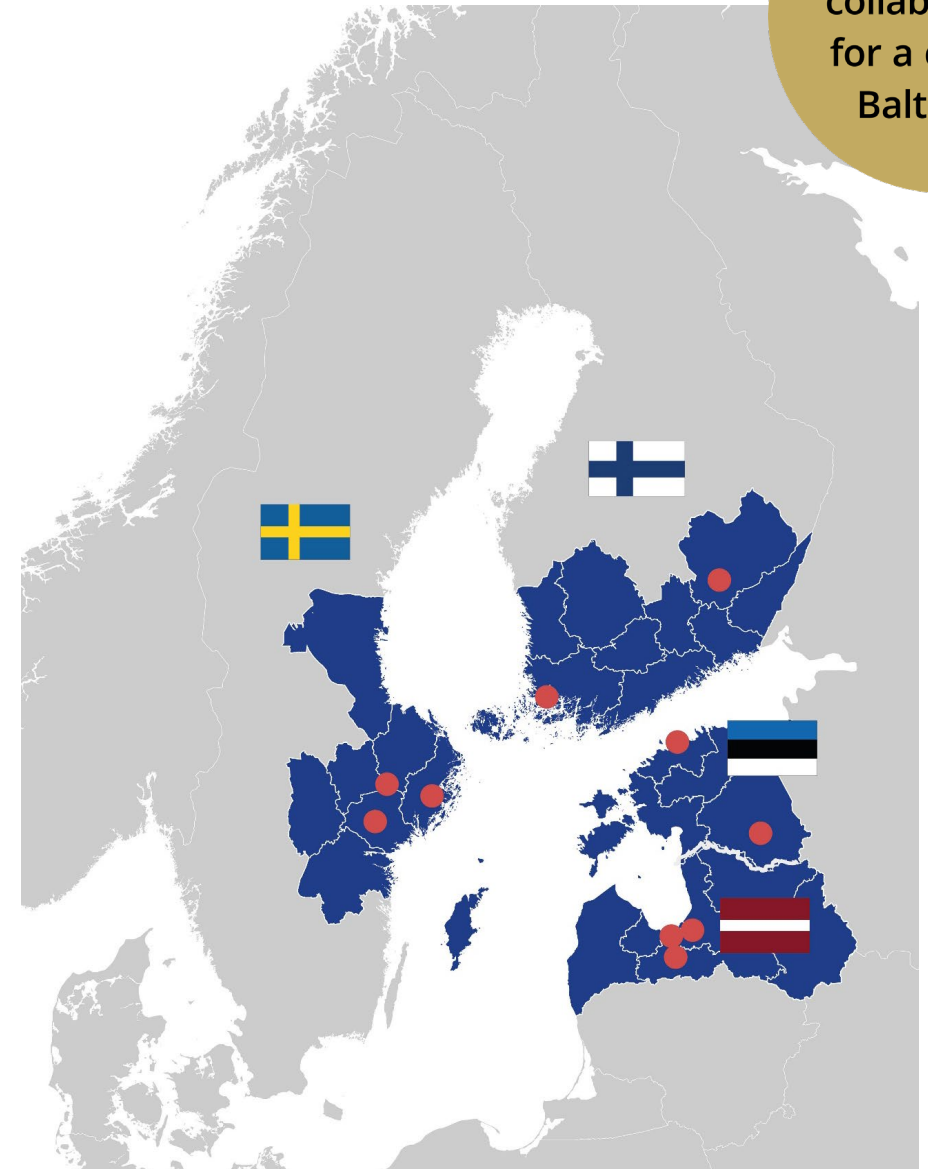
Budget: ~€3.5 million

Coordinating partner: County Administrative Board of Stockholm, in collaboration with 10 partners from Sweden, Finland, Estonia, and Latvia

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Central Baltic Programme Priority Area 4 (PO4): Improved coastal and marine environment

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Overall objective:

To reduce the spread of PFAS in the Baltic Sea through broad collaboration between municipalities, regional authorities, water utilities, and remediation companies. By combining preventive measures, clear regulations, and technical solutions, the project aims to contribute to effective and sustainable PFAS remediation in coastal and marine environments.

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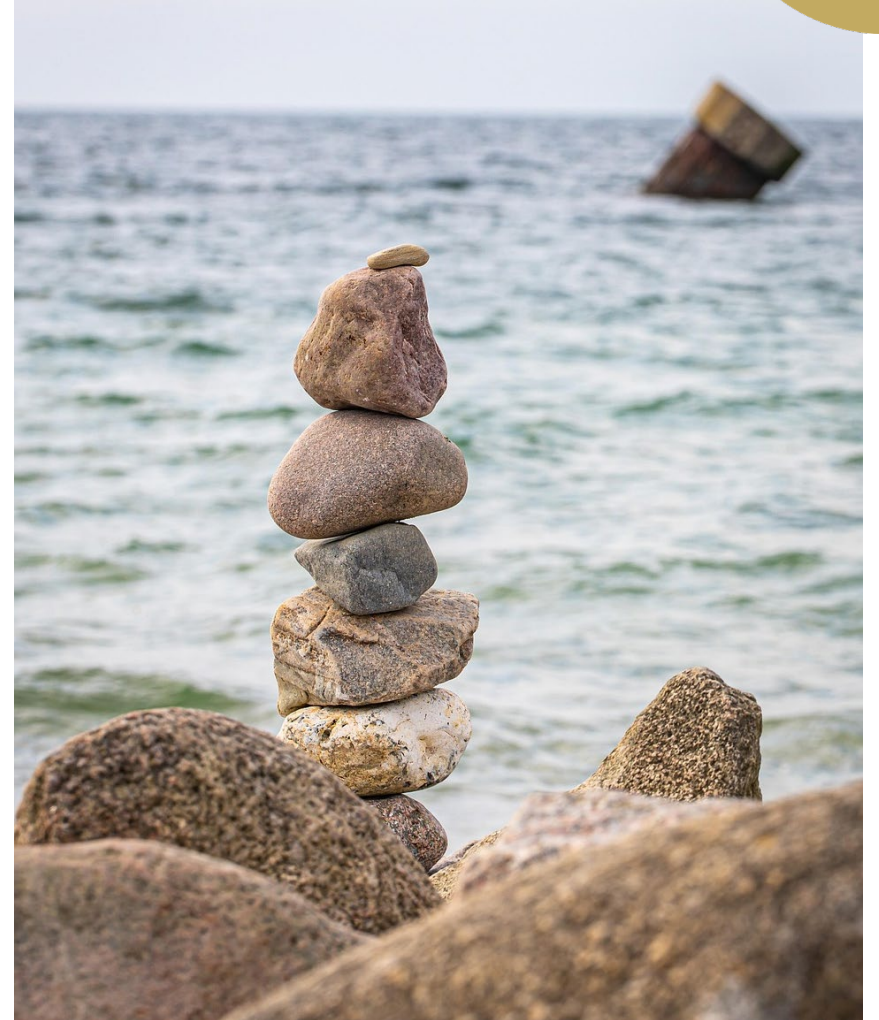


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Work Packages (WPs):

WP1: PFAS Source Tracking and Remediation Planning

WP2: PFAS Analysis, Containment, and Mitigation in Water and Wastewater Treatment Systems

WP3: PFAS Remediation – Stormwater Pilot Projects

WP4: Increased Awareness and PFAS Mitigation at Airports, Fire Stations, and Training Sites

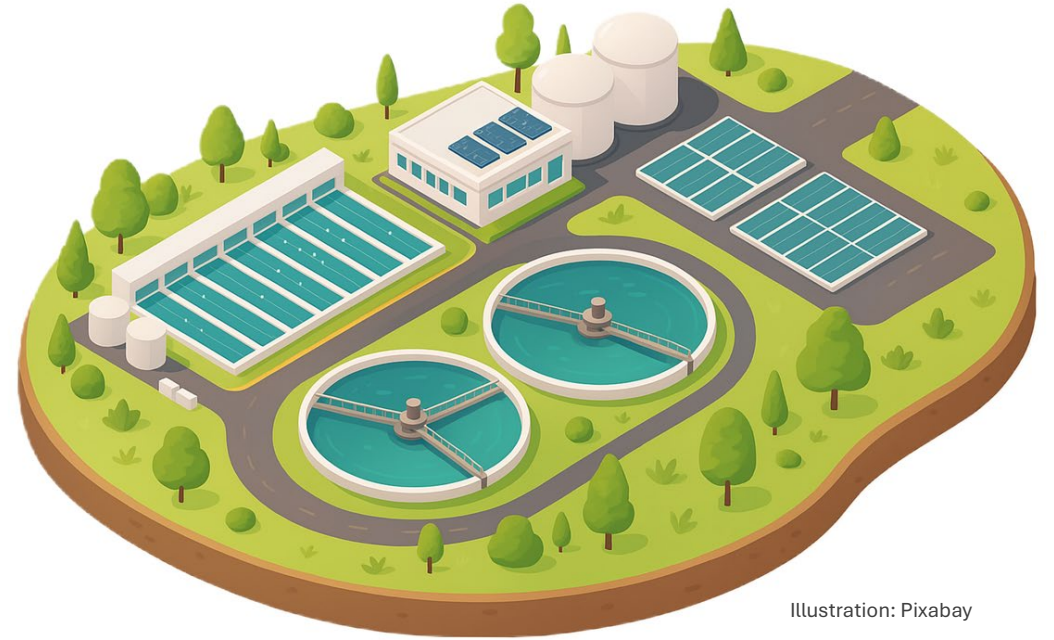


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Project Partners

Baltic PFAS Resolve includes 11 partners from 4 countries (Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia):

- County Administrative Board of Stockholm (SE) – Coordinator: WP1 & WP3
- Lake Mälaren Water Association (SE) – Co-coordinator: WP1
- Stockholm Water and Waste Company (SE) – Coordinator: WP2
- Katrineholm Municipality (SE)
- Turku University of Applied Sciences (FI) – Coordinator: WP4
- Mikkeli Development Miksei Ltd. (FI)
- Estonian University of Life Sciences (EE)
- Viimsi Municipality (EE)
- Riga Technical University (LV)
- Jurmala Water Ltd. (LV)
- Zemgale Planning Region (LV)



Also in steering group:

- Swedavia (SE)
- Norrvatten (SE)
- Käppalaförbundet (SE)
- Helcom (FI)
- UBC Sustainable Cities Commission (FI)



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Thank you!



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