

## BALEX seminars and a new research project on eutrophication

On 31 October 2017, BALEX will organize an international research seminar in Turku on multiple layers of regulation in the Baltic Sea Region. The keynote lectures given by top experts in the field are open for the public, and we warmly welcome all BALEX collaborators to join the discussion!

A project addressing the legal aspects of shipwrecks is under preparation and, as a part of this, a seminar for state authorities and other interest groups who are working with shipwrecks in the Baltic Sea will be organized on 29-30 November 2017 in Helsinki, Finland, in co-operation with the Finnish Environment Institute Syke.

BALEX has also started working on a new research project on assessment of the contribution of the Baltic Sea's internal nutrient reserves on eutrophication and the legal, political and institutional aspects of potential mitigation measures. The project is ordered by Finland's Ministry of the Environment and conducted together with Vahanen Environment Oy who are working with the ecological, technical and socio-economical aspects of the issue.

In this newsletter, you will find more information about these projects. Information about BALEX activities can even be found on Twitter, [www.twitter.fi/BALEXStudies](https://www.twitter.fi/BALEXStudies), and on our website [www.balex.fi](http://www.balex.fi).



**MULTIPLE LAYERS OF  
REGULATION: FOCUS ON THE  
BALTIC SEA REGION**  
**One-day research seminar,  
Turku 31 October 2017**  
**Call for papers**

The BALEX international research seminar will be held on 31 October at 9:45-14:15 in ICT-City (Joukahaisenkatu 3-5, lecture hall "Beta") in Turku, Finland, on the topic **Multiple Layers of Regulation: Focus on the Baltic Sea Region.**

The presentations are public and will be given by international top experts in Baltic Sea governance:

10:30-11:15 **Marja Lehto**, Dr., Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Member of UN International Law Commission

*Multilayerism in the Baltic Sea Governance: How International Law Can and Should Deal with Regional Specificities?*

11:15-12:00 **Mike Elliott**, Prof. Estuarine & Coastal Sciences, University of Hull, UK., Specialist in marine science-policy interactions.

*From Science to Governance: The Demands and Constraints of Policy-Makers in Managing the Baltic Sea*

13:00-13:45 **Anne Christine Brusendorff**, Dr., General Secretary, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

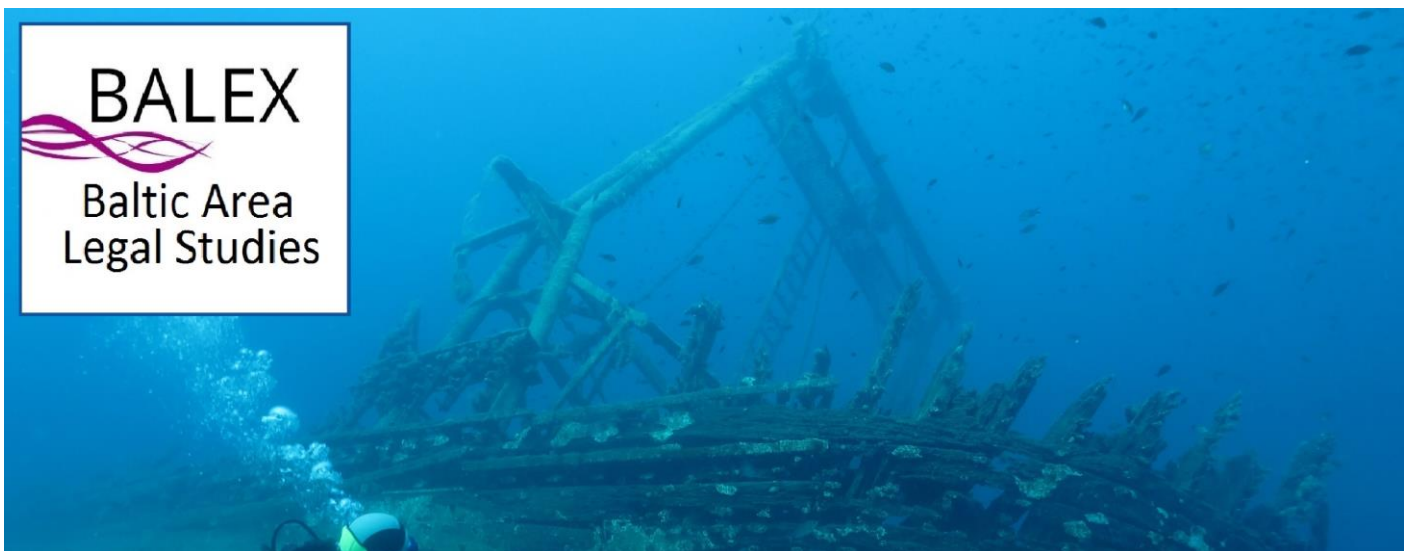
Multiple Legal Layers and Policies: What Approaches Work for the Baltic Sea?

After the presentations, workshops will be organized for researchers who have submitted their papers on various fields relating to the multi-level governance and/or the Baltic Sea.

More information on the seminar can be found on [BALEX website](#). We warmly appreciate if you share the information to potentially interested participants!

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## SEMINAR ON SHIPWRECKS AS ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS, 29-30 NOVEMBER, HELSINKI



A seminar with the topic **Wrecks as Environmental Risks: The Legal Framework** will be organized by BALEX and the Finnish Environment Institute Syke on 29-30 November 2017 in the head office of Syke (Mechelininkatu 34a) in Helsinki, Finland. The focus is on clarifying the needs of international law, national legislation and the authorities in situations where the possibility to decontaminate (clean) wreck sites, and in particular the distribution of costs and responsibilities related to this, are problematic. The aim of the seminar is to assess the regulatory frameworks concerning wrecks and the environment, highlight the existing problems and try to find solutions to them.

More information about the seminar can be found on [tinyurl.com/WreckSeminar](http://tinyurl.com/WreckSeminar). Again, please feel free to share the information!

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## A NEW PROJECT TO ASSESS BALTIC SEA'S INTERNAL NUTRIENT RESERVES

BALEX has started working on an assessment of the contribution of the Baltic Sea's internal nutrient reserves on eutrophication and the legal, political and institutional aspects of potential mitigation measures. The project is lead by the Ministry of the Environment.

Internal nutrient stores refer to the pool of nutrients in the sea that are due to excessive nutrient loads from the catchment and anoxic bottoms. The stores are increasing the eutrophication of the Baltic Sea. The study will help to implement the Finland's marine strategy which aims to achieve a good state of the Baltic Sea by 2020.

The project will provide information especially for the decision-makers. The ecological, technical and socio-economical part of the assessment is conducted by Vahanen Environment Oy.

News about the project in Finnish [here](#) and [here](#).

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## OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS

2017 is the main year for the BaltReg project, addressing the interaction between multiple layers of rules and the role of other non-legal steering mechanisms in the Baltic Sea. The main event was an international conference held on 23-25 August in Korpoström, Finland. The team also hosted a specific working group on these issues at the 13th Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference in Tampere on 6-8 June.

A new research project on unmanned ships, 'Design for Value' (D4V), started in the summer. This continues from the research done at AAWA, but has a broader scope and a larger number of participants, from industry and academia. Both the University of Turku and Åbo Akademi participate in D4V, with the main task of assessing the legal challenges that unmanned ships presents at different levels.

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## PAST ACTIVITIES

BALEX was present at the annual forum for the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region in Berlin, Germany, on 13-14 June. BALEX Coordinator Saara Ilvessalo also participated in the Baltic Leadership Programme organized by the Swedish Institute in Stockholm on 12-13 October.

A list of publications with a close link to BALEX and its projects is available [on our website](#).

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## NEW IDEAS FOR COLLABORATION PROJECTS ARE WELCOMED

BALEX's main idea is to become a hub to connect the researchers of and the experts in Baltic area legal matters and to connect this expertise with the concrete needs of the Baltic Sea region; its countries, regions and cities, students, officials, NGO's and other players. BALEX is constantly looking for new research projects and is also willing to offer its legal expertise for assignments related to the Baltic Sea region and to participate with a legal perspective in on-going research projects. The expertise of BALEX and its actors can also be utilized as background information in news, external topical events and smaller research projects. BALEX warmly welcomes new associates, scientific partners and other partners in cooperation. Feel free to contact us with any ideas or suggestion!

With all inquiries related to BALEX and suggestions for collaboration, please contact our personnel!





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Wishing all BALEX collaborators  
a nice autumn!