Increasing our understanding of the value of ecosystem services in the Baltic Sea

Coastal and marine ecosystem services contribute to human well-being in many ways, and there is a need to increase the understanding of these ecosystem services and their value in the Baltic Sea area. The purpose of the workshop is to exchange knowledge, share the results of existing studies and discuss how valuation of ecosystem services in the Baltic Sea can be used for ecosystem-based marine management.

Topics to be discussed include:
- global and regional perspectives on the valuation of coastal and marine ecosystem services
- case studies on the monetary valuation of ecosystem services in the Baltic Sea, and
- linkages between the valuation of ecosystem services and marine management in the Baltic Sea.

The workshop is targeted for experts, representatives from international organizations and personnel from government offices and agencies.

Outcomes
- Enhanced understanding of economic valuation of marine and coastal ecosystem services.
- Examples and practical guidance on how valuation of ecosystem services can support policy making.
- Identification of knowledge gaps in the valuation of ecosystem services in the Baltic and other seas.

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