

Greening Motorways of the Sea

Sustainable port planning and shipping in the Baltic Sea area

Latvian case

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VAK- Vides aizsardzības klubs

Friends of the Earth Latvia/Environment Protection Club

National NGO actions against building new terminals in Riga

WHO?

- VAK- Vides aizsardzības klubs/ Friends of the Earth Latvia/ Environment Protection Club
- NGO "Kundziņsala"

WHY?

- Air pollution and smells
- Planned three new oil terminals
- Growing transport intensity and noise (railway)
- Close (tens of meters!) to living areas and playgrounds
- Related risk factors (injuries of children)
- Close to NATURA 2000 sites and a zone of recreation for citizens
- Inadequate Environmental Impact assessment procedure- no Health aspects!
- Other offences done by Ltd “Man-Tess”

What we have done?

- NGO “Kundziņsala”
- Case study
- Actions
 - Piquets
 - Writing letters
 - Art exhibitions
 - Work with media
 - Participation on airings
 - Policy work

Our achievements:

- 15 000 signatures against new oil terminals
- Cabinet of Ministers limiting regulations of malodorous gases (Regulation Nr. 626, 27.07.2004.)
- Strategic Environmental Impact assessment for all Freeport of Riga authority territory



For more information:

- www.vak.lv
- www.rop.lv
- www.piekraste.daba.lv
- www.vidm.gov.lv

Thank you!

