



Venue and Travel

The conference will be held in two hotels: **Seethotel Villa Esplanade mit Aurora** and **Seethotel Pommerscher Hof**, located in **Heringsdorf** on the Usedom Island.

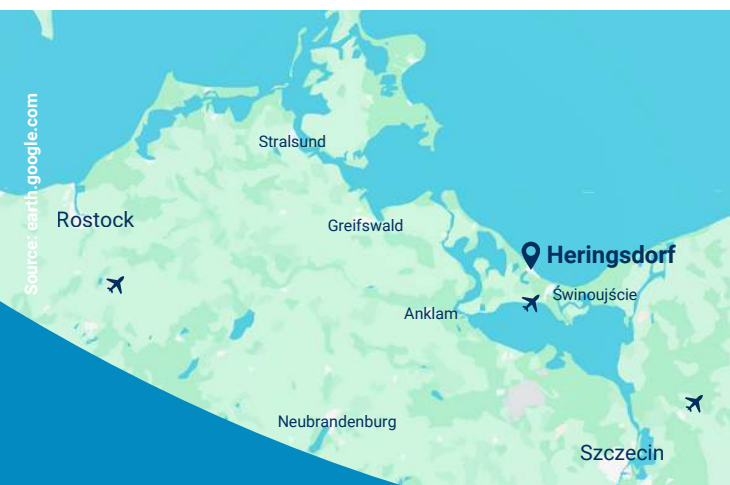
A **special conference rate** is available at the conference hotel at 111 € per room per night, including breakfast.

The town of Heringsdorf and the conference hotels are easily accessible by train, bus, car, or ferry. There are also direct flight connections from selected cities to Heringsdorf Airport.

More Information

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6th Baltic Earth Conference



Baltic Earth 2.0

Heringsdorf, Usedom, Germany
 13 – 17 April 2026

Second Announcement



Background

The **Baltic Earth scientific network** strives to achieve an improved Earth System understanding of the Baltic Sea region as the basis for science-based management in the face of climatic, environmental and human impact in the region. Baltic Earth brings together a **broad international research community around scientific issues relevant for societal efforts to achieve sustainability in the region**. Baltic Earth targets the atmosphere, land and marine environment of the Baltic Sea, its drainage basin and nearby areas with relevance for the Baltic Sea region. Baltic Earth has entered a new phase, called **Baltic Earth 2.0**. It is characterized by a new secretariat shared between Germany and Poland and revised research topics, which will be the foci of the conference.

Conference

After the publication of the Baltic Earth Assessment Reports (BEARs) in 2023, it is now time to move on and update research challenges, and define new ones. The updated and new research foci will be presented and discussed by scientists, students, managers, and other stakeholders. The conference language is English.

The **conference sessions** reflect the research themes of the new Baltic Earth 2.0 science plan. Nine sessions are planned in total, with full descriptions available on the conference website:

- Climate variability and teleconnections
- Microscale to basin-wide oceanographic processes and their impacts on the large-scale circulation
- Natural hazards and their impacts
- Sea level and coastal change
- Biogeochemistry of the Baltic Sea – Linking observations and modelling
- Adaptive governance under multiple drivers of change in the Baltic Sea
- Marginal Seas – Humans and Environment
- Future projections of the Baltic Sea region
- Philosophical aspects of Baltic Sea Earth system research



Registration

The dedicated **call for papers** will be released in **October 2025** and will include detailed descriptions of the scientific sessions. Submissions are welcome on any of the topics listed above, as well as on related themes and programmes. Both invited and contributed papers will be presented in plenary sessions and dedicated poster sessions. A special event will also be organised for early-career scientists.

Fees

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| • Regular fee | 380€ |
| • Early-career scientists (up to 7 years after PhD) | 290€ |

Important Dates

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| • Call for Papers open | 24 October 2025 |
| • Abstract deadline | 8 December 2025 |
| • Notification to authors | 9 January 2026 |
| • Preliminary programme available | 30 January 2026 |
| • Registration & fee payment deadline | 12 February 2026 |
| • Hotel booking deadline | 13 March 2026 |



Location

Usedom, a picturesque island shared by Germany and Poland, is a true jewel of the Baltic coast. It offers over 40 km of sandy beaches and more than 1,900 hours of sunshine annually, as well as extensive areas of well-preserved natural landscapes. Notable sites include the historic spa towns of Bansin, Heringsdorf, and Ahlbeck, and the Heringsdorf Pier, Germany's longest, extending 508 m into the sea. The island has a strong maritime heritage, with traditional fishing practices that continue to contribute to its local character and cuisine.