Rewilding Oder Delta

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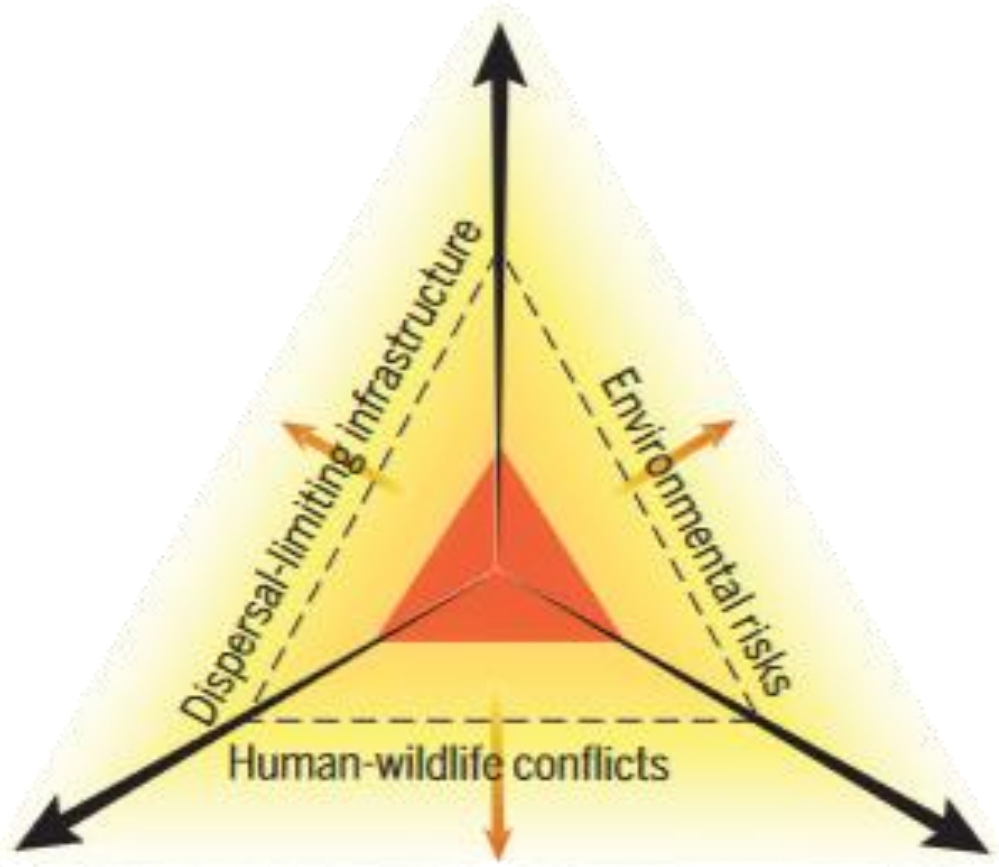
Rewilding

- Space for natural processes and rhythms: Dispersal potential, stochastic disturbance & trophic complexity; and thus room for restoration of biodiversity
- Landscape-related context (large-scale)
- Rewilding measures range from locally initiated adaptations in utilised cultural landscapes to wilderness development
- Reduce active interventions in nature (also cost-saving)
- Creating public support, commitment and a positive attitude in favour of more and wilder nature
- A progressive, innovative and participatory approach to nature conservation and sustainable regional development, also in the interests of the economy



Perino et al. 2019

Rewilding Oder Delta, one of 11 Rewilding Europe landscapes

History

2012	First activities around the Szczecin Lagoon
2013/14	Potential and feasibility study for BfN
2015	Official recognition by Rewilding Europe
since 2017	Support from the German Postcode Lottery (DPCL)
2019	Founding of Rewilding Oder Delta e.V. (ROD)
2020/21	ROD receives Traumtaler from DPCL
2021/24	REWILD_DE (BMBF-FEDA) & UFZ, iDiv, HNE
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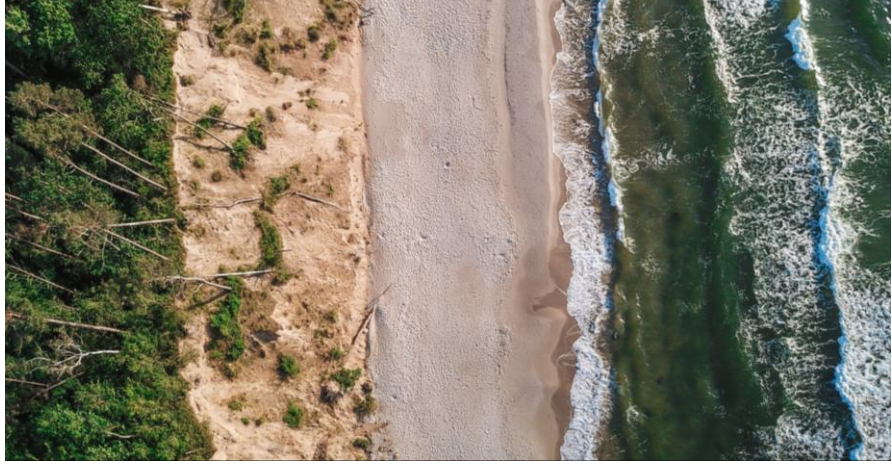
Our Vision

Natural processes are being revived in the Oder Delta, strengthening the ecosystems. A rich and diverse fauna contributes to their important ecosystem services. Local people value and protect these, making the Oder Delta a symbol of high quality of life. This creates a thriving, nature-friendly economy that generates employment and strengthens the region in a sustainable way.

Key areas of focus

- More space for wild nature and natural processes, in particular the restoration of natural river courses and marine rewilding.
- Return of wildlife and coexistence.
- Promotion of sustainable regional development and nature-based economy, especially start-ups Nature Guides.
- Public relations, support and commitment among stakeholders.

➢ **MODEL SOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTED IN PRACTICE**



Marine Rewilding for the Baltic Sea

Target group-oriented communication

- Raising awareness of the value of marine ecosystem services and the restoration of marine nature
- Assessing challenges and the need for marine restoration measures
- Identifying and networking relevant stakeholders within the field of marine habitat restoration
- Pilot measure(s): Renaturation of sand habitats (on Ruden island)
- Restoration of breeding sites for endangered bird species (especially little terns and sandpipers)

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Duration: 10/2023 – 12/2025, Budget: 397.032 EUR

Aim: To establish an international bottom-up network that brings together actors from environmental organizations, fisheries, agriculture, tourism, science, and authorities

- First period: 6 partner organizations in 4 countries
- Interactive workshop series on topics like **blue restoration, fisheries, invasive species, and ecosystem-based management**
- Promoting an effective protection and restoration of marine and coastal ecosystems for a vital Baltic Sea
- Different outcomes with transnational objectives based on the workshop content
- **Multi-lingual website** with a networking platform allowing network members and civil society to easily access workshop results

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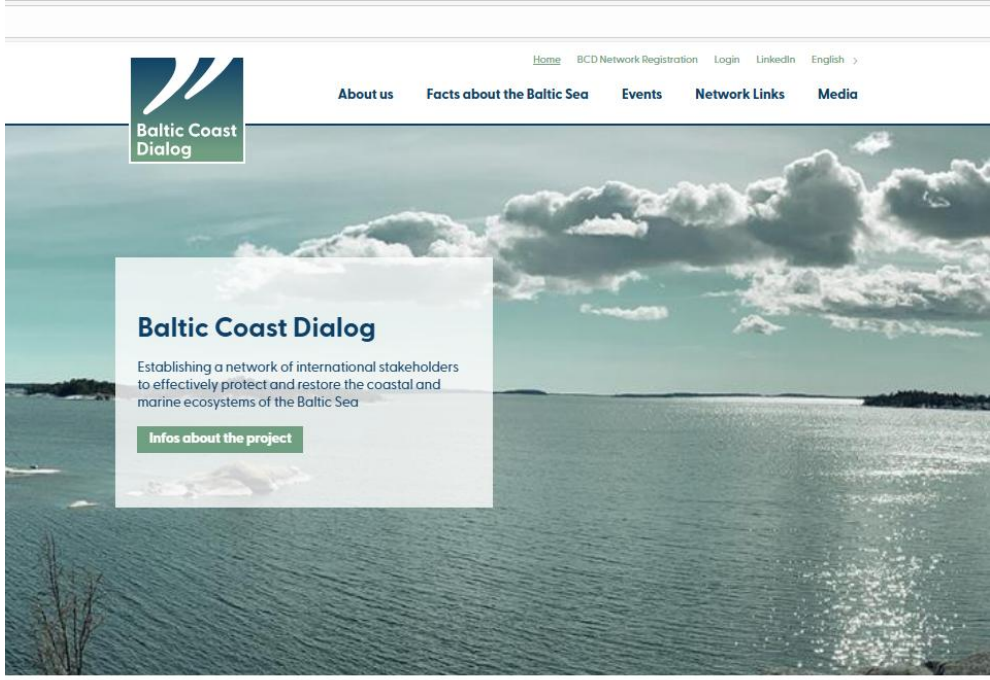
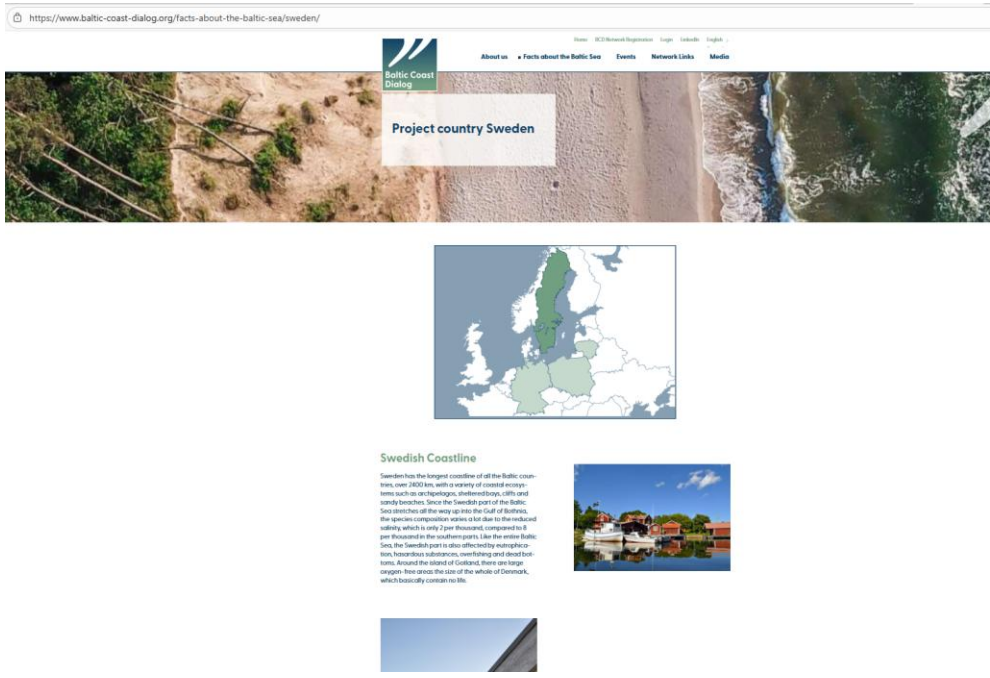
- *Blue Restoration* (Sept. `24): 53 part.
- *Fisheries Management in Marine Protected Area (Nov. `24): 98 part.*
- Invasive Species Management (Jan. `25): 98 part.
- EBFM (April `25): 73 part.
- Today: *Bycatch of marine mammals and sea birds*
- Multi-lingual website with a networking platform allow both network members and civil society to easily and comprehensibly access workshop results
- ***Webseite:*** *https://www.baltic-coast-dialog.org/de/*
- ***LinkedIn:*** *https://www.linkedin.com/company/baltic-coast-dialog/?viewAsMember=true*
- ***Network platform:*** *https://lnkd.in/dpXJCbbg*





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- An **interactive and multinational platform** to get in touch with other people and organisations that promote the conservation of the Baltic Sea
- Promote the dialogue and **develop synergies and joint perspectives** between and within international environmental organisations, fisheries, agriculture, tourism, science and authorities to encourage governments and administrations to act
- **Sharing ideas and concrete actions** that combine challenges and requirements of biodiversity and marine conservation will be of help for everyone

Network LinkedIn-group:

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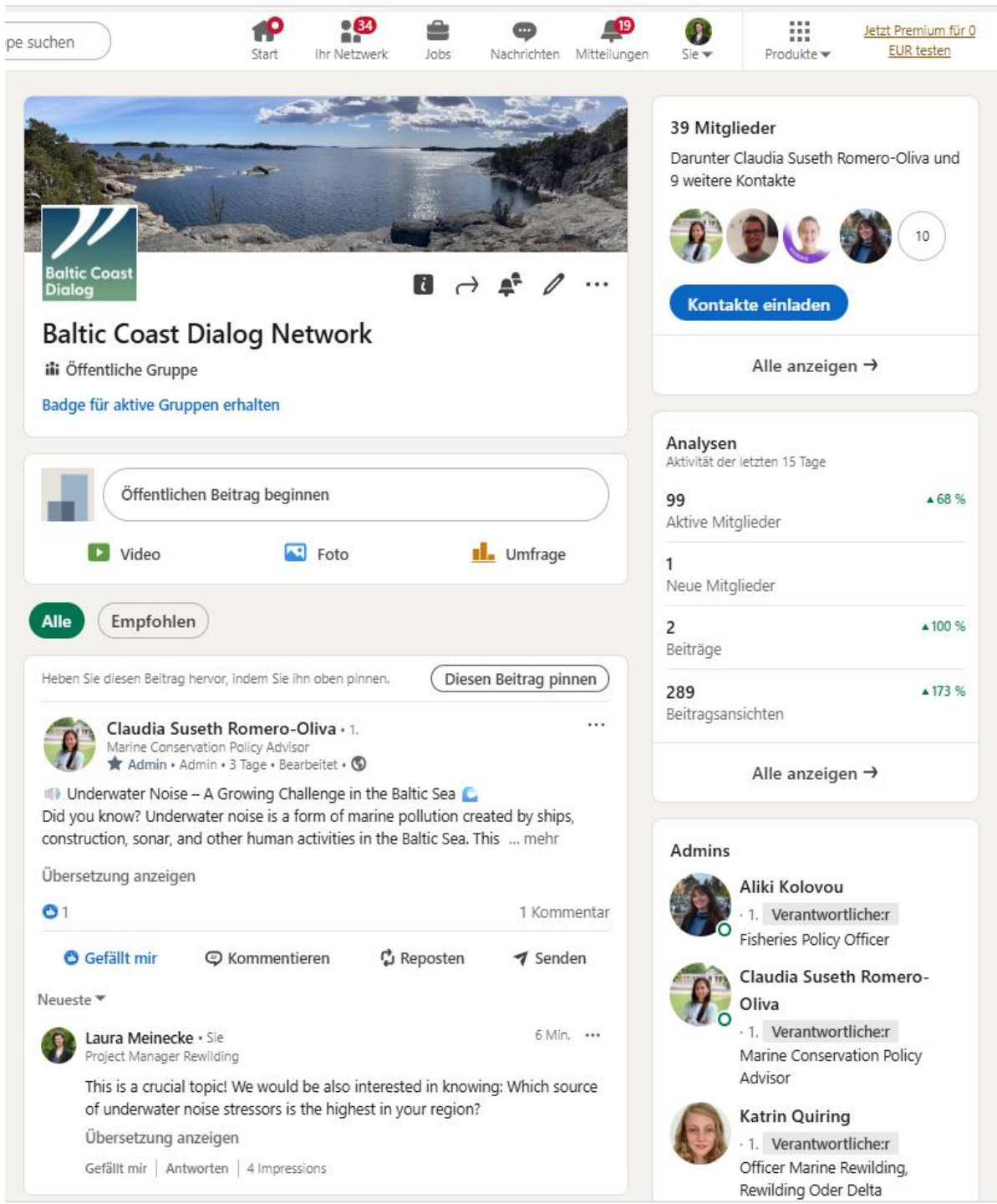

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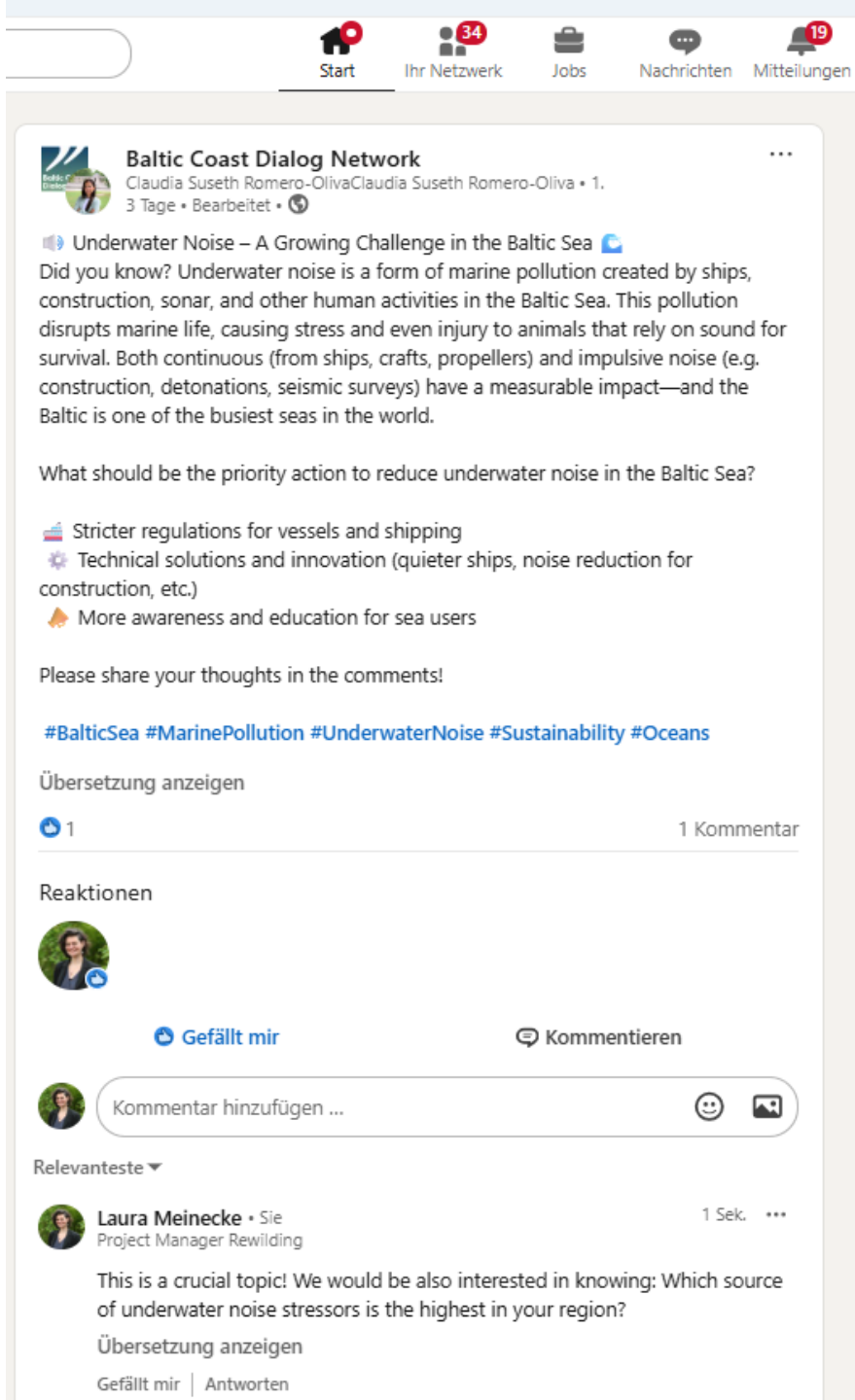
How you profit

- **Exchange of perspectives and experiences:** A continuous forum to discuss current issues and find approaches to challenges
- You find **your target audience** there
- **Inspiring marketplace for ideas and knowledge**
- Everyone can post and shape the conversation

  "I am looking for easy and practicable ways of participatory work in Ecosystem Based Management along the coast of Latvia. Is someone ready to share experiences?"

- **Active and easy exchange** between network/LinkedIn group members
- It can survive even after project ends, ongoing need to post for exchange
- An **opportunity to outreach to other platforms** or similar networks
- Job offers can be posted in there too from anyone



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How you profit

🔬 Share and discuss the latest science

❓ Ask questions about projects and research

🗓️ Promote and find relevant events

🤝 Network across environmental, fisheries, agriculture, tourism, science, and authority sectors

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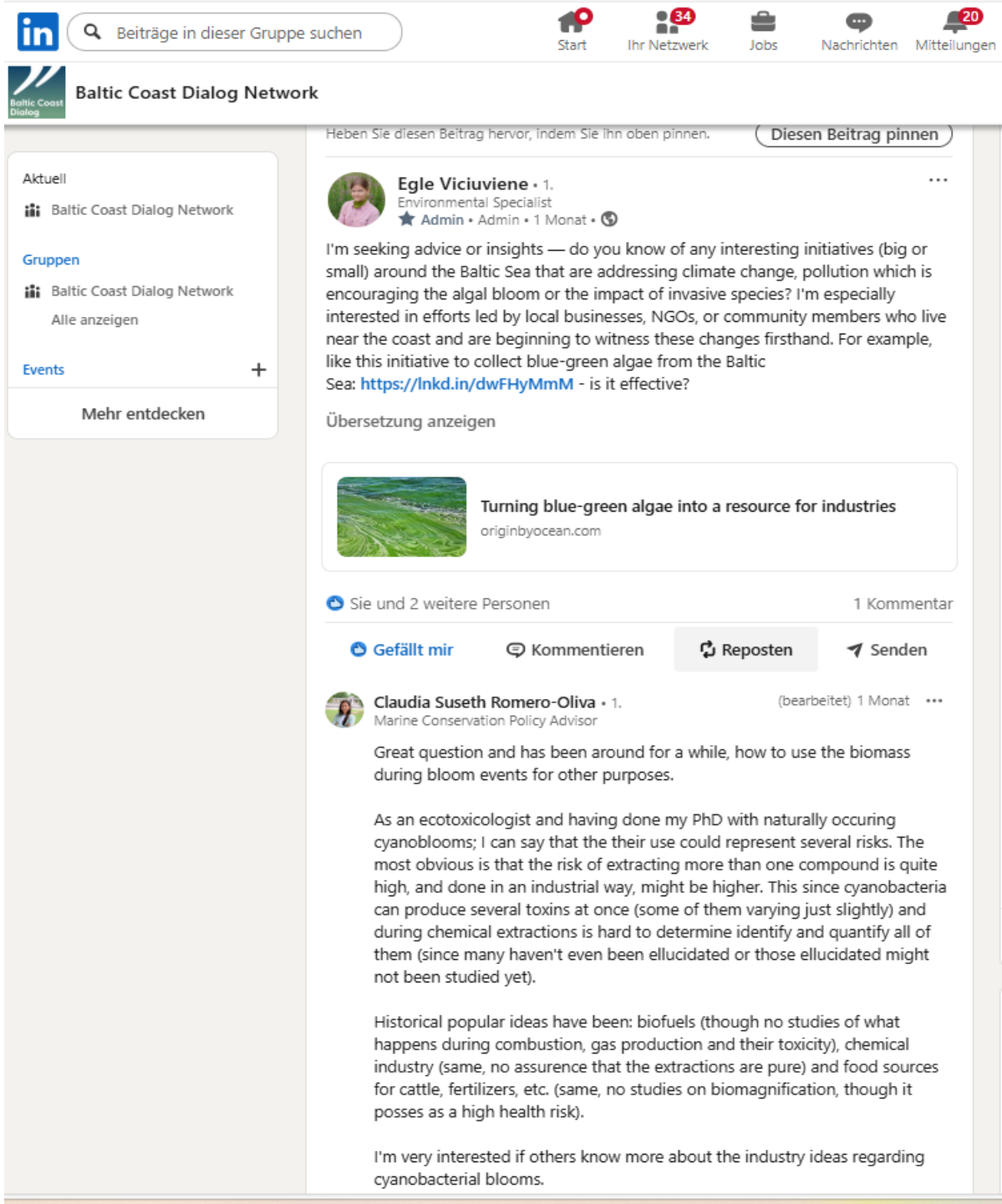

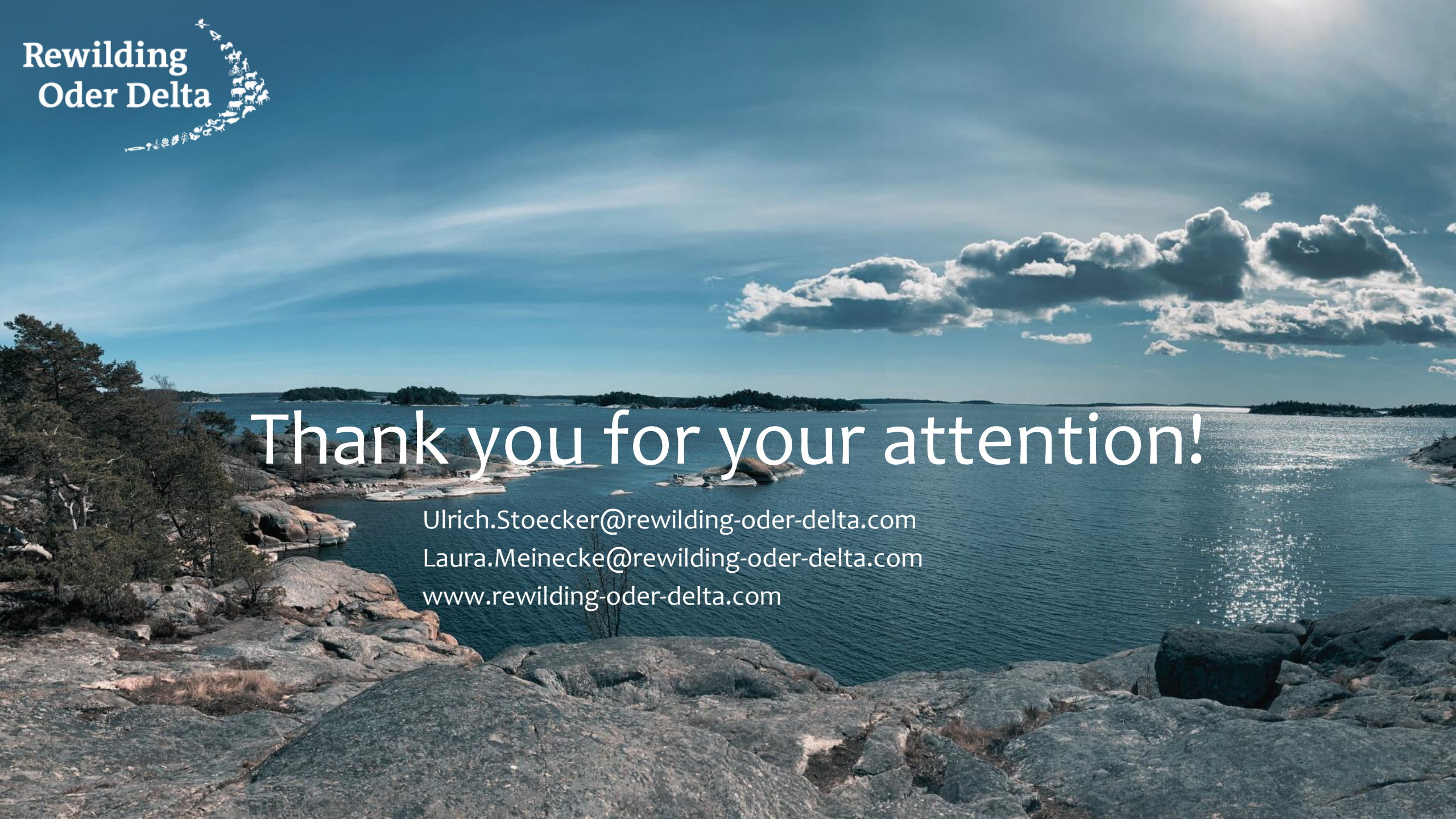

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