



21 October 2014

To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation
HELCOM Observers
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM Groups
Contact Addresses of HELCOM Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices

cc: Contact Addresses of former HELCOM Baltic Agriculture and Environment Forum

Re. [Invitation to the First Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices \(AGRI 1-2014\), Copenhagen, Denmark, 20-21 November 2014](#)

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to the Outcome of the 35th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (paragraph 3.20) and the 46th Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (paragraph 3.10 and 4.44), I have the honour to invite the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention and the HELCOM Observers to the First Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (AGRI 1-2014), which will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 20-21 November 2014. The Meeting will be hosted by the Danish Ministry of the Environment and it will be held at the premises of the Danish Environmental Protection Agency (address: Strandgade 29, 1401 Copenhagen K). The Meeting will start at 10:00 on Thursday, 20 November, and is expected to terminate by 16:00 on Friday, 21 November.

The main aims of the Meeting are:

- to elaborate a Work Plan for the future work of the Group according to the Terms of Reference, including timetables and assigning lead parties,
- to outline and plan activities aimed at implementation of the commitments of the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting according to the ToR, including related to revision of the part II of Annex III of the Helsinki Convention, guidelines or standards for nutrient content in manure and phosphorus recycling.

In order to ensure the success of the Meeting, I would encourage relevant representatives from agriculture and environment authorities of the Baltic Sea countries, as well as EU, and HELCOM Observers to participate in the Meeting.

I have the honour to enclose the invitation by Denmark as well as Information for Participants. Documents for the Meeting will be made available in the new [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#). Please find here [instructions](#) for *signing up as a first time user* of the new Meeting Portal. The participants are kindly invited to sign up to the new Meeting Portal at their earliest convenience. Once you have signed up to the Meeting Portal, the Secretariat will need to grant you separate permission to access the restricted meeting document library on the [AGRI 1-2014 Meeting Site](#). After sign up, the participants are kindly requested to *sign in and register to the Meeting* by answering the [Participation Survey](#) not later than **by 13 November 2014**.

The Secretariat kindly requests the Contracting Parties and Observers to observe the deadlines for submission of documents to a HELCOM meeting. The basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision to the Meeting should be submitted in electronic form to Professional Secretary, Mr. Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky (Dmitry.Frank-Kamenetsky@helcom.fi) **by 29 October 2014**. Bulky documents should include abstracts embodying the essence of the proposals and action requested from the meeting. Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents should be provided to the Secretariat **by 13 November 2014**.

Yours sincerely,

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Invitation to the first meeting of the Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices

Dear Ms. Stankiewicz,

On behalf of the Danish Ministry of the Environment I have the pleasure to invite the HELCOM contracting parties and other concerned stakeholders to the first meeting of the Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices on 20-21 November 2014 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

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