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Background

HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2018 committed to elaborating by 2020 a Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy that aims for reduced nutrient inputs to and eutrophication of the Baltic Sea. The strategy was to be established with a step-by-step approach and propose a common vision and objectives for nutrient recycling. The Ministerial Meeting further decided to develop, as a follow-up to the Strategy, possible nutrient recycling measures to be included in the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan beyond 2021.

The Agri group is leading the elaborating of the Strategy in cooperation with Pressure Working Group. The draft Strategy, which was also submitted to PRESSURE 14-2021, is included in [document 5-1](#).

PRESSURE 14-2021 considered the document as follows:

The Meeting considered the draft Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy.

The Meeting took note of the comments by EU on the draft Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy.

The Meeting agreed on the document and recalled that the document will also be considered by AGRI 11-2021.

The Meeting further noted of the following comments by Germany:

- insert reference to the EU Green Deal in the introduction;
- include a measure on coupling livestock to the agricultural land available under objective 1;
- remove “recycling of nutrients from eutrophicated waters to land” from the introduction and the measure “promote the development of methods and technologies to manage accumulated nutrient reserves” from objective 4.

The Meeting invited the AGRI group to consider the proposed changes to the nutrient recycling strategy and amend the document accordingly. The Meeting further requested the Secretariat to circulate the final version of the document to PRESSURE after consideration by AGRI for editorial check.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the comments to the Strategy by PRESSURE 14-2021 and take the comments given by PRESSURE 14-2021 into account, finalizing the document.