



12 December 2018

To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation  
Observers of HELCOM  
Contacts of HELCOM Agri group  
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Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM Groups

Re. [Invitation to the Seventh Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices \(AGRI 7-2019\), St. Petersburg, Russia, 19-20 March 2019](#)

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to the Outcome of the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 54-2018, paragraph 4.44), I have the honour to invite the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention and the HELCOM Observers to the Seventh Meeting of the Agri group (AGRI 7-2019), which will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia on 19-20 March 2019. The Meeting will be hosted by the State Company "Mineral" and it will be held at the premises of the State Institute for Engineering and Environmental Problems in Agricultural Production - Branch of Federal State Budgetary Scientific Institution "Federal Scientific Agroengineering Center VIM" (address: Tyarlevo, 3 Filtrovskoe av.).

The Meeting will be opened on **Tuesday, 19 March, at 10:00** and is expected to terminate **by 14:00 on Wednesday, 20 March**.

I have the honour to enclose the invitation by Russia as well as the provisional agenda. Information for participants including information on visa support is also attached.

Documents for the Meeting will be made available in the AGRI 7-2019 [Meeting Site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal. The participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) not later than **by 12 March 2019**. Please note that you need to be a registered user with relevant rights to access the restricted meeting documents and to register to the meeting. [Instructions](#) for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the HELCOM website.

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](mailto:Dmitry.Frank-Kamenetsky@helcom.fi)) **by 26 February 2019**. 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 12 March 2019**.

Yours sincerely,

Monika Stankiewicz  
Executive Secretary



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**Invitation to the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (AGRI 7 -2019), St. Petersburg, Russia, 19 -20 March 2019**

Dear Ms. Monika Stankiewicz,

On behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation SC Mineral as a national coordinator of the HELCOM activities in the NW region of the Russian Federation has pleasure to invite HELCOM Contracting Parties and interested stakeholders to take part in the to the **7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (AGRI 7 -2019) on 19 – 20 March 2019** in St. Petersburg (Tyarlevo, 3 Filtrovskoe av.) at the premises of [the State Institute for Engineering and Environmental Problems in Agricultural Production - Branch of Federal State Budgetary Scientific Institution “Federal Scientific Agroengineering Center VIM”](#) (IEEP – branch of FSAC VIM).

The participants of the AGRI group are also invited to take part in the [XX Baltic Sea Day Forum](#) which will be organized on the following dates (21 -22 of March, 2019) in St. Petersburg, Expoforum Exhibition Centre.

The logistic information (hotel, visa support and other) will be sent in due time.

Contact person: Ms. Natalia Oblomkova, Researcher of IEEP, phone +7 9500494728, e-mail: [oblomkovan@gmail.com](mailto:oblomkovan@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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