



Outcome of the Dedicated Meeting of the Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (AGRI 9b-2020)

Introduction

0.1 The Dedicated Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (AGRI 9b-2020) was held online on 12 June 2020.

0.2 All the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention, except for European Union, Lithuania and Russia, attended the Meeting, as well as Observers from Baltic Sea Action Group and Coalition Clean Baltic. The List of Participants is contained in **Annex 1**.

0.3 The Meeting was moderated by the Secretariat. Mr. Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky and Ms. Susanna Kaasinen, from the HELCOM Secretariat acted as secretaries of the Meeting.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

Documents: 1-1

1.1 The Meeting adopted the Agenda of the Meeting as contained in document 1-1.

Agenda Item 2 Technical review of synopses

Documents: 2-1, 2-1-Att.1, 2-1-Rev.1, 2-1-Att.1-Rev.1, 2-2

2.1 The Meeting recalled that to support the selection of new measures and actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan, an invitation to submit synopses on potential new HELCOM actions was put forward in spring 2019 to the Contracting Parties, HELCOM subsidiary bodies, international projects and HELCOM Observers. The Meeting further recalled that AGRI 9-2020 took note of the synopses related to agriculture and the guidance for making a technical review of the synopses as well as agreed to supply replies utilizing the agreed template for review of synopses and to discuss them in a dedicated online meeting.

2.2 The Meeting recalled that the review at this stage is technical and based on expert opinion, not political views, and that no synopses will be omitted at this stage unless they are overlapping with existing measures. The Meeting took note that the BSAP UP workshops will further evaluate the proposed measures and the Working Group meetings in autumn will consider the outcomes of the workshops and endorse them for submission to HOD 59-2020.

2.3 The Meeting agreed on the technical review of synopses (**Annex 2**).

2.4 The Meeting took note that the BSAB UP workshop on eutrophication will be held online 26-27 August 2020 and encouraged national experts to attend the workshop and contribute to its work.

Agenda Item 3 Any other business

Documents: None

3.1 The Meeting did not discuss any other business.

Agenda Item 4 Outcome of the Meeting

4.1 A draft outcome was prepared by the Secretariat and adopted via correspondence.

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