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Second HELCOM BalticBOOST Workshop on the HOLAS II hazardous substance assessment

TIME: TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 10:00 – WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 12:00

VENUE: NIVA DENMARK WATER RESEARCH, ØRESTADS BOULEVARD 73, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Aim of the workshop

The workshop will evaluate the development of the Hazardous substances assessment tool and provide feedback on the assessment of hazardous substances to be carried out as part of the HELCOM HOLAS II project.

More specifically, the workshop will:

- Evaluate the findings of the so called five test outputs as defined during BalticBOOST HZ WS 1-2016;
- Detail the needed remaining steps to operationalize the hazardous substance assessment tool.
- Consider outputs from the tool and how to include information on uncertainty and confidence in the assessment.

Based on the evaluation the workshop will also consider the most appropriate calculation methods such as determining if mean/average/weighted average per assessment unit is most appropriate and how indicator and data availability affects the test outcomes in relation to the four compartments.

The workshop will be chaired by Lead Partner for BalticBOOST WP 2.1, Jesper Andersen, NIVA Denmark.

Background

HOLAS II runs from December 2014 to June 2018. The project will assess the overall environmental status of the Baltic Sea and its pressures, and evaluate progress in relation to the goals of the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP). It will be developed so that it can also be used by Contracting Parties also being EU Member States in the reporting under the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). One main focus during 2016 is to develop methods and tools for carrying out the assessments, including the thematic assessment of hazardous substance status.

Guidance to the tool development is provided by the HELCOM State and Conservation Working group, the HOLAS II core team, the HELCOM expert network on hazardous substances, and through expertise from Contracting Parties through two HELCOM BalticBOOST workshops, this workshop being the second one. Based on previous guidance a set of test outputs and test cases have been carried out by BalticBOOST to

support development of the tool for use in HOLAS II and the results of the test will be evaluated at the workshop ([Outcome of HELCOM BalticBOOST HZ WS 1-2016](#), [Outcome of STATE & CONSERVATION 6-2016](#), [Outcome of HOLAS II 5-2016](#), [Outcome of EN-HZ 2-2016](#)). The tests take into consideration the evolving European Commission Decision on GES criteria.

Registration

The participants are kindly requested to **register to the Workshop by 26 August, 2016** by answering the [Participation Survey](#).

Background documents

Background documents for the workshop will be up-loaded on the [meeting document library](#) of the meeting site in the HELCOM Meeting Portal.

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Tentative schedule	Topic
<i>Tuesday 13 September</i>	
10:00 – 12:20	<p>Arrival and words of welcome</p> <p>Workshop outline and way forward of the HOLAS II hazardous substance assessment</p> <p>Background to the five test outputs and test cases of BalticBOOST WP 2.1</p> <p>Presentation of the R-based tool (CHASE 3.0)</p>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 18:00	Evaluation of results from the BalticBOOST WP 2.1 test outputs and case studies
18:00	<i>End of day one</i>
<i>Wednesday 14 September</i>	
9:00 – 12:00	<p>Evaluation of results from the BalticBOOST WP 2.1 test outputs and case studies</p> <p>Presentation of the progress on developing a hazardous substance assessment system through a HELCOM workspace</p> <p>Consider visual outputs of the tool</p>
12:00	<i>End of the workshop</i>