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(EN ESA) meeting

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10th meeting of HELCOM economic and social analyses expert network (EN ESA 10-2020)

Time: 10:00 – 15:00, Friday 18 September 2020 (time zone EEST, UTC+3)

Venue: Online (Zoom)

Aims

The Meeting will contribute to the development of economic and social analyses (ESA) in the Baltic Sea Region. More specifically, the Meeting will discuss:

- ESA in HOLAS III and the MetDev project plan
- Results of the sufficiency of measures (SOM) analysis
- Results from the German valuation study on the benefits of GES.

The Meeting will be chaired by Ms. Berit Hasler.

Background

HELCOM HOLAS III assessment (Third holistic assessment of ecosystem health) is planned to take place in 2021–2023. The preparatory phase for HOLAS III (2020–2021) has been proposed to include methodological development for ESA, as part of the HELCOM Holistic Assessment Methodology Development (MetDev) Project. A draft work package for ESA has been outlined, based on the proposal prepared by EN ESA for ESA in HOLAS III that was presented to GEAR 21-2019 ([Document 5-1](#)). GEAR 21-2019 supported the proposal for ESA in HOLAS III, noting that priorities and ambition level need to be adjusted when resources for the work have been secured ([Outcome](#), paras 5.29-5.31). The intention is to obtain approval for the full MetDev project plan in autumn 2020, enabling the work to start in early 2021. The draft plan for the MetDev project will be made available before the meeting.

The sufficiency of measures (SOM) analysis supports the BSAP update by contributing to the identification of gaps in existing measures to reach good environmental status (GES) and need for new actions for the updated BSAP. The analysis is carried out through the HELCOM ACTION project and the HELCOM SOM Platform. The results from the SOM analysis will be prepared for the BSAP UP workshops arranged in August-September 2020 and made available as background documents to the meeting.

A valuation study is conducted in Germany to assess the willingness to pay (WTP) for reaching a good environmental status (GES) in the German marine environment, i.e. the German parts of the North and Baltic Sea. The aim is to support the implementation of the EU MSFD, as the findings can be used to approximate the cost of degradation of the marine environment. The study follows the approach in the earlier Finnish ([Nieminen et al. 2019](#)) and Swedish ([Nordzell et al. 2020](#)) valuation studies, but employs both the choice

experiment and contingent valuation methods. The study and its results will be presented and discussed in the meeting.

In addition to analysing the sufficiency of *existing* measures, the work plan for the BSAP update includes assessing the sufficiency and cost-effectiveness of potential *new* HELCOM actions for the updated BSAP, carried out by the HELCOM ACTION project and SOM Platform. GEAR 22-2020 invited EN ESA to support the collection of the national information on the costs of measures to fill gaps ([Outcome](#), para 4.31). An intersessional meeting was organized in June to discuss the cost data collection, which agreed to finish the data collection in September 2020. The information can be sent to Liisa Saikkonen (liisa.saikkonen@ymparisto.fi) and Tin-Yu Lai (tin-yu.lai@ymparisto.fi). There is a dedicated [workspace folder](#) for the cost data collection. The meeting will be presented a brief update on the cost data collection.

Preparations and expected contributions

The Contracting Parties are welcome to invite experts of relevance for the aims of the meeting, in particular experts on economic and social analyses in the marine region.

Meeting participants are advised that **background documents** will be made available on the [Meeting website](#) before the Meeting, and that participants are assumed to be familiar with their content in order to meet the aims of the Meeting.

Questions and suggested topics for discussion can be directed to Ms. Heini Ahtiainen (heini.ahtiainen@helcom.fi).

Registration and practical information

Participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) **no later than 11 September 2020**.

Please note that only registered users of the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#) with relevant rights are able to fill in the Participation Survey and to access the restricted documents. Please find [here](#) instructions for first time Meeting Portal users.

A meeting link will be sent to the registered participants before the meeting. Instructions for using the online meeting tool Zoom can be found on [this website](#).

Provisional agenda

All times are in EEST (UTC+3, Finnish time). Please note that short breaks will be taken in the course of the meeting.

Friday 18 September 2020	
10:00	Words of welcome and timely EN ESA issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Information from the SOM Platform 4-2020 meeting and other relevant HELCOM meetings and processes- Status of the cost data collection- Roundtable on recent national ESA activities and projects
10:30 – 11:30	ESA in HOLAS III and the MetDev project plan
11:30 – 12:30	SOM results
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 14:00	SOM results (continued)
14:00 – 15:00	Results from the German valuation study on the benefits of GES
15:00	Meeting ends