



## Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

HELCOM expert network on economic and social analyses  
(EN ESA) meeting

Online, 21 June 2021

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The meeting agenda has been revised to include an invited presentation from the GO4Baltic project.

### 13th meeting of the HELCOM expert network on economic and social analyses (EN ESA 12-2021)

Time: 13:00 – 16:00, Monday 21 June 2021 (time zone EET, UTC+2)

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:

- methodologies for use in HOLAS III
- the progress of the HELCOM MetDev and BLUES projects
- a presentation from a relevant project
- any other business.

The Meeting will be chaired by Ms. Berit Hasler. Contracting Parties are welcome to propose additional items on the agenda of the meeting by contacting Berit Hasler ([bh@envs.au.dk](mailto:bh@envs.au.dk)).

Additionally, an informal session dedicated to discussing exemptions under MSFD Article 14.4 due to disproportionate costs will be held immediately following the close of EN ESA 13-2021.

#### Background

The HELCOM MetDev project is tasked with developing various methodologies for the HELCOM HOLAS III assessment (Third holistic assessment of ecosystem health), planned to take place in 2021–2023. The project will provide an update on its progress and welcomes the Networks comments.

The HELCOM BLUES project is preparing several analyses for the HELCOM HOLAS III assessment including use of marine waters, cost of degradation, sufficiency of measures, and cost benefit analysis. The project is seeking comments from the Network on all analyses and endorsement of select methodologies. Methodologies receiving significant comment or those that are not fully prepared by EN ESA 13-2021 will be presented for endorsement at EN ESA 14-2021.

EN ESA is tasked, in part, with interacting with research projects to explore ways to utilize the research knowledge and benefit from the project outcomes. To this end, an external project has been invited to share the outcome of their work.

## 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.

## Registration and practical information

Participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) **no later than 14 June 2021**.

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 EET (UTC+2, Finnish time). Please note that short breaks will be taken in the course of the meeting.

Monday 21 June 2021	
13:00	Words of welcome and timely EN ESA issues
13:10 – 13:35	Update from the HELCOM MetDev project
13:35 – 14:25	Methodologies for the use of marine waters & the sufficiency and effectiveness of measures cost of degradation analyses
14:25 – 14:35	<i>Break</i>
14:35 – 15:30	Methodologies for cost of degradation & cost-benefit analyses
15:30 – 15:50	Presentation from GO4Baltic
15:50 – 16:00	Any other business
16:00	Meeting ends
16:00 – 16:10	<i>Break</i>
16:10 – 17:00	Informal session