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HELCOM expert network on economic and social analyses meeting

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Second meeting of HELCOM economic and social analyses expert network (EN ESA 2-2018)

Time: Friday 14 December 9:00 – 15:00

Venue: HELCOM Secretariat, Katajanokanlaituri 6 B, 00160 Helsinki, Finland

Aims

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

- Share information on how the effect and sufficiency of measures have been analysed nationally, e.g. in Programmes of Measures for the EU MSFD
- Discuss the planned update of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) and how work relevant to regional ESA can support the update, including the analysis of the sufficiency of measures and business-as-usual scenarios (BAU); and analysis of the cost-effectiveness of measures
 - o Discuss a suitable end year for the BAU scenarios and the types of measures to be included in the BAU to support the BSAP update
 - o Discuss how to link national and regional level in effectiveness studies of measures

The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Soile Oinonen. The meeting is organized back-to-back with the HELCOM Pan Baltic Scope workshop on economic and social analyses ([HELCOM Pan Baltic Scope ESA WS 2018](#)), held at the HELCOM Secretariat in Helsinki on 13 December.

Background

Thus far, economic and social analyses in HELCOM have covered the use of marine waters and cost of degradation for the Baltic Sea Region under the [TAPAS project](#) in 2017, and additional work on ecosystem services, business-as-usual (BAU) scenarios and integrated assessment of pressures, state and welfare impacts in the [SPICE project](#) in 2018. Both TAPAS and SPICE supported the Project for Developing the Second Holistic Assessment of Ecosystem Health in the Baltic Sea (HOLAS II). The [final HOLAS II 'State of the Baltic Sea' report and web resources](#) were released in July 2018. The results of the ESA were also usable by Contracting Parties in national analyses, e.g. under the EU MSFD.

A major HELCOM activity in the upcoming years is the update of the HELCOM BSAP which is to be adopted in 2021. A strategic plan for the BSAP update has been agreed upon, which includes activities that are relevant to or entail ESA, i.e. analysis of the sufficiency of measures to reach HELCOM objectives and BAU scenarios; and analysis of the cost-effectiveness of measures. Furthermore, a HELCOM application in response to the EC call on proposal on "Marine Strategy Framework Directive - Second Cycle: Implementation of the new GES

Decision and Programmes of Measures" has passed the first evaluation steps. If funded, the project will be based on the same ESA related steps as outlined for the BSAP update.

Guidance to the ESA work is provided by HELCOM Working groups (in particular GEAR group), and through expertise from Contracting Parties in HELCOM ESA workshops.

Preparations and expected contributions

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

Meeting participants are advised that **background documents** will be sent out before the meeting, and that participants are assumed to be familiar with its content in order to meet the aims of the meeting.

Meeting participants are kindly requested to prepare to present information on national analyses for the following agenda item:

- How the effect, sufficiency and cost-effectiveness of measures have been analysed nationally, e.g. in the first round of the Programmes of Measures for the EU MSFD (PowerPoint, 3 slides)

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

Registration and practical information

The participants are kindly requested to register to the meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) **not later than 7 December, 2018**. Please indicate whether you are planning to attend the meeting physically or online.

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.

Provisional Agenda

Friday 14 December	
9:00	Words of welcome (<i>coffee available</i>)
9:15	Timely HELCOM ESA network matters
9:30	Update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan (Ulla Li Zweifel, HELCOM)
10:00	BAU and sufficiency of measures analyses (Heini Ahtiainen, HELCOM)
10:30	Roundtable with PowerPoints: National analyses on the effect, sufficiency and cost-effectiveness of measures
11:30 – 12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
12:30	Invited presentations on BAU and cost-effectiveness
	Discussion
14:00 – 14:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
14:30	Closing discussion and outcome of the meeting
15:00	End of the workshop