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HELCOM expert network on economic and social analyses meeting

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Fourth meeting of HELCOM economic and social analyses expert network (EN ESA 4-2019)

Time: Monday 3 June 13:00 – 16:00 EET

Venue: Online

Aims

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

- Review and discuss the outcome of GEAR 20-2019 as it applies to the work of the Network
- Review and discuss existing knowledge/projects/experiences on applying ecosystem services and their valuation in national ESA work
- Consider and advise the ongoing methods development of the SOM analysis

The Meeting will be chaired by Ms. Soile Oinonen.

Background

HELCOM has begun the process of HOLAS III, with scoping discussions expected to occur at GEAR 20-2019. Following these discussions, the Network may be asked to advise on matters relating to ESA including addition/modification of the valuation of ecosystem services and linking ESA to environmental assessments. The outcome of GEAR 20-2019 will inform this agenda item.

Additionally, a major HELCOM activity in the upcoming years continues to be 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 (SOM) to reach HELCOM objectives and BAU scenarios; and analysis of the cost-effectiveness of measures. The [SOM methods](#) were recently updated with input from [EN ESA 3-2019](#) and development is ongoing. It is anticipated that this work will be brought to the Meeting's attention for consideration.

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 provisional agenda items:

- existing knowledge/projects/experiences on applying ecosystem services and their valuation in national ESA work (PowerPoint, max 3 slides)

Questions and suggested topics for discussion can be directed to Mr. Luke Dodd (luke.dodd@helcom.fi).

Registration and practical information

The participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) **not later than 24 May, 2019**.

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

Monday 3 June	
13:00	Words of welcome & timely EN ESA business
13:15	Outcome of HOLAS III discussions at GEAR 20-2019 (Luke Dodd, HELCOM)
13:30	Discussion: Outcome of GEAR 20-2019 as it applies to the work of the Network
14:15 – 14:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
14:30	SOM approach – methods (Liisa Saikkonen, SYKE)
14:45	Discussion: Ongoing methods development of the SOM analysis
15:15	Roundtable with PowerPoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing knowledge/projects/experiences on applying ecosystem services and their valuation in national ESA work
15:45	Closing discussion and outcome of the Meeting
16:00	End of meeting