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Outcome of the sixth HELCOM expert network on economic and social analyses meeting (EN ESA 6-2019)

Background

The [Outcome of GEAR 20-2019](#) requested several inputs from the Expert Network on Economic and Social Analyses. Following discussion at [EN ESA 4-2019](#) it was decided that the Network would focus on updating the Economic and Social Analyses Roadmap, which could then be used to guide work on the remaining inputs.

The 6th meeting of the HELCOM Expert Network on Economic and Social Analyses (EN ESA 6-2019) was organised as an online meeting on 5 September 2019.

Aims

The primary aim of the meeting was to progress the update of the Economic and Social Analyses Roadmap. The meeting also:

- Considered the Network's input to HOLAS III
- Discussed the Survey on HELCOM knowledge and research needs

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The list of Meeting Participants is contained in **Annex 1**.

The agenda of the Meeting is contained in **Annex 2**.

The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Soile Oinonen, Finnish Environment Institute. Luke Dodd, HELCOM Secretariat, acted as secretary.

1. Opening of the meeting

1.1 The Chair opened the meeting.

1.2 The Meeting adopted the agenda as presented in **Annex 2** and agreed to proceed as outlined in the agenda.

2. Timely Network Business

2.1 The Meeting requested an update on synergy opportunities with the Pan Baltic Scope project, with Latvia noting ongoing work on the valuation of benefits from designing new Marine Protected Areas and related ecosystem services and the BONUS Basmati project as possible areas of cooperation.

2.2 The Meeting noted the information by the Secretariat that the project timing and near-term working structure of Pan Baltic Scope makes it difficult to incorporate external outputs at the moment, but also noted that there may be opportunities for the Network to provide input later in the process.

2.3 The Meeting recalled the upcoming International marine ecosystem accounting workshop held at the Secretariat on 10 October and encouraged the Network's participation.

2.4 The Meeting further noted an Oceans and human health workshop to be held in Helsinki on 9 October and agreed that the invitation be extended to the Network.

3. Update of EN ESA Roadmap

3.1 The Chair thanked the Network for their intersessional contributions to the Roadmap.

3.2 The Meeting discussed the structure of the document and agreed that a short introduction summarizing past work, the state-of-the-art and lessons learned should be created in addition to the main section including the actual Roadmap. The Meeting invited the Secretariat to draft this introduction, with input from Finland on issues related to HELCOM ACTION and SOM Platform, by **4 October**.

3.3 The Meeting further discussed content and structure of the main Roadmap document and agreed the document should address integration of the Network into other work streams within HELCOM, integration of environmental and ESA assessments, preservation and distribution of institutional memory of the previous regional ESA work/projects and improved integration of research outcomes from the Baltic Sea region.

3.4 The Meeting considered the issue of the preservation and distribution of institutional memory of the previous regional ESA work/projects and supported the development of a HELCOM website for ESA materials similar to the [ESA website](#) already available but tailored to the use and dissemination of knowledge to topic experts. Use of the Network's workspace was considered for the task, but the visibility provided by an open website was preferred.

3.5 The Meeting considered the issue of integration of ESA into other HELCOM work strands and supported the view that this would be fundamental to the Network's future work and should be strongly indicated in the Roadmap.

3.6 The Meeting invited Contracting Parties to provide brief wish lists for future development of ESA in the Baltic Sea Region by 13 September. Contracting Parties not able to attend EN ESA 7-2019 are particularly encouraged to contribute. Among others, topics that may be covered include

- i) Use of marine waters
- ii) Cost of degradation
- iii) BAU
- iv) MSP
- v) Integrated approach

3.7 The Meeting noted the opportunities for integrating BONUS projects and other regional work on the topic of cost of degradation.

3.8 The Meeting invited those CPs who have not yet completed the intersessional contributions agreed to at EN ESA 5-2019 (noted below) to please submit them by 13 September. Contributions need not be extensive, bullet points or open questions on a topic are still appreciated. Contributions can be integrated into this [joint document](#).

- i) Updated Roadmap working outline
 - (1) Conceptual approach, based on figure 3.3 from HOLAS II report [Finland]
 - (2) Past work e.g. TAPAS, SPICE, relevant BONUS projects [?]
 - (3) Integrated model, HOLAS III, ACTION, BSPI, SYMPHONY, PBS [Finland, Sweden, Secretariat]
 - (4) Use of marine waters [Latvia]
 - (5) Marine ecosystem accounting & cost of degradation [Estonia, Denmark]
 - (6) BAU [Germany]

4. Input to HOLAS III

4.1 The Meeting discussed the Network's input in planning HOLAS III, with focus on the proposed timeline, organization of work and resource allocation. The Meeting strongly supported the integration of ESA analyses with the status assessment and other components of HOLAS III, which is not evident based on the current version of the timeline and organization of tasks. The Meeting agreed that in possible future projects to prepare for HOLAS III, resources are needed also for ESA work, and ESA should be properly interlinked with the other work packages in the project to support integration within HOLAS III.

4.2 The Meeting invited the Secretariat to add the preliminary timetable of HOLAS III to the [working draft of ESA in HOLAS III](#).

4.3 The Meeting invited the Network to read the current version of the ESA in HOLAS III and prepare comments in preparation to the discussion in the next EN ESA meeting on 18 September. Written comments can be sent by CPs who cannot join the meeting.

5. Knowledge and research needs survey

5.1 The Meeting discussed the [survey of knowledge and research needs](#) and agreed to complete the Network's submission during the next EN ESA meeting 18 September, based on input received from EN ESA representatives. The Meeting invited CPs to provide their input to the Secretariat (luke.dodd@helcom.fi) **by 13 September**.

5.2 The Meeting noted that the final deadline for sending responses to the survey is 20 September.

6. SOM approach

6.1 The Meeting noted that most of the documents to the SOM Platform meeting in Helsinki on 16-17 September are available on the SOM platform [meeting site](#).

6.2 The Meeting encouraged the representatives of EN ESA to participate in the SOM Platform meeting.

7. Next meeting

7.1 EN ESA 7-2019 meeting will be held at the HELCOM Secretariat in Helsinki on 18 September. Online participation will be possible for those who cannot attend the meeting in Helsinki.

7.2 The Meeting discussed the agenda for the meeting, and proposed the following items:

- i) Invited presentations from projects (Pan Baltic Scope, BONUS Basmati, SPICE)

- ii) Discussion and further work on the Roadmap
 - iii) Discussion on HOLAS III
 - iv) Completion of the survey on research and knowledge needs
- 7.3 The Meeting welcomed the information that Latvia will contact BONUS Basmati inviting them to give a presentation and to present a short overview of the SPICE project's results on the ecosystem services approach in ESA at the next meeting. Pan Baltic Scope will be presented by HELCOM Secretariat.

8. Closing business

- 8.1 The Chair closed the meeting.

Annex 1. List of Participants

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Annex 2. Meeting agenda

Thursday 5 September	
9:30	Words of welcome & timely EN ESA business
9:45	Update of ESA Roadmap
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00	SOM approach
11:45	HOLAS III, research and knowledge survey, other business and closing discussion
12:30	End of meeting