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Background

As part of the agreed update process related to the final State of the Baltic Sea report HELCOM indicators will be updated to include an additional year of data, to include data from 2016.

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Action required

The Meeting is invited to:

- take note of the indicator related deadlines and ensure that these deadlines are met for the smooth working of the update procedure.
- the Lead and co-Lead contributors (countries) on each indicator are requested to confirm their plans for the indicator update process and the meeting of these deadlines.



To: lead and co-lead on Hazardous substances HELCOM core indicators and chairs of EN-HZ

HELCOM core indicator update deadlines – 2017/2018

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INDICATORS	HOLAS II update related
Data reporting deadline September 1 st 2017 (generally).	
Update of indicator evaluations – Deadline December 1st 2017.	
Indicator document update – Deadline April 6th 2018.	National approval of data and indicator evaluation – Deadline February 23th 2018.
	Integrated assessment – Deadline March 2nd 2018.
	Workshops if needed (tbc) – March 26-28 (tbc).
All documents and supporting documents submitted to HELCOM State and Conservation – HELCOM – Deadline April 23rd 2018.	

Indicators of relevance:

1. HBCDD
2. Metals
3. PBDE
4. PFOS
5. PAHs and their metabolites
6. PCBs and dioxins and furans
7. TBT and Imposex
8. Reproductive disorders: malformed embryos of amphipods
9. Radioactive substances: Cesium-137 in fish and surface waters
10. White-tailed eagle productivity

NOTE for information: for the new 2018 round, updated indicator and assessment results have to be calculated using the new 2018 version of the assessment units. Some monitoring stations may be located in different sub-basins and areas of sub-basins and may not be the same as was used for the 1st version of HOLAS II due to updated assessment units.

Please inform me of your plans to carry out the required work to update the relevant indicator(s) and on behalf of the HELCOM Secretariat I will provide whatever support I can to facilitate the process and meeting of the deadlines - Owen Rowe, Project Coordinator HELCOM Indicators (owen.rowe@helcom.fi).