



12 April 2017

To: Contacts of EWG OWR
Contacts of HELCOM RESPONSE
Observers of HELCOM RESPONSE

cc: HELCOM Heads of Delegation
HELCOM Observers
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM Groups

Re: Invitation to the Eighth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 8-2017), online meeting, 10 May 2017

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to the Outcome of HELCOM EWG OWR 7-2017 (paragraph 6.1), I have the pleasure to invite the Contracting Parties and the Observer Organizations to the Helsinki Convention to the Eighth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 8-2017), which will be held as an online meeting on **Wednesday, 10 May 2017**. The Meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hugo Nijkamp, Sea Alarm and Chair of the Expert Working Group.

The meeting will be **opened at 9:00 CEST** and is expected to **terminate no later than by 12:00 CEST**. Participants of the meeting are however kindly requested to be available 15 min prior to opening of the meeting to test the connection. Further instructions on how to connect to the meeting will be sent to the meeting participants.

Documents for the meeting will be made available on the EWG OWR 8-2017 [Meeting Site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal. Participants of the meeting are kindly requested to register to the meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) not later than **by 3 May 2017**. Please note that you need to be a registered user with relevant rights to access the restricted meeting documents and to register to the meeting. [Instructions](#) for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the HELCOM website.

Documents for the Meeting should be submitted in electronic form to the Secretariat (susanna.kaasinen@helcom.fi) **by 3 May 2017**.

Yours sincerely,

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Professional Secretary