



Baltic Marine Environment
Protection Commission

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

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

Re: Invitation to the Twelfth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Response on Shore (EWG SHORE 12-2016), Helsinki, Finland, 3 February 2016

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the Outcome of EWG SHORE 11-2015 (paragraph 7.1), I have the pleasure to enclose the invitation by Finland to the Twelfth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Response on the Shore (EWG SHORE 12-2016), which will be held in Helsinki, Finland, on **Wednesday, 3 February 2016**. The Meeting will be chaired by Ms. Sonja Dobo, Chair of the EWG SHORE.

The Meeting will be held at the premises of the Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE) (address: Mechelininkatu 34a, meeting room: Apollo) and will be opened on 3 February **at 9:00** and is expected to terminate no later than **by 17:00 the same day**.

Documents for the Meeting will be made available on the EWG SHORE 12-2016 [Meeting Site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal. The participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) not later than **by 27 January 2016**. 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.

The Secretariat kindly requests the Contracting Parties and Observers to observe the deadlines for submission of documents to a HELCOM meeting. Basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision should be submitted in electronic form to the Secretariat (laura.meski@helcom.fi) **by 12 January 2016**. Bulky documents should include abstracts embodying the essence of the proposals and action requested from the meeting. Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents should be provided to the Secretariat **by 27 January 2016**.

Yours sincerely,

Hermanni Backer
Professional Secretary

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Nominated members of the HELCOM EWG SHORE

Invitation and practical information for the HELCOM EWG SHORE 12/2016 meeting

Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE) has the pleasure to invite the members of the HELCOM EWG SHORE to the 12th meeting of the Group. The meeting will take place on 3rd of February 2016 and will be held in the premises of SYKE in Helsinki, address Mechelininkatu 34a..

Travel from the airport to the city centre

From the airport to city centre you can take either train "i" or "p" (about 25min, 5€), bus number 615 (about 45 min, 5€), Finnair city bus (about 30min, 6,30€) or taxi (about 20 min, 40€). Please see <https://www.finavia.fi/en/helsinki-airport/to-and-from/train-buses-and-taxis/>

Tram number 2 runs from city centre to "Töölö" where SYKE is located. Tram trip from central railway station takes about 10min, bit less from the "Kamppi" area (please see the map). Walk from the tram stop "Apollonkatu" to SYKE takes less than 10 min. You can buy ticket from a ticket machine or from the tram driver.

Accommodation

There are a lot of hotels in the city centre – for example in "Kamppi" area and area close to the railway station. SYKE has no discount prices for the hotels.

For example following hotels are close to stops of tram no 2:

- Hotel Helka
- Radisson Blu Royal Hotel
- Original Sokos Hotel Helsinki
- Scandic Simonkenttä
- Solo Sokos Hotel Tornii Helsinki

These hotels are 15min walk from SYKE (and the Finnair City bus stops in front of these)

- Crowne Plaza Helsinki and
- Scandic Park Helsinki

Other information

If you have food allergies, please inform us in advance.

For any further information please contact Heli Haapasaari (+358 40 179 3050, heli.haapasaari@ymparisto.fi).

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Map showing the tram route (green line) and tram stops (green dots). Yellow square is at SYKE's location.

