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Background

At GEAR 11-2015 a comparison of national environmental targets reported under MSFD Article 10 in 2012 by EU Member States was discussed ([GEAR 11-2015, document 3-1](#)). The comparison showed that overarching narrative targets are often similar between countries. Environmental targets expressed as reduction of pressures are however rare and almost never quantitative. The Gear Group agreed to initiate exchange of information on the ideas and approaches to revise environmental targets in the respective countries and to revisit this topic regularly ([Outcome of GEAR 11-2015](#), para. 3.20).

The attachment to this document contains a compilation per country of the national environmental targets that was made available at the regional meeting with EU Member States Parties to HELCOM following the Assessment of the Commission on the MSFD implementation (Article 12 report), Brussels, 14-15 May 2014.

Action required

Contracting Parties are invited to:

- inform on any revisions or planned updates to the national environmental targets, by use of the attachment as appropriate, and submit the information to the Secretariat (ullali.zweifel@helcom.fi).