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Background

Having regard to Rule 11.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Helsinki Commission, please find attached a summary report giving an account on the activities of the Commission during the year 2017.

As usual, the **Annex** to this document lists all HELCOM administrative matters, activities, meetings, etc. The intention is to update the report after HELCOM 39-2018, if necessary, and to publish it without the detailed Annex.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the Activities report and provide any possible comments **by 20 March 2018**, and decide thereafter to have it published in an overview form.

Annex - Report on the activities of the Helsinki Commission from 1 January to 31 December 2017

ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMMISSION

HELCOM Chair

Ms Marianne Wenning acted as HELCOM Chair and Mr Matjaž Malgaj as Vice-Chair during the Chairmanship of the European Union.

HELCOM Secretariat

The responsibilities of the Secretariat include implementing of policies, strategies and programmes approved by the Commission and Heads of Delegation, providing technical and administrative support to the Commission, to the Heads of Delegation and to subsidiary bodies of the Commission, and ensuring effective communication between all parties involved. In addition the Secretariat (Executive Secretary) has the power of initiative to propose strategies, policies, Recommendations, decisions and any other actions.

In 2017 the composition of the Secretariat was as follows:

Executive Secretary	Ms Monika Stankiewicz
Professional Secretaries	Mr Hermanni Backer <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maritime Working Group (Maritime)- Response Working Group (Response)- Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (Fish)
	Ms Ulla Li Zweifel (until 30 June)
	Ms Jannica Haldin (from 1 July) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Group on the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (Gear)- Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (State and Conservation)
	Mr Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (Pressure)- Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (Agri)- Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG)
Information Secretary	Ms Johanna Laurila (until 30 June; maternity leave from 28 January)
Communication Secretary	Ms Elina Ämmälä (from 23 March until 22 May)
Administrative Officer	Ms Satu Raisamo (until 31 October) Ms Riina Kero (from 1 October)
Assisting Professional Secretaries	Ms Laura Meski (maternity leave until 4 September) Ms Petra Kääriä (maternity leave until 30 October)
Associate Professional Secretaries	Ms Marta Ruiz Ms Minna Pyhälä (until 30 November)
Administrative Assistant	Ms Leena Heikkilä
Professional Assistant	Ms Teija-Liisa Lehtinen

ICT Administrator	Mr Håkan Blomberg
Data Coordinator	Mr Joni Kaitaranta
Communication Coordinator	Ms Sara Estlander (from 27 June)
User-Centred Design Specialist	Ms Sara Estlander (27 April – 26 June)
Trainees	Ms Sara Estlander (until 26 April) Mr Stephen Baynes (16 May – 24 August) Mr Tommi Karesvuori (7 February – 3 July)

Project Staff

The HELCOM team also included project personnel, working full time or part time and both in projects fully financed from the HELCOM budget and in projects part-funded externally, including by the European Union funds:

Ms Heini Ahtiainen, Project Researcher (SPICE)
 Ms Lena Avellan, Project Manager (Development of indicators) (until 30 June)
 Mr Alexey Bakhtov, Project Researcher (EnviSum) (from 4 September)
 Ms Lena Bergström, Project Coordinator (HELCOM HOLAS II)
 Mr Manuel Frias, Project Manager/GIS Expert (BalticSCOPE until 31 March and Baltic LINES)
 Mr Floris Goerlandt, Project Researcher (OpenRisk) (from 1 August)
 Ms Hanna Haaksi, Data Analyst (SPICE) (25 September - 24 December)
 Mr Juuso Haapaniemi, Project Researcher (SPICE 1 May - 30 June) (HASPS II from 1 August)
 Ms Laura Hoikkala, Project Researcher (SPICE) (20 February - 31 July and from 1 September)
 Ms Maija Holma, Project Researcher (SPICE) (from 1 October)
 Ms Susanna Kaasinen, Agri-Environment Coordinator (until 31 August); Project Manager (MANURE STANDARDS) (from 1 September)
 Mr Ville Karvinen, Project Coordinator (HASPS II) (from 7 August)
 Ms Leena Laamanen, Project Coordinator (HASPS II) (until 31 January)
 Mr Valtteri Laine, Project Manager (OpenRisk) (from 9 January)
 Mr Andžej Miloš, GIS Application Developer (TAPAS until 30 June; Baltic LINES from 1 July)
 Mr Florent Nicolas, Project Researcher/Data Expert (Baltic LINES)
 Mr Janne-Markus Rintala, Project Coordinator (SPICE) (18 July – 30 September)
 Mr Owen Rowe, Project Coordinator (Core Indicators) (from 12 June)
 Ms Sanna Saari, Project Researcher (Marine Assessment, EnviSum, BALEX DELTA 2018)
 Mr Conny Sjöqvist, Project Researcher (SPICE) (17 October – 30 November)
 Ms Ulla Li Zweifel, HOLAS II Project Manager (from 1 August)

Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Commission, the subsidiary bodies and their sub-groups and projects

Helsinki Commission (HELCOM)

Ms Marianne Wenning
 Chair of the Helsinki Commission
 Mr Matjaž Malgaj
 Vice-Chair of the Helsinki Commission

Group on the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (Gear)

Ms Heike Imhoff, Germany
 Chair of HELCOM GEAR

Ms Soile Oinonen, Finland
Chair of Expert network on economic and social analyses (ESA, starting November 2017)

Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (State and Conservation)

Ms Penina Blankett, Finland
Co-Chair (nature conservation)

Mr Dieter Boedeker, Germany (from May 2017)
Vice Co-Chair (nature conservation)

Mr Urmas Lips, Estonia
Co-Chair (monitoring and assessment)

Mr Samuli Korpinen, Finland
Vice Co-Chair (monitoring and assessment, until May 2017)

Ms Vivi Fleming-Lehtinen, Finland
Vice Co-Chair (monitoring and assessment, from May 2017)

Mr Anders Galatius, Denmark
Chair of the Ad hoc HELCOM Seal Expert Group (HELCOM SEAL)

Mr Morten Tange Olsen, Denmark
Vice-Chair of Ad hoc HELCOM Seal Expert Group (HELCOM SEAL)

Ms Iveta Jurgensone, Latvia
Chair of Project on Quality Assurance of Phytoplankton Monitoring in the Baltic Sea (HELCOM PEG)

Mr Jens Olsson, Sweden
Project Manager of the Project on Baltic-wide assessment of coastal fish communities in support of an ecosystem-based management (HELCOM FISH-PRO II)

Ms Elena Gorokhova, Sweden
Chair of the project on Zooplankton Indicator Integration to Monitoring in the Baltic Sea (HELCOM ZEN ZIIM)

Mr Georg Martin, Estonia
Chair of the intersessional expert network on benthic habitat monitoring

Ms. Sara Danielsson
Co-chair of the expert network on hazardous substances

Ms. Elisabeth Nyberg
Co-chair of the expert network on hazardous substances

Ms Vivi Fleming-Lehtinen
Chair of the intersessional network on eutrophication

Ms Tamara Zalewska, Poland
Chair of the Expert Group on Monitoring of Radioactive Substances in the Baltic Sea (HELCOM MORS EG)

Mr Volker Dierschke, Germany
Co-Chair of Joint ICES/OSPAR/HELCOM Working Group on Seabirds (JWGBird)

Ms Maria Laamanen, Finland
Chair of the Project on HELCOM Second Holistic Assessment of the Ecosystem Health of the Baltic Sea (HOLAS II)

Maritime Working Group (Maritime)

Ms Anna Petersson, Sweden
Chair of Maritime Group

Mr Jorma Kämäräinen, Finland
Vice-Chair of Maritime Group

Ms Natalia Kutaeva, Russia
Vice-Chair of Maritime Group

Mr Alar Siht, Estonia
Chair of Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS & Data (HELCOM AIS EWG)

Mr Marek Dziewicki, Poland
Vice-Chair of Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS & Data (HELCOM AIS EWG)

Mr Sergei Rostopshin, Russia
Vice-Chair of Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS & Data (HELCOM AIS EWG)

Ms Susanne Heitmüller, Germany
Co-Chair (HELCOM) of HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST

Mr Henrik Ramstedt, Sweden
Co-Chair (OSPAR) of HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST

Mr Andreas Holmgren, Sweden
Chair of the Eighth Meeting of the HELCOM Group of Experts on Safety of Navigation (SAFE NAV)
(The Group is chaired by hosting country unless otherwise decided)

Ms Anita Mäkinen, Finland
Coordinator of HELCOM Correspondence Group on Ballast Water Management (CG BALLAST),
Coordinator of Correspondence Group on ship-to-ship and bunkering transfer operations (CG STS)
until MARITIME 17-2017

Mr Jens Erik Kundby Nielsen, Denmark
Coordinator of Correspondence Group on updating HELCOM Recommendation 19/14 (CG FINES)
until MARITIME 17-2017

Ms Anna Petersson, Sweden
Co-Chair of the Sub-group Green Technology and Alternative Fuels for Shipping (HELCOM GREEN TEAM)

Ms Anita Mäkinen, Finland
Co-Chair of the Sub-group Green Technology and Alternative Fuels for Shipping (HELCOM GREEN TEAM)

Ms. Susanne Heitmüller, Germany
Moderator of the Seventh Meeting of HELCOM Cooperation Platform on Special Area According to MARPOL Annex IV (HELCOM CP PRF)

Response Working Group (Response)

Ms Heli Haapasaari, Finland
Chair of Response Group

Mr Ojars Gerke, Latvia
Vice-Chair of Response Group, Chair of Task Group to draft a HELCOM Recommendation for means of communication to be used for HELCOM POLREPs when alerting and requesting/offering assistance for pollution incidents at sea and on the shore in Baltic Sea Area (TG POLREP, until June 2017)

Mr. Alexander von Buxhoeveden, Sweden
Vice-Chair of Response Group

Mr Hugo Nijkamp, Sea Alarm
Chair of the Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR)

Mr Fredrik Lindblom, Sweden
Chair of HELCOM IWGAS

Ms Marit Mätik, Estonia
Chair of HELCOM Expert Coordination Network on Response on the Shore (SHORE network)

Mr Andrey Bryksin
National contact of HELCOM BALEX DELTA exercise 2017 (Russia)

Mr Jens Sternheim
Co-chair of the Expert group on environmental risks of hazardous submerged objects

Mr Jorma Rytönen
Co-chair of the Expert group on environmental risks of hazardous submerged objects

Mr Gunnar Möller
Co-chair of the Expert group on environmental risks of hazardous submerged objects

Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (Pressure)

Mr Lars Sonesten, Sweden
Chair of Pressure Group

Mr Lars M Svendsen
Chair of Reduction Scheme Core Drafting Group (RedCore DG)

The HELCOM Expert Network on Marine Litter

Mr Peter Sigray
Chair of Expert Network on Underwater Noise (EN-Noise)

Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (Agri)

Ms Tarja Haaranen, Finland
Chair of Agri group (from 3 April 2017)

Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (Fish)

Ms Marianne Goffeng Raakil, Sweden
Chair of Fish group

Ms Katarzyna Kaminska, Poland
Vice-Chair of Fish group

Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG)

Mr Joacim Johannesson, Sweden
Co-Chair (HELCOM)

Ms Katarzyna Krzywda, Poland
Co-Chair (VASAB)

Mr Kai Trümpler, Germany
Vice-Co-Chair (VASAB)

Ms. Penina Blankett
Vice-Co-Chair (HELCOM)

Finances

According to the Convention, the contributions by the Contracting Parties to the budget of the Commission are based on equal shares. In addition, the Government of Finland pays a HQ contribution to cover the rent of the office as well as communication and equipment expenses.

In the financial period 2016-2017, the equal share contributions of the contracting parties are based on the financial period 2014-2015. In addition to the budgeted contributions, special contributions from several Contracting Parties were received to finance projects and activities, and some project grants were awarded by the EU.

The distribution of expenditures of the Commission during the financial year from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 was as follows (€):

Meeting expenditures	109 844,14
Salaries and remunerations	996 839,66
Data and consultant services	198 000,00
Travel expenses	39 960,91
Communications	67 000,00
Rent and maintenance	174 000,00
Publications and other information	74 767,40
Material and equipment	51 000,00
Miscellaneous	27 999,07
Meeting support	5 607,47
Projects	806 824,62
Total	2 551 843,27

Cooperation with Other Governments

The Governments of Belarus and Ukraine are observers of the Commission.

Cooperation with Other International Organizations

The following International Organizations are observers of the Commission (situation 31 December 2017):

Inter-governmental organizations:

- Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (UNEP/AEWA)
- Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas (UNEP/ASCOBANS)
- Baltic Pilotage Authorities Commission (BPAC)
- Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC)
- Black Sea Commission
- Bonn Agreement
- Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Expert Group on Sustainable Development - Baltic 2030
- Great Lakes Commission
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- OSPAR Commission
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN ECE)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe (WHO/EURO)
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Non-governmental international organizations:

- Baltic Farmers Forum on Environment (BFFE)
- Baltic Operational Oceanographic System (BOOS)
- Baltic Ports Organization (BPO)
- Baltic Sea Advisory Council (BSAC)
- Baltic Sea Forum (BSF)
- Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC)
- BirdLife International
- BONUS Baltic Organisations Network for Funding Science EEIG
- Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB)
- Coastal & Marine Union (EUCC)
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR) - Baltic Sea Commission
- Cruise Lines International Association Europe (CLIA Europe)
- European Anglers Alliance (EAA)
- European Boating Association (EBA)
- European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)
- European Chlor-Alkali Industry (EURO-CHLOR)
- European Community Shipowners' Association (ECSA)
- European Dredging Association (EuDA)
- European Federation of National Associations of Water and Wastewater Services (EUREAU)
- European Network of Freshwater Research Organizations (EurAqua)
- European Sea Ports Organization (ESPO)
- Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP)
- Federation of European Private Port Operators (Feport)
- Fertilizers Europe (former EFMA)
- Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe

- Interferry
- INTERTANKO
- International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (OGP)
- International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)
- International Dialogue on Underwater Munitions (IDUM)
- John Nurminen Foundation (JNF)
- Local Authorities International Environmental Organisation (KIMO International)
- Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE)
- Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
- Nordic Hunters' Alliance (NHA)
- Oceana
- PlasticsEurope
- Sea Alarm Foundation
- Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC)
- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF International)

Meetings in the HELCOM Framework

(cf. Attachment 1)

HELCOM Representation at International Level

(cf. Attachment 2)

Meetings in the HELCOM framework in 2017

Date and place	Name of Meeting	Participation
18 January 2017 Brussels, Belgium	Kick-off Meeting by EC ECHO for OPENRISK Project	H. Backer Johnsen, V. Laine
19 January 2017 Online	Meeting of the HOLAS II Core Team of the Project for the development of the second holistic assessment of the Baltic Sea (HOLAS II 6E-2017)	L. Bergström, U. Zweifel, L. Avellan, S. Estlander
25 January 2017 Online	Seventh Meeting of HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 7-2017)	S. Kaasinen
25-26 January 2017 Gothenburg, Sweden	Baltic SCOPE Project concluding Partner Meeting and Steering Group Meeting	F. Nicolas, M. Stankiewicz
26 January 2017 Online	Extra Meeting of the State and Conservation Working Group (STATE & CONSERVATION 5E-2017)	U. Zweifel, M. Pyhälä
26 January 2017 Secretariat	OPENRISK Project Kick-off Meeting	H. Backer Johnsen, V. Laine
31 January 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	15 th Meeting of the Reduction Scheme Core Drafting Group (RedCore DG 15-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
January/February 2017 Online	Meeting of HELCOM Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Task Group	M. Pyhälä, J. Kaitaranta
3 February 2017 Online	Sixth Meeting of the intersessional network on eutrophication (IN-EUTROPHICATION 6-2017)	J. Kaitaranta
13-15 February 2017 Tallinn, Estonia	Fourth Meeting of the continuation of the project on Baltic-wide assessment of coastal fish communities in support of ecosystem-based management (FISH-PRO II 4-2017)	M. Pyhälä
14-16 February 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	Sixth Meeting of the Expert Network on Hazardous Substances (EN-HZ 6-2017)	L. Avellan
28 February - 1 March 2017 Helsinki, Finland	38 th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 38-2017)	All staff
6-7 March 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	Workshop on MAI/CART assessment methodologies	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
8-10 March 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	14 th Meeting of the Sixth Baltic Sea Pollution Load Compilation Project (PLC-6) (PLC-6 14-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
10 March 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	16 th Meeting of the Reduction Scheme Core Drafting Group (RedCore DG 16-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
14 March 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Workshop on the HOLAS II eutrophication assessment (HELCOM SPICE Eutro WS 1-2017)	L. Bergström, L. Avellan, U. Zweifel
15 March 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Workshop on the HOLAS II biodiversity assessment (HELCOM SPICE Biodiv WS 1-2017)	L. Bergström, L. Avellan, U. Zweifel, S. Estlander
15-16 March 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Seventh Meeting of the intersessional network on eutrophication (IN-EUTROPHICATION 7-2017)	J. Kaitaranta

16 March 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Workshop on the HOLAS II hazardous substances assessment (HELCOM SPICE HZ WS 1-2017)	L. Bergström, L. Avellan, U. Zweifel
21 March 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Workshop on the HOLAS II pressure and impact index (HELCOM SPICE BSII WS 1-2017)	L. Bergström, U. Zweifel, L. Avellan, S. Estlander, J. Kaitaranta, M. Stankiewicz
21-22 March 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Baltic LINes Project 3rd Partner Meeting	M. Frias, F. Nicolas, A. Miloš
27-28 March 2017 Berlin, Germany	HELCOM Workshop on nutrient recycling in the Baltic Sea countries	D. Frank-Kamenetsky, S. Kaasinen
29 March 2017 Online	Fifth Meeting of the Task Group on revising the HELCOM Response Manual Volume II (TG HNS MANUAL 5-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen
29-30 March 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	HELCOM–BONUS BalticAPP regional workshop on the use of ecological–economic research to support and improve marine policy implementation in the Baltic Sea region	H. Ahtiainen, M. Stankiewicz, L. Bergström
31 March 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	Workshop on the HOLAS II economic and social analyses (HOLAS II ESA WS 2-2017)	H. Ahtiainen, M. Stankiewicz, L. Bergström
3 April 2017 Online	Meeting for planning RED LIST WS 1-2017	M. Pyhälä
3-4 April 2017 Brussels, Belgium	Fourth Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (AGRI 4-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky, S. Kaasinen
3-7 April 2017 St. Petersburg, Russia	Meeting of the HELCOM Phytoplankton Expert Group 2017 (PEG-2017)	- no Secretariat representation
4-6 April 2017 Copenhagen, Denmark	Seventh Meeting of the Project for the development of the second holistic assessment of the Baltic Sea (HOLAS II 7-2017)	U. Zweifel, L. Bergström, M. Stankiewicz, L. Avellan, H. Ahtiainen
11-12 April 2017 Riga, Latvia	Sixth Meeting of the Baltic Sea Region MSP Data Expert Sub-group (BSR MSP Data ESG 6-2017)	J. Kaitaranta
25-27 April 2017 St. Petersburg, Russia	Sixth Meeting of the Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 6-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky, L. Heikkilä, M. Ruiz
2-4 May 2017 Tallinn, Estonia	Seventh Meeting of the Expert Group on Monitoring of Radioactive Substances in the Baltic Sea (MORS EG 7-2017)	M. Pyhälä
9 May 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Seminar on the use of AIS data	H. Backer Johnsen, M. Frias, F. Nicolas, A. Miloš
10 May 2017 Online	Eighth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 8-2017)	S. Kaasinen
10 May 2017 Malmö, Sweden	BALEX DELTA 2018 Partner Meeting	E. Ämmälä
10-11 May 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	14th Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 14-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky

11-12 May 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	Annual Meeting of the HELCOM Informal Working Group on Aerial Surveillance (IWGAS 2017)	S. Kaasinen
15-16 May 2017 Uppsala, Sweden	First Workshop for planning the updating HELCOM Red list assessments (RED LIST WS 1-2017)	U. Zweifel
15-19 May 2017 Uppsala, Sweden	Sixth Meeting of the HELCOM Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 6-2017)	U. Zweifel, M. Pyhälä, M. Ruiz, M. Stankiewicz
22 May 2017 Riga, Latvia	17 th Meeting of the Reduction Scheme Core Drafting Group (RedCore DG 17-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
22-24 May 2017 Riga, Latvia	15 th Meeting of the Sixth Baltic Sea Pollution Load Compilation Project (PLC-6) (PLC-6 15-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
22-24 May 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Sixth Meeting of the Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 6-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen, M. Pyhälä
23-24 May 2017 Helsinki, Finland	16 th Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 16-2017)	U. Zweifel, M. Ruiz
29-30 May 2017 Bredsten, Denmark	Fourth Meeting of the Task Force on migratory fish species as Workshop on river restoration and best practices (FISH-M 4-2017)	M. Pyhälä
7-8 June 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	28 th Meeting of the Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS & Data (AIS EWG 28-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen
8-9 June 2017 Marienhamn, Finland	First Meeting of the Seventh Baltic Sea Pollution Load Compilation Project (PLC-7 1-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
13-14 June 2017 Helsinki, Finland	First Inter-regional Workshop on Risk Assessment methods for Pollution Prevention and Response (OPENRISK WS 1-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen, V. Laine
14-16 June 2017 Helsinki, Finland	23 rd Meeting of HELCOM Response Working Group (RESPONSE 23-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen, V. Laine
20-21 June 2017 Brussels, Belgium	52 nd Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 52-2017)	M. Stankiewicz, U. Zweifel, H. Backer Johnsen, D. Frank-Kamenetsky, E. Ämmälä, S. Raisamo, L. Bergström
27 June 2017 Online	First Meeting of the HELCOM Correspondence Group on Pharmaceuticals (CG PHARMA 1-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky, J. Kaitaranta, O. Rowe, T. Karesvuori
27 June 2017 Online	Online meeting of the RedCore DG Drafting Group (RedCore DG 17A-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
8-11 August 2017 Kaliningrad area, Russia	BALEX DELTA 2017 exercise	V. Laine
31 August 2017 Karlskrona, Sweden	BALEX DELTA 2018 Kick-off Meeting	H. Backer Johnsen
1 September 2017 Karlskrona, Sweden	BALEX DELTA 2018 1 st Core Planning Team Meeting	H. Backer Johnsen
5 September 2017 Gothenburg, Sweden	First Meeting of the HELCOM Sub-group on Green Technology and Alternative Fuels for Shipping (GREEN TEAM 1-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen, A. Bakhtov, M. Frias, F. Nicolas

11 September 2017 Online	Extra Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 16E-2017)	J. Haldin, O. Rowe, M. Ruiz
12 September 2017 Online	Third Meeting of the Dredging Expert network (EN-DREDS)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky, J. Kaitaranta, J. Haapaniemi
13 September 2017 Hamburg, Germany	Meeting of HELCOM Cooperation Platform on Special Area According to MARPOL Annex IV (CP PRF 7-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen
13-14 September 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Seventh Meeting of the MSP Data Expert Sub-Group (BSR MSP Data ESG 7-2017)	J. Kaitaranta, M. Frias, [F. Nicolas], V. Karvinen, [D. Frank-Kamenetsky]
14 September 2017 Online	Sixth Meeting of the Task Group on HELCOM Marine Protected Areas (MPA TG 6-2017)	J. Haldin, M. Pyhälä
14 September 2017 Online	Second Meeting of HELCOM Correspondence Group on Pharmaceuticals (CG PHARMA 2-2017)	O. Rowe, L. Meski
15 September 2017 Online meeting	Eighth Meeting of the intersessional network on eutrophication (IN-EUTROPHICATION 8-2017)	J. Haldin, J. Kaitaranta, O. Rowe
18-20 September 2017 Tallinn, Estonia	16th Meeting of the Sixth Baltic Sea Pollution Load Compilation Project (PLC-6 16-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
19-20 September 2017 Gothenburg, Sweden	Baltic LINes Project 4th Partner Meeting	M. Frias/F. Nicolas, J. Kaitaranta
21 September 2017 Tallinn, Estonia	18th Meeting of the Reduction Scheme Core Drafting Group (RedCore DG 18-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
21 September 2017 Tallinn, Estonia	Training session for national PLC-water data reporters (PLC-6 Data 1)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
26 September 2017 Online	Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 52A-2017)	P-Staff, S. Kaasinen, U. Zweifel, S. Estlander
26 September 2017 Helsinki, Finland	First Meeting of the HELCOM FISH Correspondence Group on Aquaculture (CG Aquaculture 1-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen, M. Pyhälä
27-28 September 2017 Helsinki, Finland	HELCOM SPICE Project Workshop: Cumulative Impacts and Maximum Allowable Pressures on Habitats (HELCOM SPICE CIM WS 1-2017)	J. Rintala, J. Haldin
28 September 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	Eighth Meeting of the HELCOM Group of Experts on Safety of Navigation (SAFE NAV 8-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen, V. Laine
29 September 2017 Online	Online Meeting between FISH and State & Conservation contacts to further develop document on HELCOM data interests to assess incidental by-catches and fisheries impact on benthic biotopes (FISH Data interests 1-2017)	M. Pyhälä, H. Backer Johnsen, J. Haldin
3-4 October 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	Project Kick-off Meeting for RETROUT project 2017-2020 co-funded by Interreg programme	H. Backer Johnsen
4-5 October 2017 Gothenburg, Sweden	First Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Network on Underwater Noise (EN-Noise 1-2017) and Joint Session of OSPAR ICG-Noise and HELCOM EN-Noise	M. Ruiz
4-6 October 2017 Gothenburg, Sweden	11 th Meeting of the HELCOM ad hoc Seal Expert Group (SEAL 11-2017)	J. Haldin, M. Pyhälä
10-12 October 2017 St. Petersburg, Russia	17 th Meeting of the Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 17-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen, T-L Lehtinen, A. Bakhtov

11-12 October 2017 Tallinn, Estonia	EnviSuM Project Partners' Meeting	A. Bakhtov
12 October 2017 Lisbon, Portugal	Second Inter-regional Workshop on Risk Assessment methods for Pollution Prevention and Response (OPENRISK WS 2-2017)	V. Laine, F. Goerlandt
13 October 2017 Online	Seventh Meeting of the Expert Network on Hazardous Substances (EN-HZ 7-2017)	O. Rowe, J. Haldin
16-17 October 2017 Helsinki, Finland	First Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Coordination Network on Response on the Shore (SHORE Network 1-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen, S. Kaasinen, L. Meski
17-18 October 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Baltic Oiled Wildlife Response seminar and training event	H. Backer Johnsen, S. Kaasinen, L. Meski
19 October 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Ninth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 9-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen, S. Kaasinen, L. Meski
23 October 2017 Vilnius, Lithuania	Workshop on CART Assessment (CART WS 1-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
23 October 2017 Vilnius, Lithuania	Workshop on implementation of the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (WS RAP ML 2-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky, M. Ruiz
23-24 October 2017 Helsinki, Finland	MANURE STANDARDS project Kick-off Meeting	S. Kaasinen
23-27 October 2017 Sopot, Poland	Seventh Meeting of the HELCOM Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 7-2017)	J. Haldin, M. Pyhälä, M. Stankiewicz, J. Kaitaranta, O. Rowe
24-26 October 2017 Vilnius, Lithuania	Seventh Meeting of the Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 7-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky, L. Meski, L. Heikkilä, M. Ruiz
27 October 2017 Vilnius, Lithuania	HELCOM Workshop on Sewage sludge handling practices (SEWAGE SLUDGE HANDLING WS 1-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
1 November 2017 Riga, Latvia	HELCOM Workshop on economic and social analyses supported by SPICE (ESA WS 1-2017)	H. Ahtiainen, M. Stankiewicz, J. Haldin, L. Bergström, M. Holma
2 November 2017 Online	Online Meeting of the Reduction Scheme Core Drafting Group (RedCore DG 18A-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
6 November 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	HELCOM-BONUS projects workshop	H. Ahtiainen, L. Bergström, U. Zweifel, J. Haldin, L. Meski, M. Stankiewicz
7-8 November 2017 Warsaw, Poland	15 th Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 15-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky, V. Karvinen, M. Stankiewicz
7-8 November 2017 Helsinki, Finland	HELCOM SPICE Workshop on microliter (SPICE ML WS 1-2017)	M. Ruiz, H. Haaksi
8 November 2017 Online	Ninth Meeting of the Intersessional Network on Eutrophication (IN-EUTROPHICATION 9-2017)	L. Meski, j. Kaitaranta, O. Rowe, L. Hoikkala, J. Haldin
8-9 November 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	BALEX DELTA 2018 Initial Planning Conference	H. Backer Johnsen, S. Saari, S. Estlander

9-10 November 2017 Helsinki, Finland	COMPLETE project Kick-off meeting	H. Backer Johnsen, M. Ruiz
9-10 November 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Fifth Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (AGRI 5-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky, S. Kaasinen
13 November 2017 Online	Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 52B-2017)	P-staff, S. Kaasinen, S. Estlander
14-15 November 2017 Copenhagen, Denmark	Seventh Meeting of the Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 7-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen, J. Haldin
15 November 2017 Online	Online Meeting of the Reduction Scheme Core Drafting Group (RedCore DG 18B-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
16-17 November 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Eighth Meeting of the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention Exemptions (HELCOM-OSPAR TG BALLAST 8-2017)	H. Backer Johnsen, M. Ruiz
23-24 November 2017 Gothenburg, Sweden	17 th Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 17-2017)	J. Haldin, M. Ruiz, O. Rowe, M. Stankiewicz
28 November 2017 Helsinki, Finland	2 nd BALEX DELTA 2018 Core Planning Team meeting	L. Meski, S. Saari, S. Estlander
28-29 November 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Eighth Meeting of the Project for the development of the second holistic assessment of the Baltic Sea (HOLAS II 8-2017)	J. Haldin, M. Ruiz, L. Bergström, O. Rowe
28-29 November 2017 Gothenburg, Sweden	HELCOM-EUSBSR Workshop on internal nutrient reserves (HELCOM-EUSBSR WS 1-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
29 November – 1 December 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	Regional Workshop on Eel and the Baltic Sea (FISH-M 5-2017) in cooperation with the Convention on Migratory Species and Sargasso Sea Commission	H. Backer Johnsen, P. Kääriä, M. Stankiewicz
12-13 December 2017 Helsinki, Finland	53 rd Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 53-2017)	P-staff, S. Kaasinen, S. Estlander
14-15 December 2017 Tallinn, Estonia	Eighth Meeting of the Baltic Sea Region MSP Data Expert Sub-group (BSR MSP Data ESG 8-2017)	J. Kaitaranta
18-20 December 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Second Meeting the Seventh Baltic Sea Pollution Load Compilation Project (PLC-7) Project Implementation Group (PLC-7 IG 2-2017)	D. Frank-Kamenetsky

HELCOM representation at international level 2017

Date and Place	Name of Meeting	Participation
27 January 2017 Gothenburg, Sweden	New call and project development (Scope II) meeting	M. Stankiewicz
3 February 2017 Helsinki, Finland	The Clean Baltic Sea Projects' Advisory Group meeting	M. Stankiewicz
9-10 February 2017 Brussels, Belgium	UN Environment-European Commission Workshop on Area-based Management and Regional Cooperation	M. Stankiewicz, H. Backer Johnsen
15-16 February 2017 New York, U.S.A.	Preparatory meeting for the United Nations Conference "Our oceans, our future: partnering for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14"	L. Piriz
16 February 2017 Lisbon, Portugal	13 th Inter-Secretariat Meeting between Regional Agreements Secretariats, DG ECHO and EMSA	H. Haapasaari, H. Backer Johnsen, V. Laine
6-7 March 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	The Baltic Sea Summit - transdisciplinary congress for a sustainable Baltic Sea region	M. Stankiewicz
14-15 March 2017 Brussels, Belgium	EU Workshop on Marine Litter Baselines	M. Ruiz
22-23 March 2017 St. Petersburg, Russia	XVIII International Environmental Forum "Baltic Sea Day"	M. Wenning, D. Frank-Kamenetsky, M. Ruiz, M. Stankiewicz
28 March 2017 Berlin, Germany	Interreg Baltic Sea Region workshop "Clear waters – Added value for cooperating in project platforms"	D. Frank-Kamenetsky, S. Kaasinen
29-31 March 2017 Nairobi, Kenya	UNEP Workshop on plastic litter and microplastics	M. Ruiz
20-21 April 2017 Rome, Italy	G7 Workshop on Marine Litter – "Mainstreaming the work of the Regional Seas Programmes towards the better implementation of the G7 Action Plan and the achievement of the global commitments on marine litter"	M. Ruiz
25 April 2017 Copenhagen Malmö Port HQ	BPO Seminar on Development of Port Reception Facilities for Sewage in Baltic ports	H. Backer Johnsen
27 April 2017	Joint meeting of EU WG DIKE/GES/POMESA (Working Group on Programme of Measures and Socio-Economic Analysis) to review and finalise reporting guidance	U. Zweifel
27th April in Las Palmas, Spain	"International Conference Maritime Spatial Planning, Ecosystem Approach and Supporting Information Systems (MaPSIS)"	M. Frias
28 April 2017 Brussels, Belgium	EU Marine Strategy Coordination Group	U. Zweifel

4 May 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	The role of municipalities in monitoring and reporting for Baltic Sea Action Plan and The Water Framework Directive SIWI WS: Nutrient monitoring and reporting Workshop 1 – Challenges and Solutions	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
17 May 2017 Berlin, Germany	BONUS Soils2Sea workshop	S. Kaasinen
30-31 May 2017 Turku, Finland	Reduction of Hazardous Substances from urban sources – Strategies, tools and incentives municipalities can implement	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
5-9 June 2017 New York, U.S.A.	United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development (Ocean Conference)	M. Stankiewicz
7-8 June 2017 Copenhagen, Denmark	4 th Meeting of EU MSFD TG DATA Technical group on Marine Data and IT	J. Kaitaranta
8-9 June 2017 Gdansk, Poland	11 th Meeting of the MSFD Technical Group Marine Litter	M. Ruiz
13-14 June 2017 Berlin, Germany	EU Strategy of the Baltic Sea Region Forum	M. Wenning, S. Kaasinen, H. Ahtiainen, M. Stankiewicz
June 2017 Berlin, Germany	Workshop on Ocean Literacy by the ResponSEAbLe Project	M. Wenning
26 June 2017 Brussels, Belgium	Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) EUROPE SEWAGE BALTIC EXERCISE	H. Backer Johnsen
27-28 June 2017 Bonn, Germany	Riverine and Marine Litter Work session organized by OSPAR, Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium	M. Ruiz
28 June 2017 Stockholm, Sweden	the Baltic Sea City Accelerator	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
3 July 2017 Berlin, Germany	A roundtable meeting on economics of MSP by the EU MSP Platform	H. Ahtiainen
23-25 August 2017 Korppoo, Finland	BALTREG Seminar on international legal frameworks in the Baltic Sea	H. Backer Johnsen
29 August 2017 Helsinki, Finland	John Nurminen Foundation Clean Baltic Sea stakeholder event	M. Stankiewicz
3-5 September 2017 Hamburg, Germany	26th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference	M. Stankiewicz
14-15 September 2017 Irkutsk, Russia	Baikal International Ecological Water Forum	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
19-20 September 2017 Riga, Latvia	EUSBSR Support - Module 1 "Aligning Funding for policy Impact"	M. Stankiewicz
21 September Brussels, Belgium	EU Working Group on Good Environmental Status	J. Haldin

21-22 September 2017 Helsinki, Finland	International scientific workshop on marine protected area (MPA) networks in a changing Arctic climate	J. Haldin
25 September 2017 Brussels, Belgium	WG POMESA meeting (Working Group on Programme of Measures and Socio-Economic Analysis)	H. Ahtiainen
25 September 2017 Tivat, Montenegro	Mediterranean Coast Day “Protect Our Sea”	Ingūna Urtāne (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG)
28-29 September 2017 Brussels, Belgium	MSFD Working Group on Data, Information and Knowledge Exchange (WG DIKE)	J. Kaitaranta
10 October 2017 London, U.K.	Essential Marine Biological Data Products Workshop	J. Kaitaranta
17 October 2017 Turku, Finland	BGG Baltic Sea symposium 2017 – Broadening the Horizon beyond the Sea	M. Pyhälä
17-19 October 2017 Tallinn, Estonia	BONUS SYMPOSIUM: Science delivery for sustainable use of the Baltic Sea living resources	J. Haldin
24 October 2017 Växjö, Sweden	Water Forum, by IWAMA project, in parallel with the General Conference of the UBC	S. Estlander
24–26 October 2017 Växjö, Sweden	XIV Union of the Baltic Cities General Conference	S. Estlander
7 November 2017 Potsdam, Germany	Interreg Baltic Sea Region Development Seminar for Project Platforms	S. Kaasinen
9-10 November 2017 Copenhagen, Denmark	5th meeting of the EU Technical Group on Marine Data (TG DATA)	J. Kaitaranta
16 November 2017 Panevezis, Lithuania	Problem Solution Workshop within the project “Baltic Sea Accelerators: Pioneers for better pollution monitoring and reporting”	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
20-24 November 2017 Copenhagen, Denmark	OSPAR Working Group on Monitoring and on Trends and Effects of Substances in the Marine Environment (OSPAR MIME) Meeting	O. Rowe
21-22 November 2017 Paris, France	OECD’s Green Growth and Sustainable Development (GGSD) Forum	M. Stankiewicz
22-23 November 2017 Riga, Latvia	Pharmaceuticals platform and SG Meeting of PA Hazards	D. Frank-Kamenetsky
30 November 2017 Brussels, Belgium	Informal meeting of Regional Sea Conventions on implementation of RAP on ML	M. Ruiz
7-8 December 2017 Gothenburg, Sweden	ICG-COBAM - ICG-MSFD Discussing approaches to, and prioritization of, addressing the gaps identified regarding indicators under the rev. Com. Dec.	O. Rowe (via Skype)
11-12 December 2017 Amsterdam, the Netherlands	OSPAR workshop on the development of Human Activity and Pressure information (WS-HAPI)	J. Kaitaranta (via Skype)
14 December 2017 Helsinki, Finland	Baltic Sea Challenge seminar	M. Ruiz