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Background

The workshop is convened to evaluate proposed new actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP). Key background information to the workshop will be the results of the analysis of sufficiency of measures (SOM analysis) that is carried out to support the BSAP update and the synopses on new actions for the updated BSAP that have been submitted to HELCOM. At the workshop commonly agreed criteria will be applied to support the evaluation.

Information on the meeting

The workshop will take place online.

The workshop will be opened on Wednesday 26 August at 10.00 EEST and is expected to end at Thursday 27 August at 15.00 EEST. The preliminary timetable is included in this document.

Information for the Workshop will be made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal on the HELCOM BSAP UP WS-EUTRO 2020 [Meeting site](#) (please see the [instructions](#) for *signing up* and *signing in*).

The participants are invited to familiarize themselves with the documents prior to the workshop and note that the synopses will not be presented in detail in the workshop.

The synopses are available in the dedicated [workspace](#).

A list of the synopses to be evaluated in the workshop is included as Annex 1. Additional synopses may still be included since some Working Groups have invited submission of new synopses based on identified gaps or the proposals made at the HELCOM Stakeholder Conference 2020.

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Agenda Item 1 Introduction

The HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan adopted in 2007 is currently being updated and the updated BSAP is to be adopted in autumn 2021. The timeline for the BSAP update and recent activities will be presented to the workshop (document to be submitted).

If the actions agreed in Baltic Sea Action Plan and subsequent Ministerial Meetings of 2010, 2013 and 2018 are not implemented by 2021, they will be transferred to the updated BSAP unless they have been outdated. The actions that are not likely to be implemented by 2021 have been considered by the HELCOM Working Groups and some of them have been rephrased to be more concrete. The workshop is invited to take note of the actions that have been agreed by HOD 58-2020 to be transferred to the updated BSAP (document to be submitted).

To support the selection of new measures and actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan, an invitation to submit synopses on potential new HELCOM actions was put forward in spring 2019 to the Contracting Parties, HELCOM subsidiary bodies, international projects and HELCOM Observers. The aim of the workshop is to evaluate proposed new actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan.

The Workshop is invited to note that the division of topics between the four BSAP UP workshops (Hazardous substances and litter, Eutrophication, Biodiversity and Maritime activities) is not necessarily aligned with the segments in the updated BSAP but has been made taking into account practical considerations and expertise of participants. The participants of the workshop will be informed of cross-cutting issues and their division between the workshops to avoid double work.

Agenda Item 2 Results of the prior analyses

The results of several prior analyses will be prepared to support the evaluation of the synopses in the workshop. These include:

1. Outcome of the technical review by Working Groups
2. Results from the SOM analysis
3. Identification of the component of the DPSIR chain the proposed measure targets
4. Estimates of the effectiveness of the proposed new measures

The workshop is invited to take note of the technical review of the synopses conducted by the HELCOM Working Groups and to use the results in the evaluation of synopses. The technical review will provide information on the potential overlap between synopses and existing HELCOM actions, technical feasibility of implementing the proposed new measure, potential gaps in the set of synopses and potential overlap between synopses and, as relevant, a proposal on merging of synopses (document to be submitted).

Sufficiency of measures (SOM) analysis carried out by the HELCOM ACTION project and the HELCOM SOM Platform supports the update of the BSAP. The SOM analysis assesses improvements in environmental state and pressures that can be achieved with existing measures by 2030-2035, and whether these are sufficient to achieve good environmental status (GES) in the Baltic Sea. The first results of the SOM analysis will be presented to provide a basis for the discussion and evaluation of the synopses (document to be submitted). The results of the SOM analysis will include an evaluation where new measures are potentially needed (geographically and by pressure/state). Based on the SOM results, an assessment of how well the proposed new actions address the gaps that have been identified in the SOM analyses will be provided to the workshop.

The Secretariat will identify which element of the DPSIR (activities, pressures, or state components) the proposed action is targeting, and the information will be submitted to the workshop.

The ACTION project will provide information on the effectiveness of the proposed new measures, based on the effectiveness data collected for the SOM analysis, and from synopses, literature reviews and project outputs (document to be submitted). The depth of these analyses depends on availability of information.

Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses

The proposals on new actions will be assessed using the 'Criteria for evaluation of new actions' that have been developed by the SOM Platform and endorsed by the Gear Group.

The agreed criteria for evaluation of the synopses and guidance for their implementation will be introduced to the workshop (document to be submitted). The workshop is also invited to suggest how to move forward with the possible shortcomings of the synopses and develop them further by, where possible, complementing the missing information.

The workshop participants will be invited to discuss the proposals for new actions and evaluate them based on the criteria.

Agenda Item 4 Conclusions

The workshop is invited to conclude on the new actions that are supported for inclusion in the updated BSAP. The proposal by the workshop will be submitted to relevant HELCOM Working Groups for endorsement. In case any thematical supplementary documents (action plans, strategies etc.), are foreseen, the workshop will be invited to recommend measures suitable for inclusion in the updated BSAP or related supplementary document.

Preliminary timetable BSAP UP WS-EUTRO 2020

All times EEST

Wednesday 26 August 2020	
10.00-11.15	Agenda Item 1 Introduction Agenda Item 2 Results of the prior analyses
11.15-11.30	<i>BREAK</i>
11.30-13.00	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses
13.00-14.00	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>
14.00-15.30	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses, continued
15.30-15.45	<i>BREAK</i>
15.45-17.00	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses, continued
Thursday 27 August	
10.00-11.00	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses, continued
11.00-11.10	<i>BREAK</i>

11.10-12.00	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses, continued
12.00-13.00	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>
13.00-15.00	Agenda Item 4 Conclusions

Annex 1. Synopses for BSAP UP WS-EUTRO 2020

The synopses are available in the dedicated [workspace](#).

Title	File name in workspace
Adapted buffer zones to reduce phosphorus losses from agricultural land, for example on parts of fields where surface runoff and erosion occurs, along ditches or at surface water inlets	Adapted buffer zones to reduce phosphorus losses from agricultural land
Adapted fertilization rate and precision fertilization in order to increase nitrogen efficiency and reduce nitrogen losses	Adapted fertilization rate and precision fertilization in order to increase nitrogen efficiency and reduce nitrogen losses
Allow coordination of abatement measures among HELCOM countries to ensure cost-effective nutrient abatement at the basin and Baltic scales	Coordination of nutrient abatement measures
Annual field-level fertilization planning and farm-gate nutrient balancing for nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) should be a requirement for all farms in the Baltic Sea Region	Implement field-level fertilization planning and farm-gate nutrient balancing for all farms in the BSR
Cost effectiveness should be the guiding principle for designing nutrient abatement plans	Cost effectiveness guiding principle for designing nutrient abatement plans
Definition of “New Hot Spots” of nutrient input into the Baltic and subsequent targeted measures to reduce the source	Definition of “New Hot Spots” of nutrient input into the Baltic and subsequent targeted measures to reduce the source
Develop Best Available Techniques (BAT) lists for reducing ammonia and GHG emissions from livestock housing, manure storage and spreading	Develop BAT lists for reducing ammonia and GHG emissions from livestock housing, manure storage and spreading
Develop national strategy and consequent measures to secure sustainable use of recyclable nutrients with potential inclusion of simultaneous bio-fuel production	National strategy and measures to secure sustainable use of recyclable nutrients with potential bio-fuel production
Develop recommendations to support national strategies for manure management in the BSR specifically from horses, sheep, goats, and fur farming	Recommendations to support national strategies for manure management in the BSR
Facilitating the selection of cost-effective measures by creating national catalogues of abatement measures and their unit abatement costs.	National catalogues of abatement measures and their unit abatement costs
Improve knowledge transfer between farmers, authorities and decision makers	Improve knowledge transfer between farmers, authorities and decision makers
Improve soil structure and aggregate stability on clay soils to reduce phosphorus losses from agricultural lands, for example by using soil structure lime or gypsum	Improve soil structure and aggregate stability on clay soils to reduce phosphorus losses from agricultural lands, for example by using soil structure lime or gypsum
Improved integration of BSAP targets with WFD targets	Improved integration of BSAP targets with WFD targets
Incentives to support the use and the production of manure based recycled nutrients	Incentives to support the use and the production of manure based recycled nutrients
Increase organic farming to reduce the inputs of nutrients and hazardous substances to the Baltic Sea	Increase organic farming to reduce the inputs of nutrients and hazardous substances to the Baltic Sea

Levy on mineral phosphorus in animal fodder and on mineral fertilizer P	Levy on mineral phosphorus
Levy on nitrogen in mineral fertilizer	Levy on nitrogen in mineral fertilizer
Mussels to limit eutrophication from land and marine based sources	Mussels to limit eutrophication from land and marine based sources
Mutual learning among farmers on best practices and innovative technologies	Mutual learning among farmers
National implementation plans to meet HELCOM's Nutrient Input Ceilings (NIC)	National implementation plans to meet HELCOM's Nutrient Input Ceilings (NIC)
Nutrient-balanced fertilization to control nutrient surplus on farmland	Nutrient-balanced fertilization to control nutrient surplus on farmland
Prohibition of post harvest application of manure and other organic fertilizers	Prohibition of post harvest application of manure and other organic fertilizers
Promote regenerative farming practises for multiple benefits	Promote regenerative farming practises for multiple benefits
Recycling of nutrients and carbon in agricultural residues by use of anaerobic digestion	Recycling of nutrients and carbon in agricultural residues by use of anaerobic digestion
Reducing livestock densities and coupling livestock to the area of available farmland	Reducing livestock densities and coupling livestock to the area of available farmland
Removal of nutrients from the coastal zone by the use of mussel mitigation cultures	Removal of nutrients from the coastal zone by the use of mussel mitigation cultures
Reporting estimates on the effects of agri-environmental measures on the main phosphorus (P) fractions	Estimates on the effects of agri-environmental measures on the main (P) fractions
Strengthening of HELCOM Recommendation 28E/5 on MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT	Strengthening of HELCOM Recommendation 28E/5 on MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT
Use of gypsum to reduce phosphorus loads from agricultural land	Use of gypsum to reduce phosphorus loads from agricultural land