



18 December 2015

To: Contacts of HOLAS II Core team  
State and Conservation Contacts and Observers  
Cc: Gear Contacts and Observers  
Pressure Contacts and Observers

**Re. HELCOM BalticBOOST Workshop on the HOLAS II Biodiversity assessment tool**

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the outcome of the Fourth Meeting of the Project for the development of the second holistic assessment of the Baltic Sea (paragraph 7.1, Outcome of HOLAS II 4-2015), it is my pleasure to invite you to a HELCOM BalticBOOST workshop to support the development of the Biodiversity assessment tool to be used by HOLAS II.

The Workshop will be held **from 10:00 on February 11, 2016, to 16:00 on February 12, 2016** at the premises of NIVA Denmark Water Research (Winghouse, [Ørestads Boulevard 73](#)) in Copenhagen, Denmark.

A draft Provisional Agenda is enclosed to this letter. Please also find enclosed an invitation from the host.

Participants are kindly requested to **register** to the Workshop by **January 20, 2015**. Please register by answering the [Participation Survey which is found at this link](#). First time participants are need to first sign up to the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#) in order to obtain relevant rights to fill in the Survey and get access to Workshop documents. Please find [here](#) instructions for first time Meeting Portal users.

The Contracting Parties are welcome to invite participants to the Workshop as needed in order to meet the aims of the Workshop.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Ulla Li Zweifel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ulla Li Zweifel  
Professional Secretary