



29 November 2017

To: Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention
Heads of Delegation to the Helsinki Commission
Observers of HELCOM

cc: Chair of HELCOM
Chairs of the HELCOM Groups

**Re: Invitation to the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2018
Brussels, Belgium, 6 March 2018**

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to the decision by the Helsinki Commission at its regular meeting in 2017 (Outcome of HELCOM 38-2017, Paragraph 8.1) and based on the attached invitation by Commissioner Karmenu Vella to the Ministers of the Baltic Sea countries, I have the honour to invite other representatives of the Contracting Parties as well as representatives of the Observer Organizations to attend the Ministerial Meeting of the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - Helsinki Commission (HELCOM MINISTERIAL 2018). The Ministerial Meeting will be held on 6 March 2018 in Brussels, Belgium, hosted by the European Union, at the premises of Palais d'Egmont, Arenberg room (Place du Petit Sablon, 8, 1000 Brussels, <http://www.ccegmont.be/en>). Please find attached practical information for participants. An agenda for the Meeting will be circulated in due course.

The participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by completing the attached registration form not later than **15 February 2018**.

Yours sincerely,

Monika Stankiewicz
Executive Secretary