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Background

In February 2015, a HELCOM report was released to provide information on port reception facilities (PRFs) for sewage and their use by international cruise ships in the Baltic Sea area during 2014. A revised and more complete version of the publication was released in March 2015.

This HELCOM report describes in detail cruise ships operating in the Baltic Sea, their length of sea voyages as well as frequency and duration of port visits. Also the ports visited by cruise ships and the sewage facilities are covered in terms of available facilities and traffic trends. The report is based mainly on information from AIS (Automatic Identification System) position reports received combined with a comprehensive list of cruise ships operating in the region. It provides thus a nearly complete coverage of cruise ship movements during 2014.

Based on the analyses of ship movements, passenger capacity and port facilities, the report helps also to clarify what the real needs of cruise traffic might be in terms of sewage management in the Baltic Sea cruise ports.

Action required

The Meeting is invited to take note of the [HELCOM Overview 2014 on Baltic Sea Sewage Port Reception Facilities](#) and provide suggestions for future editions of the PRF overview.