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Background

GREEN TEAM 2-2018 agreed on the GREEN TEAM reporting mechanism and method based on the traffic lights idea, as set out in the Attachment to document 4-2, and invited HELCOM MARITIME 18-2018 to approve its establishment.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the comments on the GREEN TEAM Reporting mechanism and method and consider the digitalized reporting system to be established on the HELCOM website as a tool.

Comments to GREEN TEAM Reporting mechanism and method

The European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) and European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) welcome the establishment of the GREEN TEAM Reporting mechanism and method. It is the outmost important to identify the main challenges which are hindering the development of sustainable shipping and investments in green technologies and alternative fuels, as well as to comply the existing environmental regulations in shipping sector. The public-private cooperation is important. Thus, the law-makers will be informed of the problems and information will be shared within the industry. Accordingly, the aim will be to promote green innovative investments in shipping sector and tackle the identified challenges.

It is necessary that reporting is voluntary and there is no need in any circumstances to reveal commercially sensitive data in the report. The identified challenges and reporting entities should not be linked together in the compiled reports, which will be publicly available.

It is important to avoid any kind of administrative burden towards the HELCOM Secretariat and reporting projects while establishing the reporting mechanism and compiling the reports. A simple digitalized reporting system to be established on the HELCOM website would minimize the administrative burden. The automatic digitalized system could process the outcome and statistics of the reports and highlight directly the main challenges (red issues). The Finnish members of ESPO and ECSA, Finnish Port Association and Finnish Shipowners' Association, as a part of the Finnish Maritime Cluster (FMC) are willing to participate in and finance the development of a digitalized reporting system together with the HELCOM Secretariat.