



HELCOM Workshop on regional nutrient recycling strategy

7 November 2018, Warsaw, Poland

The HELCOM workshop on regional nutrient recycling strategy is organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Poland and HELCOM in cooperation with the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region Policy Area Nutri. The workshop is aimed for representatives of authorities and research organizations of the Baltic Sea countries, representatives of the European Union, and HELCOM Observers.

Background

The HELCOM Ministerial Meeting, held on 6 March 2018 in Brussels, committed to elaborating by 2020 a Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy that aims for reduced nutrient inputs to and eutrophication of the Baltic Sea and:

- focuses on measures at source rather than end-of-pipe solutions;
- is based on the best available scientific knowledge on sustainable management and processing of nutrients in agriculture by safe recycling of nutrients especially from manure and sewage;
- promotes environmentally safe nutrient recycling in the Baltic Sea region, taking into account principles of circular economy, geographical and socio-economic conditions, as well as spatial distribution of nutrient stocks and their flows, whilst respecting objectives and geographical scales already defined under other legal frameworks;
- gives guidance on risk assessments and solutions to prevent potentially harmful consequences from the application of recycled products and on technological processes of nutrients recycling;
- helps to identify regional challenges, applicability and added value for the whole Baltic Sea region;
- is established with a step-by-step approach and proposes a common vision and objectives for nutrient recycling;

The HELCOM Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (Agri group) is leading the work in cooperation with the HELCOM Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (Pressure Working Group). Finland is the lead country and developing the Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy is one of the priorities of the HELCOM chairmanship of Finland 2018 - 2019.

Aim

The aim of the workshop is to discuss the common vision for the Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy including the scope of the Strategy with definitions and possible limitations. The experts will also be invited to discuss potential for recycling of nutrients in agricultural and waste water sector based on national data on nutrient flows, discuss drivers and obstacles to close nutrients loop as well as to discuss principles of setting objectives for nutrients recycling.



Provisional programme

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Venue: Room A, Falenty Centrum Szkoleniowo-Konferencyjne (address: al. Hrabaska 4b, 05-090 Raszyn-Falenty)

Chair: Ms. Tarja Haaranen, Chair of HELCOM Agri group, Ministry of the Environment, Finland

Time	Activity
9:00 – 10:30	Welcome by Poland Nutrients in the Baltic Sea region and HELCOM nutrient recycling commitments <i>Ms. Susanna Kaasinen, HELCOM Secretariat</i> Work plan and vision of Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy <i>Ms. Marja-Liisa Tapio-Biström, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland</i> Common discussion on the vision
10:30 – 12:00	Manure & sewage parallel sessions part I: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• drivers and challenges
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 15:00	Parallel sessions part II: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• regional objectives
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	Common discussion on main findings of the parallel sessions Discussion and conclusions on scope, limitations, timeline and main objectives for the strategy
18:00 -	Dinner