



## Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

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PLC-6 8-2015

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The eighth meeting of the Sixth Baltic Sea Pollution Load Compilation (PLC-6) project group (PLC-6 8-2015) which will be held on 20-21 May 2015 at the premises of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala, Sweden (Campus Ultuna).

The Meeting will start at **9:00 on Wednesday, 20 May 2015** and is expected to terminate by **17:00 on Thursday, 21 May 2015**. Details about the exact meeting venue (room at Campus Ultuna) will be provided at a later stage.

The Workshop will be held back-to-back with a *Workshop on total uncertainties in input estimates* on 18 May 2015, a *Workshop on transboundary inputs and retention* on 19 May 2015, and a meeting of the Reduction Scheme Core Drafting Group (RedCore DG) on 22 May 2015. All of the meetings will take place at SLU in Uppsala.

An invitation from the host SLU, a Provisional Annotated Agenda (document 1-1) and information for Participants are enclosed to this letter. The participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) for the Meeting **not later than 11 May 2015**.

The primary aims of the Meeting are to:

- Agree on the publication of the PLC-6 guidelines on the HELCOM website
- Discuss, elaborate and agree on a draft table of contents, a detailed road map for the PLC-6 report and background and supporting data to include in the assessment
- Discuss improvement of pollution input data for follow-up of the HELCOM nutrient reduction scheme

Documents for the Meeting, which are restricted until after the Meeting has ended, will be made available via the HELCOM Meeting Portal, in the [PLC-6 8-2014](#) Meeting Site. Instructions for the use of the new Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM website](#).

## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Agenda Item 1                      Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda (document 1-1).

### Agenda Item 2                      Information from the Project Manager, Secretariat and Contracting Parties

The Project Manager and Secretariat will inform of relevant outcomes from recent HELCOM meetings and progress of the PLC-6 project, including the status of the road map (document to be submitted later).

The Contracting Parties are invited to inform on their PLC monitoring and assessment activities for PLC-6 in 2014.

### Agenda Item 3                      Status of PLC data

PLC-2013 data should according to the revised reporting plan have been reported by 6 March 2015 using the new reporting templates. The PLC Data Manager is requested to present an overview of the status of PLC data reporting as well as status of the new PLC database.

Contracting Parties and the Data Manager are requested to clarify and correct possible remaining inconsistencies in the PLC data which have come to light during uploading of 2013 PLC data using the PLUS web application upload functionality.

The Meeting is invited to discuss the timetable for completing a PLC 1994-2013 dataset, to allow for planning of the updating of the core pressure indicator on nutrient inputs and CART follow-up assessment.

### Agenda Item 4                      Finalization of PLC-6 Guidelines

The latest version of the PLC-6 guidelines will be made available in the Meeting site [document library](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal one week before the meeting.

The Meeting will be invited to discuss still open issues in the PLC-6 Guidelines and agree on publication of the guidelines on the HELCOM website.

### Agenda Item 5                      Preliminary outline for the PLC-6 assessment

PLC-6 7-2014 agreed that it would be useful to develop a strategy for the next generation of PLC data products and was of the opinion that such a strategy should be drafted by RedCore DG and circulated to Pressure WG and HODs for commenting and endorsement.

The Meeting is invited to take note of and take into account the draft strategy document elaborated by the Secretariat with input from REDCORE DG (document to be submitted later).

The Meeting is invited to elaborate a first draft outline and list of main contents for the PLC-6 assessment taking into account the draft strategy document, user requirements of PLC data/data products/assessments and the overview of PLC data deliverables and how they fulfill PLC-6 expected outcomes compiled by PLC-6 7-2014 (documents to be submitted later).

The Meeting is also invited to agree on a schedule and division of work (roadmap) for compiling background data and writing the assessment, with the view that sections that are not dependent on the PLC-6 data should be elaborated already during 2016.

The Meeting is invited to discuss what background information and supporting data should be included in the PLC-6 assessment, elaborate how and from where the background information and supporting data can be collected. Further agree on deadlines for Contracting Parties to forward such supporting data.

#### Agenda Item 6                      Improvement of pollution input data for follow-up of the HELCOM nutrient reduction scheme

The Meeting is invited to consider the outcomes of the *Workshop on total uncertainty of input estimates* and the *Workshop on transboundary input and retention* and discuss how to make use of the information for improving PLC data and how to make use of it for the PLC-6 assessment.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the publication of the [core pressure indicator on nutrient inputs](#) which assesses progress towards fulfillment of maximum allowable inputs (MAI) to the Baltic Sea sub-basins.

The Project Manager will inform of progress with development of a follow-up system for assessing progress in fulfillment of country-wise allocation of reduction targets (CART) (document to be submitted later).

The Meeting will be invited to discuss issues raised by PRESSURE 2-2015 and the remaining technical issues on the draft CART follow-up assessment and other questions related to the follow up of the nutrient reduction scheme.

BNI is invited to inform of progress with developing a draft project application under EU SBSR for improving data on transboundary inputs.

#### Agenda Item 7                      Future work

The Meeting is invited to review the list of project contacts (document 7-1) and to update it as necessary.

The Meeting is invited to discuss further work, division of workload, deadlines as well as the arrangement and tasks of the ninth project group meeting. The Meeting is also invited to consider any adjustments to the roadmap of implementation of the PLC-6 project (cf. document from agenda item 2).

#### Agenda Item 8                      Any other business

The PLUS project will be invited to present an overview of progress with implementation of the project.

The Meeting is invited to discuss any other business.

#### Agenda Item 9                      Closing of the Meeting

The Secretariat will prepare a draft outcome of the meeting for consideration and approval by the Meeting.