



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Online Meeting of the Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area
Online, 26 February 2020

PRESSURE 11a-2020

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Background

The Online Meeting of the HELCOM Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 11a-2020) will be held on 26 February 2020.

The Meeting will continue the discussion on the rephrasing of HELCOM actions related to Pressure Working Group and their inclusion to the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan.

The PRESSURE 11a-2020 Meeting will be opened **at 9:00 CET/10:00 EET on Wednesday, 26 February 2020** and it is expected to terminate **by 12:00 CET/13:00 EET** on the same day.

Documents for the Meeting will be made available in the *restricted* document library on the PRESSURE 11a-2020 [Meeting Site](#) in the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#).

Participants to PRESSURE 11a-2020 are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) **latest on 19 February 2020**.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda as contained in document 1-1.

Agenda Item 2 Rephrasing of HELCOM actions

Rephrasing of existing HELCOM actions

The HELCOM Working Groups have been tasked to consider tentative needs for rephrasing of existing HELCOM actions from the Baltic Sea Action Plan and Ministerial Declarations 2010 and 2013 that are not likely implemented by 2021. In accordance with the Strategic Plan for the BSAP update, these actions will be transferred to the updated BSAP as they are, or they will be rephrased as found needed by the Working Groups i.e. to update target years, to ensure that they are up to date with current HELCOM work, or to clarify the actions.

The Pressure group has discussed the rephrasing of actions in PRESSURE 9-2018, PRESSURE 10-2019, PRESSURE 10a-2019 and PRESSURE 11-2019. PRESSURE 10a-2019 considered the existing HELCOM actions in need of rephrasing in case they are not implemented by 2021 and agreed on a categorization of actions in terms of degree of revision needs and the leads for rephrasing. A document on suggestions for rephrased actions will be submitted by the Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the suggestions for rephrasing of actions and agree on the tentative formulations for actions to be included in the updated BSAP.

Concretization of existing commitments from BSAP and MD 2010 and 2013 that are not included in the follow-up system

The implementation of existing HELCOM actions, including from the current BSAP and Ministerial Declarations in 2010 and 2013, have been followed-up through a coherent scheme since 2016. Some actions were however evaluated as too generically formulated to be followed-up. As agreed through the Strategic Plan for the BSAP update, these actions should be reviewed to check if some of them should be considered for uptake in the updated BSAP and in that case to concretize them in a similar way as outlined for paragraphs of the 2018 Ministerial Declaration.

PRESSURE 11-2019 took note of the proposals from the Secretariat on how these actions could be pursued or omitted from further work and agreed to provide response to the proposals through correspondence. No objections on the proposal have been received and no countries have volunteered to lead rephrasing of particular actions. The document containing some additional proposals by the Secretariat will be submitted to the Meeting.

The Meeting is invited to discuss the document, agree on the proposed tentative formulations for actions as well as agree on the next steps to elaborate new formulations for the remaining actions with the aim to accomplish the task at PRESSURE 12-2020.

Agenda Item 3 Any other business

The Meeting might wish to discuss any other issues relevant for the work of the Group.

Agenda Item 4 Outcome of the Meeting

A draft outcome will be prepared by the Secretariat and adopted via correspondence.