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Traditionally, the key theme of Pressure group's Meetings in spring is eutrophication and nutrient management. But in the light of the ongoing work on the BSAP update, the issues related to all other topics falling under the group's mandate will be also considered. A specific session dedicated to the ongoing work to update the BSAP will be arranged. Thematic sessions on marine litter, hazardous substances, sea floor integrity, underwater noise and other issues will consider relevant aspects of HELCOM routine work. The Meeting will be preceded by the HELCOM Workshop on the update of national nutrient input ceilings on 20 April 2020. The Outcome of the workshop will be presented to the Meeting.

### Action Requested

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda.

### Provisional Agenda

#### **Day 1 (Tuesday, 21 April) starts at 10.00**

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Matters arising from other HELCOM work
3. Nutrient loads to the Baltic Sea ecosystem
  - 3.1. Update of the HELCOM nutrient input reduction scheme and input ceilings (including outcome of the workshop preceding the Meeting)
  - 3.2. Draft PLC-7 products related to input of nutrients (assessment of the progress towards national nutrient input ceilings; sources and pathways of nutrients; other)
  - 3.3. Main products of HELCOM ACTION project related to input of nutrients: (potential to reduce nutrient inputs from point sources; sufficiency of the targets for individual rivers basins to achieve the BSAP goals; outcomes of the ACTION Workshop 4.2 - BSAP and MSFD measures to abate eutrophication)
  - 3.4. Results of the HELCOM ENIRED II - Estimation of Nitrogen Deposition reduction by 2030
  - 3.5. Assessment of sufficiency of measures to achieve BSAP targets related to eutrophication

- 3.6. Phosphogypsum stacks as sources of nutrient input to the Baltic Sea (analysis of the reported and verified national data)
- 3.7. Initial results of the extended reporting on sewage sludge handling in the BS region
- 3.8. Organization of PLC-8 project work
4. Development of the regional framework for internal nutrients reserves measurements (results of the MINUTS work)
5. Nutrient recycling strategy – measures to improve recycling of nutrient

**Day 2 (Wednesday, 22 April)**

6. Update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan and associated activities
  - 6.1. Endorsement of existing actions to be included in the updated BSAP and their formulation (work plan activity 1.1)
  - 6.2. Technical review of synopses on proposed new HELCOM actions for the updated BSAP
  - 6.3. Progress of sufficiency of measures analysis
    - 6.3.1. Outcome of the SOM platform 3-2020 – progress for the specific topics and data from expert surveys and literature:
      - Analysis of sufficiency of measures on underwater noise
      - Analysis of sufficiency of measures on marine litter
      - Analysis of sufficiency of measures on hazardous substances
      - Input of nutrients - Sufficiency of measures to achieve the BSAP targets (including input from ACTION project WP6);
    - 6.3.2. Other results of ACTION project relevant to the group work:
      - Impact on seabed (WP2, ACTION project)
  - 6.4. Results of the reporting on HELCOM Recommendations adopted before 2007 (work plan activity 2.3)

**Day 3 (Thursday, 23 April)**

7. Marine litter
  - 7.1. Draft update HELCOM Recommendation on urban storm water management
  - 7.2. Update on the on-going work of “FanPLESStic-sea project – Initiatives to remove microplastics before they enter the sea”
  - 7.3. Proposals on further practical actions to address ALDFG in the Baltic Sea
  - 7.4. Prioritization of actions to reduce releases of EPS and XPS to the environment and next steps to their implementation.
  - 7.5. Policy message on disposal of End-of-Life Boats (ELB)

7.6. Consideration of the updated report and summary page on the analysis of the degree of the marine environment pollution by wastes flowing down the rivers to the sea

7.7. Follow-up of the implementation of the RAP ML:

- Actions RL1-RL3 - waste management – status of implementation and further steps towards producing of a regional document on good waste management practices
- Action RL11 – establishing and/or further develop of deposit refund systems for bottles, containers, and cans – lessons learned further implementation
- Action RL14 - landfills or dumpsites which may eventually pose a risk to the marine environment – verification of national data, additional input, accomplishing the action
- Action RL15 - establish an exchange platform for spreading experiences on good cleaning practices in beaches – information on implementation of the action e.g. planning future campaigns
- Action RS5 –best practice in relation to all relevant aspects of waste management within the fishing sector - Information on project “Catching the Potential –Setting the standard for sustainable fisheries training”
- Action RS9 - on the use of dolly ropes in the Baltic Sea - accomplishment of the action.
- Status of implementation of the RAP on Marine Litter – additional information by Countries and Observers
- Planning the 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on implementation of the RAP ML – time, main themes

7.8. Revision of the RAP ML –discussion on the scope and timeframe

8. Underwater noise:

8.1. Information on ongoing work of the HELCOM EN-Noise

8.2. Revised draft Regional Action Plan on Underwater Noise further developed by the EN-Noise

8.3. Information on national data reporting to the impulsive noise registry and inclusion of noise-mitigation measures in the reporting.

8.4. State of the noise database and soundscape planning tool – contacts for data reporting.

9. Physical damage to the sea floor

9.1. Endorsement of the consolidated reporting to London Protocol on depositing of dredged material at sea in the BSR and a suggestion to institutionalize the reporting procedure

9.2. Endorsement of annual Baltic Sea fact sheet on handling of dredged material at sea

***Day 4 (Friday, 24 April) will be closed at 16.00***

10. Hazardous substances

10.1. Accomplishing of the HELCOM task on micropollutants in WWTP effluents (draft report on micropollutants by BSR water project platform)

10.2. PLC-7 product – Input of selected hazardous substances to the Baltic Sea

- 10.3. State of the work on regional policy document on hazardous substances
- 10.4. Publications of SOM platform topical team background reports as BSEPs
- 10.5. Contribution of regional projects to the update of the regional policy on hazardous substances e.g. “Handling of medical wastes in the Baltic Sea region”, “The use of pharmaceuticals in the veterinary in the Baltic Sea region” (input by CWPHARMA project); “Proposals to exchange and utilization of data on hazardous substances between EU legal frameworks and HELCOM” (input by HAZBREF).
- 10.6. Progress in the work on HELCOM indicators on hazardous substances – (EN-Hazards, workshops and other meetings)
11. Any other business
12. Future work and meetings
13. Outcome and closing of the Meeting