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Background

The HELCOM ACTION workshop 4.2 - BSAP and MSFD measures to abate eutrophication was organized on 12-13 February 2020 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

The aim of the workshop was to discuss sufficiency of implemented and planned measures to achieve maximum allowable inputs of nutrients set by the HELCOM BSAP (ACTION project WP6) and share the experiences in implementing national programmes of measures to abate eutrophication from the 1st cycle of MSFD as well as plans for the 2nd cycle of EU MSFD with the goal to achieve good environmental status of the Baltic Sea.

In the workshop, the following issues and actions were identified relevant for HELCOM and the Contracting Parties for their future work:

1. Importance of quantifying annual NO_x discharges from ship scrubbers (HELCOM Pressure and Maritime Working Groups)
2. Analyze the potential to reduce NH_x emissions beyond the (limited) aims of the NEC Directive / Gothenburg Protocol (HELCOM Pressure and Agri groups)
3. Quantify and follow-up the effect of WFD Programmes of Measures (HELCOM Pressure group through PLC)
4. Clearly identify and address the gap between BSAP objectives and the WFD in MSFD Programmes of Measures (HELCOM Pressure group, PLC and Contracting Parties)
5. Note the intention of the EU Commission to assess MSFD Cycle 2 Programmes of Measures in a regional context (HELCOM Pressure group and Contracting Parties)
6. Nationally coordinate measures and evaluate effects of measures (quantitatively) undertaken under various policies (Nitrate directive, NEC, IED, urban WW directive, etc.) when developing PoM under MSFD (Contracting Parties)
7. Enhance cooperation with HELCOM in regard to assessment of progress towards nutrient input ceilings and utilizing the ceilings as environmental targets for coordination of measures under various policies (Contracting Parties)
8. Continue work on joint regional documentation of PoM for the next cycle of MSFD as a platform to exchange information and regionally coordinate measures to achieve BSAP targets (HELCOM)

The notes from the workshop as well as the presentations held can be found [here](#).

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the notes and the recommendations from the workshop and use them when reviewing proposed measures to reduce nutrient load, identifying remaining gaps and needs of additional measures.