



8 February 2021

To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation
HELCOM Observers
Contacts and Observers of HELCOM Pressure Working Group
HELCOM Expert Network on Marine Litter
HELCOM Expert Network on Underwater Noise
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of HELCOM Groups

cc: Contacts and Observers of HELCOM Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices

Re. Invitation to the 14th Meeting of HELCOM Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 14-2021) on 13-16 April 2021, online

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the Outcome of PRESSURE 13-2020 (Paragraph 12.4), I have the pleasure to invite the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention and Observer Organizations to the 14th Meeting of the HELCOM Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 14-2021) to be held online on 13-16 April 2021.

PRESSURE 14-2021 will be opened **at 10:00 EEST/9:00 CEST on Tuesday, 13 April**, and is expected to terminate **by 16:00 EEST/15:00 CEST on Friday, 16 April 2021**.

In light of the ongoing work on the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan and the development of its supplementary documents, the key theme of the Meeting is on the revision of the Regional Action Plan on Marine litter, consideration of nutrient recycling strategy, risk assessment framework for nutrient reserves, policy document on hazardous substances as well as on annexes to the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan. Other issues related to nutrient load on the Baltic Sea, marine litter, hazardous substances, underwater noise, and handling of dredged material will be considered.

The Delegations are requested to note that according to Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Helsinki Commission, **basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision** by the Meeting should be submitted by **22 March 2021** in electronic form to the Secretariat (Dmitry.Frank-Kamenetsky@helcom.fi; laura.kaikkonen@helcom.fi). Bulky documents should include abstracts embodying the essence of the proposals and action requested. **Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents** should be received by the Secretariat by **6 April 2021**. The Secretariat has prepared a [document template](#) and recommends using the template when submitting documents to the Secretariat.

Documents for the Meeting will be made available in the *restricted* document library on the PRESSURE 14-2021 [Meeting Site](#) in the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#). Please find here [instructions](#) for signing up as a *first time user* of the Meeting Portal.

Participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) not later than by **6 April 2021**.

Yours sincerely,

Rüdiger Stempel
Executive Secretary