



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

15th Meeting of the Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area

PRESSURE 15-2021

Online, 2-4 November 2021

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Background

The 15th Meeting of the HELCOM Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 15-2021) will be held online on 2-4 November 2021.

PRESSURE 15-2021 will be opened **at 10:00 EET/9:00 CET on Tuesday, 2 November**, and is expected to terminate **by 17:00 EET/16:00 CET on Thursday, 4 November 2021**.

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 **11 October 2021** in electronic form to the Secretariat (lotta.ruokanen@helcom.fi; susanna.kaasinen@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 **25 October 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 15-2021 [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 **25 October 2021**.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda.

Provisional Agenda

Day 1 (Tuesday, 2 November) starts at 10.00 (EET)

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Matters arising from other HELCOM work
 - a. Ministerial Meeting
 - b. HOLAS III
3. Marine litter
 - a. Draft HELCOM Recommendation on expanded and extruded polystyrene
 - b. Follow-up of EU and global processes related to marine litter
 - c. Outputs from the FanPLESStic-Sea project
 - d. Implementation of the revised Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAP ML)
 - e. Draft revised Terms of Reference for EN-Marine Litter
4. Underwater noise
 - a. Implementation of the Regional Action Plan on Underwater Noise (RAP UN)
 - b. Report on the activities of EN-Noise
 - c. Draft revised Terms of Reference for EN-Noise
5. Physical damage to the sea floor
 - a. State of reporting on handling of dredged material at sea
 - b. Draft revised Terms of Reference for EN DREDS

Day 2 (Wednesday, 3 November)

6. Hazardous substances
 - a. Publication of the report on micropollutants in effluents from wastewater treatment plants, policy messages and database availability
 - b. Airborne input of hazardous substances, EMEP report and approval of the Baltic Sea Environment Fact Sheets
 - c. Status of the screening campaign
 - d. Draft revised Terms of Reference for the EN-HZ and developing the hazardous substances work of HELCOM
7. Eutrophication

- a. PLC-7 Thematic report on the assessment of effectiveness of selected measures to reduce input of nutrients to the Baltic Sea
- b. PLC-7 Thematic report on main sources and pathways of waterborne nutrients to the Baltic Sea
- c. PLC-7 Executive summary
- d. PLC-7 Short final implementation report by the Project manager and agreement on the accomplishment of the project
- e. PLC-8 project implementation report
- f. Revised PLC Water Guideline and possible revision of Rec 37-38-1 and 37-38-2

Day 3 (Thursday, 4 November) will be closed at 17.00 (EET)

- g. Update of the MAI core indicator and the updated indicator report
 - h. Airborne input of nutrients, EMEP report and approval of the Baltic Sea Environment Fact Sheets
 - i. Revision of the Strategy for future PLC deliverables document
 - j. PLC workshop in 2022
 - k. Marine eutrophication in the review of the Gothenburg Protocol
 - l. Draft HELCOM policy message based on the BEST project recommendations
 - m. Report on nutrient loading from phosphogypsum stacks
 - n. Report on sewage sludge handling
8. New hot spot related actions in the updated BSAP and organization of their regional implementation
 9. Any other business
 10. Election of Vice-Chair(s)
 11. Future work and meetings
 12. Outcome and closing of the Meeting