







The Meeting will be invited to consider and endorse the policy message on evaluation of progress towards CARTs. The policy messages then will be submitted to HDO 53-2017 for final approval.

Evaluation of inputs of nutrients from different sources (source apportionment)

Evaluation of inputs of nutrients from different sources (source apportionment) is one of the key products of the PLC-6 project. The only Baltic Sea -wide currently available information on contribution of different sources of nutrients into the Baltic Sea is based on the data on inputs in 2006. New data on sources of nutrients were collected by the PLC-6 Project for the year 2014 (2012 for Germany and Poland). The data on waterborne sources of nutrients were reported in accordance with the PLC-Water Guidelines as a part of periodic reporting, inserted into the HELCOM PLC database, and verified and approved by national experts. Information on sources of airborne input of nitrogen was provided by EMEP as a part of PLC-6 project. A draft evaluation of inputs of nutrients from different sources will be presented to the Meeting.

The Meeting is invited to consider and endorse the draft PLC-6 product on evaluation of inputs of nutrients from different sources.

Assessment of effectiveness of measures

Assessment of effectiveness of measures to reduce input of nutrients is one of the new PLC products included into the PLC-6 reports. The data on effectiveness of measures were collected through a questionnaire prepared by PLC-6 project team and RedCore DG. A draft report on assessment of effectiveness of measures and the potential nutrient reductions due to planned/new measures will be submitted to the Meeting.

The Meeting will be invited to consider and endorse the draft report on assessment of effectiveness of measures.

Assessment of nutrients input by big rivers

PRESSURE 4-2016 decided to include a pilot exercise on assessment of inputs of nitrogen and phosphorus from seven major rivers into the PLC-6 periodical assessment, noting that the input by these rivers contribute about 50% of the total input of nutrients and might be used for an assessment on the effectiveness of measures in the long-term perspective. PRESSURE 6-2017 considered preliminary information on the results of the assessment and suggested to include additional data into the report. An updated draft of the report on assessment of nutrients input by big rivers will be provided to the Meeting.

The Meeting will be invited to consider and endorse the updated draft of the report on assessment of nutrients input by big rivers.

Assessment of input of selected hazardous substances

Reporting of the data on transport of heavy metals to the Baltic Sea by rivers and discharges of direct point sources is a part of regular PLC reporting. The data on airborne input of heavy metals and selected POPs are annually reported to HELCOM by EMEP. The compiled information is used to evaluate input of these substances into the Baltic Sea. A draft assessment of input of selected hazardous substances into the Baltic Sea will be submitted to the Meeting.

The Meeting will be invited to consider and endorse the draft assessment of input of selected hazardous substances into the Baltic Sea.

Availability of PLC-6 Project data

Implementation of the PLC-6 Project includes a compilation of the large massifs of data, their processing and producing new datasets used for the assessments. Several projects have been implemented in order to operationalize data reporting, verification, processing and also in order to provide access to the data. PLC datasets integrate original data reported by national data reporters, compilations made by third parties (EMEP), spatial data and assessment data. According to the HELCOM information strategy all HELCOM data are publicly available. An overview of information resources related to the PLC-6 project will be submitted to the Meeting.

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the overview of information resources related to PLC-6 Project and provide feedback regarding the demand of national experts in access to different types of PLC data.





**Agenda Item 12**                      **Future work and meetings**

The Meeting is invited to agree on the main issues to be dealt with in the next meeting of the Group (PRESSURE 8-2018) to take place on 16-20 April 2018 in [Berlin], Germany (Outcome of HOD 52-2017, para 5.5). The Meeting is also invited to agree on a tentative date of the ninth meeting of the group as well as to consider the possibility to host it.

**Agenda Item 13**                      **Outcome and closing of the Meeting**

The draft Outcome will be prepared by the Secretariat for consideration and approval by the Meeting. The final Outcome, incorporating corrections by the Meeting, will be prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Meeting and made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal.