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2018 HELCOM Brussels Ministerial Meeting agreed on strengthening the implementation of the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) by 2021 and its update beyond 2021. HELCOM 39-2018 agreed on the guidance for the BSAP update, and HOD 54-2018 approved the strategic plan of the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan and pointed out that the update should be a priority for the HELCOM working groups.

In line with the above mentioned commitments, PRESSURE 9-2018 will a) start a systematic evaluation of potential obstacles in accomplishing current HELCOM agreements, b) identify HELCOM agreements, not covered by the current BSAP follow-up system, for which additional reporting by Contracting Parties will be needed and c) plan the future work and meetings to contribute to the BSAP update in a timely manner. In general the Meeting will be focused on various aspects related to pollution of the Baltic Sea by hazardous substances, but it will also discuss the remaining products of the PLC-6 project, particularly the results of evaluation of effectiveness of measures to prevent pollution of the marine environment. The Agenda of the Meeting also includes follow-up of the progress in implementation of the HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter, based on the outcome of the preceding Workshop (on 9 October) as well as other issues.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda.

Day 1 (Wed, 10 October)

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 2. Matters arising from other HELCOM work**
- 3. Organization of work to update the Baltic Sea Action Plan, including revision of HELCOM Recommendations**
- 4. Marine litter – outcome of the workshop**
- 5. Underwater noise**

Day 2 (Thu, 11 October)

6. Measures to reduce nutrient loads

Planning work on nutrient recycling strategy (cooperation with AGRI group);

Pollution load compilation - effectiveness of measures to reduce nutrient loads, PLC-6 Executive Summary and draft update of the HELCOM core indicator on input of nutrients (2016);

Phosphogypsum stacks in the Baltic Sea region;

The role of integrated river basin management in reducing nutrient inputs to the Baltic Sea (suggestions for the International workshop);

Airborne input of nitrogen (EMEP report).

7. Hazardous substances

Airborne input of hazardous substances (EMEP report);

Micropollutants in the WWTP and input of POPs by rivers;

Planning extended reporting on sewage sludge handling (Outcome PRESSURE 7-2017);

Pollution by medical substances (results of reporting on pharmaceuticals in veterinary etc.);

Pollution of the Baltic Sea by hazardous substances from offshore sources (e.g. shipping, offshore windmills, aquaculture, oil industry);

Initial ideas for the Recommendation on antifouling systems;

HELCOM indicators on hazardous substances (combining information on the state of the sea and inputs).

Day 3 (Fri, 12 October)

8. Physical damage to the sea floor and hazardous substances in bottom sediments

New reporting round (2017) and evaluation of impact.

9. Remaining HELCOM hot spots and follow up of their deletion

10. Any other business

11. Future work and meetings

12. Election of Chair and vice-Chair

13. Work plan 2019-2020

14. Outcome and closing of the Meeting