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## Background

PRESSURE 8-2018 requested that the follow-up table of the implementation of the RAP ML is consolidated to include only relevant information and that in the future the reporting could focus on results and conclusions rather than actions.

This document contains the status of implementation of the RAP ML as approved by PRESSURE 8-2018 where the information has been transferred to an Excel format to address the mentioned requests. Also some updates on actions are included based on the latest information submitted to this Workshop as well as to PRESSURE 9-2018.

The Excel file is composed of five sheets which contents is indicated. Some examples of actions are shown using this format. However, the Excel file attached to this document is to be considered regarding the whole follow up of the implementation of the RAP ML.

## Action requested

Contributors and leaders of the actions are invited to provide updated and new information on the current status of implementation of the regional actions where they are involved, as well as links to the national reports mentioned in the different actions in the plan so that they can be included as outcomes.

The Workshop is invited to:

- consider the proposal to organize the information contained in the follow-up table of the implementation of the RAP ML and agree to submit it to PRESSURE for consideration,
- consider and agree on the evaluation of the implementation of the RAP ML.

## Follow up of the implementation of the regional actions of the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter using a new format

The current version of the follow-up table on the status of implementation of the RAP ML as approved by PRESSURE 8-2018 can be found [here](#).

This new format proposal is based on an Excel file which contains five sheets:

- Status of implementation;
- Leadership by country;
- Activities by country;
- Additional information; and
- Lists of codes.

The idea behind the Excel is to enable (i) a quick overview of the status of implementation of individual actions; and (ii) follow up of national contribution to the overall implementation of the RAP ML. Organising information like this enables filtering by action and by country, which enables the fulfilment of these two objectives.

The contents of each of this sheets is indicated below, where examples of some actions are shown. The Excel file attached to this document is to be considered regarding the whole follow up of the implementation of the RAP ML.

### Status of implementation

This is a table that categorises the status of implementation of the action in, so far, “not-initiate” and “on-going”. When it is needed a new category will be created: “accomplished”. Under the column “conclusions on the status of implementation”, all relevant available/finished documents or decisions are listed.

CODE OF ACTION	REGIONAL ACTION	FURTHER SPECIFICATION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION	CONCLUSIONS ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
RL4	Improvement of stormwater management in order to prevent litter, including microlitter, to enter the marine environment from heavy weather events.	By 2018 at the latest HELCOM has compiled information to give guidance on improvements of stormwater management on a local level to prevent and reduce stormwater related waste (including micro litter) entering the marine environment, taking into consideration similar action within OSPAR. If appropriate according to findings of the activity and other relevant information, amend HELCOM Recommendation 28E/5 on municipal wastewater treatment.	On-going	*Overview of HELCOM Recommendations on waste water management proposed for amendment to address microlitter presented to WS RAP ML 2-2017 (document 7), and considered it to be premature and that further building knowledge is needed. *CCB “Guidance on concrete ways to reduce microplastic inputs from municipal stormwater and waste water discharges”

### Leadership by country

In this sheet national information on the status of leadership is included in the following categories:

- Lead - L
- Co-lead -CL
- Contributor -C
- Reporter - R
- No contribute - NC

CODE OF ACTION	Denmark	Estonia	EU	Finland	Germany	Latvia	Lithuania	Poland	Russia	Sweden	CCB	WWF Poland
RL1	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	Contribute	NC	NC

### Activities by country

This sheet contains detailed information on national reported activities, as well as contribution from Observers and projects. N refers to “No information reported”.

CODE OF ACTION	Denmark	Estonia	EU	Finland	Germany	Latvia	Lithuania	Poland	Russia	Sweden	CCB	WWF Poland	Potential contribution from projects
RL1	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Two measures on the inclusion of marine litter references in national and local waste prevention and waste management plans are planned.	N	N	'Blastic project – plastic pathways from land to sea', funded by the Central Baltic Programme (2016-2018).

### Additional information

This sheet contains detailed additional information, such as background information on each of the actions and links to available reports.

CODE OF ACTION	Additional information
RL1	<p>There are two background reports under progress within Blastic project, one on marine litter sources and one on available methods to monitor marine plastic litter, as well as an identification list of marine litter sources. There will be a questionnaire for pilot municipalities to be filled in with the list of marine litter sources. Subsequently, draft measures for municipalities will be drafted.</p> <p>DE is to provide updated information on their national PoMs. Propose to change deadline to 2019 in order to benefit from the guidelines produced by the Blastic project. CPs are invited to consider leadership.</p>
RL6	<p>*Danish reports available here:  <a href="http://www2.mst.dk/Udgiv/publications/2015/10/978-87-93352-80-3.pdf">http://www2.mst.dk/Udgiv/publications/2015/10/978-87-93352-80-3.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www2.mst.dk/Udgiv/publications/2017/03/978-87-93529-44-1.pdf">http://www2.mst.dk/Udgiv/publications/2017/03/978-87-93529-44-1.pdf</a></p> <p>*EU report available here: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/pdf/MSFD_Measures_to_Combat_Marine_Litter.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/pdf/MSFD Measures to Combat Marine Litter.pdf</a></p> <p>*Finnish Bachelor's thesis available here:  <a href="https://www.theseus.fi/bitstream/handle/10024/114539/Kilponen_Juho.pdf?se%20quence=1">https://www.theseus.fi/bitstream/handle/10024/114539/Kilponen_Juho.pdf?se%20quence=1</a></p> <p>*Swedish investigation on sources to micro plastics available here: <a href="https://www.naturvardsverket.se/upload/miljoarbete-i-">https://www.naturvardsverket.se/upload/miljoarbete-i-</a></p>

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\*Technical report of microplastic pollution originating from textiles and paints/coatings by CCB available here:  
[http://www.ccb.se/documents/Postkod2017/CCB\\_TechnicalReport\\_MP\\_textiles\\_paints.pdf](http://www.ccb.se/documents/Postkod2017/CCB_TechnicalReport_MP_textiles_paints.pdf)

\*Norway has released a report on measures to reduce microplastics that maybe can feed in to this action:  
<http://www.miljodirektoratet.no/no/Publikasjoner/2016/April-2016/Primary-microplastic--pollution-Measures-and-reduction-potentials-in-Norway/>

### Lists of codes

This last sheet provides clarification on the codes used in the Excel file:

Leadership status	Country	Status of implementation	Activities by country
Lead - L	Denmark	On-going	No information reported - N
Co-lead -CL	Estonia	Not initiated	
Contributor -C	EU	Accomplished	
Reporter - R	Finland		
No contribute - NC	Germany		
	Latvia		
	Lithuania		
	Poland		
	Russia		
	Sweden		
	CCB		
	WWF Poland		
	Potential contribution from projects		