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Referring to the Outcome of PRESSURE 8-2018 ([para. 3.29](#)) the Workshop on implementation of the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (WS RAP ML 3-2018) will be held in Riga, Latvia, on 9 October 2018. The Workshop will be held back to back with the Ninth Meeting of the HELCOM Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 9-2018) to be held on 10-12 October.

The Workshop will be opened **at 10.00 on Tuesday, 9 October**, and it is expected to terminate **by 17:00 on the same day**. The Workshop will be held at the premises of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia (Peldu iela 25, Riga).

The aim of the Workshop is to identify the state of the implementation of particular actions of the HELCOM RAP ML ([HELCOM Recommendation 36/1](#)) and discuss lessons learned from the on-going implementation. Representatives of the HELCOM countries and Observers, scientific and public organization as well as other stakeholders will be invited to discuss:

- the progress achieved in the implementation of the particular regional actions and their current implementation status according to the results envisaged in the RAP ML (lead countries and co-leaders to present);
- encountered constraints and barriers hindering implementation of the regional actions;
- suggestions for possible practical solutions to overcome encountered obstacles and future perspectives to accomplish the actions;
- proposals for joint HELCOM activities to facilitate accomplishment of the actions and achieving their implementation goals.

Provisional agenda items

- Setting the scene - a brief overview of the current status of the RAP ML and other relevant information.
- Session 1. Actions on land based sources
 - General improved waste prevention and management
 - Measures to tackle top items
 - Actions addressing third parties
 - Remediation and removal measures
- Session 2. Actions on sea based sources
 - Actions addressing shipping related waste
 - Actions addressing waste related to fishing and aquaculture
 - Remediation and removal measures
- Session 3. Actions on education and outreach
- Session 4. Further work to achieve RAP ML targets
 - RAP ML follow up tool
 - Dialogue with stakeholders
- Wrap up and closing of the Workshop