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**WORKING PROGRAMME OF THE LAND-BASED POLLUTION GROUP**

In its work the Land-based Pollution Group will implement the following general (major) tasks stemming from the Terms of Reference of HELCOM LAND:

I  Nutrients
1. Use tools to assess the implication of different policy scenarios of nutrient inputs and the resulting eutrophication status (in collaboration with HELCOM LOAD and MONAS)
   Indicate the most cost-effective measures to reduce eutrophication in the different sub areas of the Baltic Sea catchment based on assessment of most important pollution sources
   - Providing inputs for development of scenarios using PLC data on discharges to the surface waters as basis (in cooperation with HELCOM LOAD);
   - Assess results from the pollution input scenarios on the eutrophication status of the Baltic Sea by combining scenario results with ecological models showing the effects in the Baltic Sea ecosystem (in collaboration with AGRI/ENV, HELCOM LOAD and GEAR);
   - Evaluation of cost effective measures in the different parts of the Baltic Sea required to achieve good ecological status throughout the Baltic Sea area, especially focusing on municipal wastewater and industrial sources (in cooperation with HELCOM LOAD).
2. Facilitate implementation of national programmes to reduce nutrient inputs to the Baltic Sea
   - Follow-up of national nutrient reduction programmes, e.g. in connection to river basin management plans (EU WFD) and schemes (SKIOVO).
3. Identify sources of airborne nitrogen pollution and propose solutions for reduction mainly by addressing decision-making in other fora
   - Assessment of cost-efficient measures to reduce nitrogen (and phosphorus) deposition based on information on pollution sources e.g. EMEP blame-matrices;
   - Enhance of collaboration between HELCOM and CLRTAP and EC NEC Directive by e.g. information exchange and participation as observers in these fora and vice versa.

II  Hazardous substances
1. Identify and develop measures regarding hazardous substances relevant to the Baltic Sea
   - Identify and develop measures regarding hazardous substances not covered by other fora;
   - Input to the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (as applicable for EU Member States);
   - Propose actions concerning HELCOM BSAP priority substances based on the findings in the HELCOM assessments and relevant project studies.
2. Assess the progress and facilitate implementation of national programmes towards the HELCOM objective with regard to hazardous substances
   - Assessment of the implementation of HELCOM objective with regard to hazardous substances (HELCOM Recommendation 31E/6);
   - Establish and maintain the procedure for periodic review of the HELCOM BSAP Priority Substances (in line with HELCOM Recommendation 31E/6).
3. Investigate the need for additional measures addressing other sources of substances of possible concern to the Baltic Sea
   - Evaluate possibilities for introduction of relevant measures addressing diffuse sources;
   - Evaluate the results of reports from the Contracting Parties with offshore activity (HELCOM Recommendations 13/1, 18/2);
   - Evaluate possibilities for introduction of measures addressing pharmaceuticals, biocides and other emerging substances.
4. Initiate relevant projects addressing hazardous substances
   - Support data collection activities in Russia;
   - Support public awareness initiatives;
   - Support other relevant projects, e.g. addressing regional specifics with regards to hazardous substances.
III Nutrients and Hazardous substances
1. Address transboundary pollution originating from sources in, inter alia, Belarus and Ukraine in order to have a stronger engagement in transboundary River Basin Management
   • Enhance cooperation to evaluate measures to reduce transboundary pollution from Czech Republic, Ukraine and Belarus based on information on pollution sources.
2. Elaborate HELCOM measures for the effective use of BAT for industrial sectors
   • Updating of the information for BAT in relevant industrial sectors in HELCOM Recommendation 25/2 on reduction of emissions and discharges from Industry by effective use of BAT (“umbrella recommendation”);
   • Regular update of HELCOM Recommendation 25/2, based on most updated relevant information (e.g. adoption of new BAT Conclusions within Industrial Emissions Directive).
3. Coordination of national implementation of HELCOM Recommendations within the competence of LAND
   • Evaluation of implementation of valid recommendations, revision of outdated and development of new recommendations (cf. List of valid HELCOM Recommendations).
4. Follow-up of implementation of the HELCOM BSAP, to be based on NIPs
   • Update of relevant national information in the form of BSAP Index of Actions (cf. BSAP Index).
5. Coordination and assessment of compliance with requirements of the Helsinki Convention
   • Provide expertise and competence to assess compliance of specific cases suspected in violation of requirements of the Helsinki Convention, based upon request from the Heads of Delegation;
   • Follow-up remediation measures being taken to rectify observed breach of requirements.

IV Follow-up of the Baltic Sea Joint Comprehensive Environmental Action Programme (JCP)
1. Review the List of remaining Hot Spots according to the latest developments and pollution reduction priorities leading to deletion of existing Hot Spots
   • Annual update of the HELCOM JCP [BSAP] List of Hot Spots, based on national information and applications for deletion of hot spots, as well as possible nominations for new hot spots;
   • Update (if deemed necessary) the Criteria for inclusion/deletion of HELCOM hot spots.
2. Evaluation of efficiency of the JCP and development of proposals for its continuation / modification
   • Preparation of the report on the fulfilment of the HELCOM JCP with assessment of its efficiency and proposals for its possible prolongation or modification (to be submitted to HELCOM Ministerial in 2013);
   • Assessment of the follow-up of implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Environmental Action Programme with regards to remaining hot spots;
   • Compilation of the list of good examples of implementation of the Baltic Sea Action Plan and ecosystem approach (e.g. the List of [Greener Practices]).

Specific tasks of the Land-based Pollution Group are related to the implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan as outlined in the overview of BSAP Index of Actions.
List of valid HELCOM Recommendations within the competence of HELCOM LAND

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