

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR
THE LAND-BASED POLLUTION GROUP (HELCOM LAND)
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The duties of the Land-based Pollution Group (HELCOM LAND) of the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission are:

To advise the Commission in discharging its duties under Article 20 of the Helsinki Convention, adopted at the Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, Helsinki, 9 April 1992, especially in respect of matters related to Articles 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 16 and 24 as well as Annexes I, II and III of the Convention, and with due regard to the decisions of HELCOM EXTRA 99 concerning reorganization of the work of HELCOM, in relation to:

- I) Identification of current and emerging issues related to point and diffuse sources of land based pollution, propose actions and promote investment activities in order to reduce emissions and discharges to the Baltic Sea Area, and in particular:
 - (i) to report and assess information on pollution prevention and control measures, in particular concerning Best Available Technology/Best Environmental Practice (BAT/BEP), pertinent to the goals of the Convention and to promote further the exchange between the Contracting Parties of information in these fields;
 - (ii) to propose actions by elaborating reduction targets for specific sources (sectors and products) for promoting BAT and BEP including development and use of environmentally sound processes and products in order to limit emissions and discharges from land based sources within the Baltic Sea catchment Area;
 - (iii) to harmonize existing and planned HELCOM Recommendations in the field of land based pollution with EU Directives, Recommendations and Decisions within OSPAR and other relevant international organizations taking into account the need to develop more stringent measures for the Baltic Sea Area including harmonization of reporting procedures;
 - (iv) to report and assess the implementation of HELCOM Recommendations as well as the need for new ones;
- II) to monitor and assess the implementation of the strategic goals of the 1988 Ministerial Declaration (elaboration of more specific targets and the report of the implementation of the 1988 Ministerial Declaration);
- III) to evaluate in relation to HELCOM requirements the results of investments in point- and non-point source Hot Spots and to evaluate the Hot Spots proposed for removal from and inclusion in the list;
- IV) to propose, based on reviews of instruments, experiences and guidelines for Trans-boundary River Basin Management, appropriate joint measures, including input for establishment of management strategies for the Contracting Parties concerned in order to prevent and eliminate transboundary pollution liable to cause pollution of the marine environment of the Baltic Sea Area.