

## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE HELCOM EXPERT COORDINATION NETWORK ON RESPONSE ON THE SHORE (HELCOM SHORE network)

### *A. Purpose of the group*

SHORE network will:

- form a long-term expert coordination network for response on shore in the Baltic Sea region, as a subgroup to HELCOM Response.
- share knowledge and experiences regarding national developments.
- aim for common visions and prioritizations regarding development of on-shore response in the Baltic Sea region.

It is anticipated that based on the work of SHORE network, HELCOM Response will:

- nominate Lead Countries for specific, temporary tasks related to on-shore response, in dialogue with the lead country of the SHORE network.
- example of such tasks could be to draft and submit to HELCOM Response:
  - Proposals for updating of the relevant parts of the HELCOM Response Manual;
  - other proposals concerning the use of best practice concerning on shore response.
  - Proposals for prioritization of on shore exercise themes

### *B. Institutional Arrangements*

SHORE network will:

- be open for delegates nominated by Response Heads of Delegation of HELCOM Contracting Parties, and observer organisations.
- it is anticipated that the nominated members of SHORE network act as a focal points for on-shore related work in the CPs and form a link between the national stakeholders and HELCOM Response
- elect for itself a lead country for two-year terms who will in turn nominate a chair.

SHORE network lead country will:

- arrange meetings when appropriate, from the outset once per year;
- plan and chair the meetings, with support from the HELCOM secretariat.
- report to the Response Group on outcomes of its Meetings
- follow the HELCOM Rules of Procedure