

## Priorities of the EU Chairmanship of HELCOM – Results

### I. Reaching a healthy ecosystem in the Baltic Sea by 2021

#### Assessing Good Environmental Status with quantitative indicators...

- ✓ — Delivering the Holistic Assessment (HOLAS II) results [G]
- ✓ — Updating HOLAS II results by mid-2018 [N]
- ✓ — Further quantifying pressures and impacts via the latest Pollution Load Compilation (PLC) [H]
- ✓ — Further developing core indicators for seafloor integrity
- ✓ — Further developing core indicators for marine litter [M]
- ✓ — Further developing core indicators for underwater noise [M]

#### ... while responding effectively to key pressures

- ✓ — Stronger response to marine litter through appropriate measures and making implementation of the regional action plan for marine litter a priority
- ✓ — Stronger response to nutrient enrichment through appropriate measures: [C, E, L]
  - NOx Emission Control Area in the Baltic Sea [F]
  - adequate port reception facilities
  - and promoting sustainable agricultural practice
- ✓ — Encouraging strategic engagement with other sectors to deliver innovative solutions, for instance for nutrient removal [D, L]

### II. Innovation for a sustainable Blue Economy and healthy ecosystems

#### Promoting knowledge and innovation in the Baltic Sea...

- ✓ — Promoting sustainable Blue Economy [A, G, N] through:
  - HOLAS II results
  - Follow-up and use of existing or future BONUS projects' results
  - Mapping the ecosystem services and assessing their social and economic value
  - Fostering the application of the ecosystem-based approach in maritime spatial planning [I]

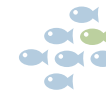
#### ... including a well-managed network of marine protected areas

- ✓ — Monitoring the MPA network and implementing the guidelines on management of seafloor integrity and fisheries in protected areas will be essential
- ✓ — Improving the enforcement and coordination of management measures to minimise pressures and impacts on MPAs, in particular for transnational ones
- ✓ — Assessing the effectiveness of management measures both for individual sites and at network level

### III. Tackling the challenge of regional governance

#### Securing cooperation with Regional Fisheries Bodies...

- ✓ — Increasing exchange of information and better cooperation between HELCOM and the relevant Regional Fisheries Bodies [K]
- ... and contributing to international ocean governance
- ✓ — Seeking further synergies with regional or European governance frameworks, for instance with the EUSBSR
  - ✓ — Ensuring that HELCOM plays a crucial role in the implementation of SDG 14 on oceans and seas [B, J]



1 - Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation  
 2 - 38th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission  
 3 - IMO MEPC-71 = IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (71<sup>st</sup> session)  
 4 - MM 2018 = HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2018

- ✓ ✓ ✓ — accomplished
- ✓ ✓ ✓ — partly accomplished
- ✓ — in planning

