



Work Plan for the Cooperation Platform on Port Reception Facilities (CP PRF) for 2021-2023

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Further work is needed regarding following issues	Activities	Deadline within the Cooperation Platform	Final deadline	Responsibilities
I Updated information on PRFs in the Baltic Sea				
<p>Baltic-wide, port-wise and berth specific information on the capacity to receive sewage (flow rate and total volume) and sewage delivery by ships to these facilities (to be updated annually).</p> <p>Collecting information on the port and ship specific amounts, practical discharge rate and composition of sewage from cruise ships in the Baltic Sea (updating of figures 3-3-3.6 of the PRF Overview).</p>	<p>The HELCOM Overview should be updated by early 2022 and completed (cover all ports and provide all the needed information for planning ship-itineraries).</p> <p>Considering the possibility to migrate the PRF Overview material to an electronic/ database version for easier updating and access in the future.</p> <p>CLIA assessments to be considered, when available, with active involvement of all stakeholders.</p>	<p>Cooperation Platform used as a circulation list for commenting drafts.</p> <p>Development of proposal for consideration by Cooperation Platform Meeting in 2023.</p> <p>Cooperation Platform event 2022/2023.</p>	<p>Continuous.</p> <p>Cooperation Platform event 2022.</p> <p>Cooperation Platform event 2022/2023.</p>	<p>Secretariat to lead the work and circulate the template for data submissions. Each Contracting Party shall provide updated information on each of their ports.</p> <p>CLIA to share information.</p> <p>Secretariat leads work and circulates proposal.</p> <p>Approval for publication by HELCOM MARITIME.</p>
<p>Provide input for planning a study and impact assessment, assessing the possible ways for cargo ships to deliver sewage to PRF or take treatment measures, using onboard treatment plants, before discharging it into the sea.</p>		2023	2025	<p>Contracting Parties and observers (lead country needed).</p> <p>HELCOM MARITIME.</p>
<p>Provide input for planning a study and impact assessment, assessing the volume and potential harmful effects of grey water and the possibilities for ships to deliver it to PRF or take treatment measures using onboard treatment plants, before discharging it into the sea.</p>	<p>Carry out a survey on the ports around the BS on their ability of their PRFs to receive grey water from cargo ships.</p> <p>Results from the BSAG project as well as other on-going and upcoming studies on the matter will be examined once available.</p>	2023	2027	<p>Contracting Parties and observers (lead country needed).</p> <p>HELCOM MARITIME.</p>

Contribute to studying the adequacy and use of PRF for MARPOL Annex V cargo residues.		2023	2024	HELCOM MARITIME. CP PRF.
Contribute to work towards ensuring adequate PRF in Baltic Sea ports for cargo residues classified as non-HME substances under MARPOL Annex V.	To further study the current situation in the Baltic Sea Ports and ships using the ports with regard to PRF for non-HME cargo residues (MARPOL Annex V). Identify, if appropriate, challenges and obstacles for delivering such residues to PRF.	2023	2024	HELCOM MARITIME. CP PRF.
Contribute to work towards ensuring incentives for ships to use PRFs for cargo residues classified as non-HME substances under MARPOL Annex V.		2023	2027	GREEN TEAM. HELCOM MARITIME.
Contribute to the development of a HELCOM Recommendation to encourage voluntary agreements on delivering all food waste from ships to PRFs. Contribute to the development of a Roadmap to minimize the discharges of food waste into the Baltic Sea.	Consider ways of encouraging ships to deliver food waste to PRFs. To conduct an assessment of best practices by ports to receive food waste. Results from the BSAG project as well as other on-going and upcoming studies on the matter will be examined once available.	2023	2025	
II Sewage composition and treatment				
Sharing information on composition of sewage from passenger ships in the Baltic.	Publish (e.g. as an annex of the PRF Overview) and disseminate available information on composition of sewage from passenger ships in the Baltic.	Cooperation Platform event 2022/2023.	Cooperation Platform event 2022/2023.	Ship operators, ports and waste water treatment plants. HELCOM PRESSURE Group (WWTPs) HELCOM MARITIME.
III Technical issues related to sewage				
Exchanging information and best practices on technological solutions related to management and treatment of sewage and greywater, if greywater is mixed with black water, from cruise ships applied in different Baltic Sea ports.	Expert events/ workshops in connection with BPO and other stakeholder conferences 2022/2023.	By Cooperation Platform event 2022/2023	Continuous	All Participants Other HELCOM groups beyond MARITIME, especially PRESSURE
Exchanging information and best practices on on-board management and treatment of sewage and greywater, if grey water is mixed with black water, in the Baltic Sea and its relation to delivery to PRF.	Expert events/ workshops in connection with BPO and other stakeholder conferences 2022/2023.	By Cooperation Platform event 2022/2023.	Continuous.	All participants.

IV Implementation of the NSF				
Contribute towards ensuring that the no-special-fee system for marine litter applies to all passively fished waste.	Input to be provided for the revision of Recommendation 28E/10.	2023	2024	HELCOM MARITIME to develop revised Recommendation 28E/10.