



Work Plan for the Cooperation Platform on Port Reception Facilities (CP PRF) for 2024-2026 and initiation of activities to be conducted in 2023

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Further work is needed regarding following issues	Activities	Deadline within the Cooperation Platform	Final deadline	Responsibilities	Next steps and comments
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, 3-4 and-3.6 of the PRF Overview).</p>	<p>The 2022 HELCOM Overview should be updated during 2023 (cover all passenger ports¹ and provide all the needed information for planning ship-itineraries).</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>Cooperation Platform to consider proposals and taking action as appropriate</p> <p>Cooperation Platform event 2023/2024.</p>	<p>Continuous.</p> <p>Cooperation Platform event 2024.</p> <p>Cooperation Platform event 2023/2024.</p>	<p>The Secretariat to lead the work and circulate the data requests. Each Contracting Party shall provide updated information on each of their ports. CLIA to share information.</p> <p>The Secretariat to lead the work and circulates a proposal.</p> <p>Approval of the PRF Overview for publication by HELCOM MARITIME.</p>	<p>The Secretariat to migrate the PRF Overview material and data requests to a Dashboard format for easier updating and access in the future.</p> <p>The Secretariat, in cooperation with CLIA Europe, to re-launch the online survey to collect data from the industry.</p>
<p>Provide input for 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>	<p>Input from relevant projects to be considered by CP PRF.</p>	<p>2024</p>	<p>2025</p>	<p>Contracting Parties and observers (lead country needed). HELCOM MARITIME.</p>	

¹ All ports is to be understood to refer only to ports called by passenger ships, as the requirements of the MARPOL Annex IV special area only applies to passenger ships

Provide input for 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.	Carry out a survey on the ports around the BS on their ability of their PRFs to receive grey water from cargo ships. Results from the BSAG project as well as other on-going and upcoming studies on the matter will be examined once available.	2024	2027	Contracting Parties and observers (lead country needed). HELCOM MARITIME.	
Contribute to studying the adequacy and use of PRF for MARPOL Annex V cargo residues.	Encourage Contracting Parties and observers to provide information to the next Cooperation Platform event Input from the EMSA THETIS-EU database to be considered	2024	2024	HELCOM MARITIME. CP PRF.	The final report on the German project on the matter to be submitted to CP PRF in 2024.
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.	2024	2024	HELCOM MARITIME. CP PRF.	The final report on the German project on the matter to be submitted to CP PRF in 2024. John Nurminen Foundation to inform on the status of their project related to cargo residues of bulk fertilizers to CP PRF in 2024.
Contribute to work towards ensuring incentives for ships to use PRFs for cargo residues classified as non-HME substances under MARPOL Annex V.		2024	2027	GREEN TEAM. HELCOM MARITIME.	The final report on the German project on the matter, including possible proposals for incentives, to be submitted to CP PRF in 2024.
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.	2024	2025		BSAG to provide further information to CP PRF in 2024

Common practices, specific national legislation and/or taxes on the use of mobile PRFs in countries where anchorage areas are excluded from ports.	Exchange of information and, if possible, conduct a study on the matter.	2024	2025	Estonia to lead supported by CP PRF	
II Sewage composition and treatment					
Sharing information on composition of sewage from passenger ships in the Baltic Sea.	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 2024	Cooperation Platform event 2024.	Ship operators, ports and waste water treatment plants. HELCOM [PRESSURE Group] (WWTPs) HELCOM MARITIME.	A survey on P and N in ship's sewage undertaken by the port of Rostock, Germany. Consideration should be given to the possibilities of making it public.
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 2024.	By Cooperation Platform event 2024	Continuous	All Participants Other HELCOM groups beyond MARITIME, especially [PRESSURE]	The Secretariat to request information intersessionally, to be reported to the Maritime Working Group.
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 2024.	By Cooperation Platform event 2024.	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.	The PRF directive requires that passively fished waste is part of the no-special fee system. Exchanging information and best practices at CP PRF 2024.