

Workplan for EG RedCore 2023-2024

No	Task	Lead, responsible bodies and interlinked activities	Next steps and comments	Output
Pollution Load Compilations (PLCs)				
1	BSAP E3 - Provide timely sufficient and consistent data on nutrient loads to the Baltic Sea, ensuring reliability of the follow-up system, by maintaining and enhancing monitoring programmes and networks striving for harmonized methods to estimate nutrient inputs, including from unmonitored areas. (National/joint)	Lead: PLC-8 project Responsible: WG Source to Sea Contributing: EG REDCORE, EMEP MSC-W, BNI, PLC data manager	Countries to submit the data according to the schedules set in the PLC-Water Guidelines. EG RedCore to assess waterborne data, fill in data gaps, follow-up on suspicious data, and make a report based on a common protocol on how these have been conducted. EMEP MSC-W to provide the data on airborne deposition of nitrogen on the Baltic Sea sub-basins and provide the draft BSEFS for approval by WG Source to Sea. EG RedCore to consider and verify the annual BSEFS on nitrogen and selected hazardous substances emission and deposition from EMEP, and to provide the WG with expert opinion on the quality of the report. The PLC-8 project to draft the annual waterborne BSEFS and WG Source to Sea to approve.	The PLC database is updated annually. (National/joint) Baltic Sea Environmental Fact Sheet (BSEFS) on waterborne nutrient inputs and annual BSEFS on atmospheric nitrogen inputs are published annually. (Joint)
2	Annual compilation of airborne inputs of hazardous substances to the Baltic Sea	Lead: PLC-8 project Responsible: WG Source to Sea Contributing: PLC-Air Centre EMEP; EG REDCORE	Support the production of annual report and Baltic Sea Environment Fact Sheet. Consider inclusion of new and/or rotation of already covered substances in accordance with the	Baltic Sea Environment Fact Sheet (BSEFS) on selected inputs of hazardous substances are published annually.

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			HELCOM priorities and data availability.	
3	BSAP E1 - Submit an account listing, as detailed as possible, the planned and implemented measures in different sectors and catchments alongside an estimation of their effectiveness to HELCOM by 2023 in order to demonstrate whether national net nutrient input ceilings can be achieved with these measures. (National/joint)	Lead: PLC-8 project Responsible: WG Source to Sea Contributing: EG REDCORE	PLC-8 project and EG RedCore to set the requirements for submission of lists of measures and available knowledge on costs and effects. Countries to submit the relevant data and information. PLC-8 project to draft the thematic report with guidance from EG RedCore and WG Source to sea.	Lists of measures and available knowledge on costs and effects is submitted by each Contracting Party. (National) PLC-8 thematic report on effectiveness of measures to reduce nutrient inputs is published. (Joint)
4	BSAP E2 - Assess progress towards maximum allowable inputs annually and national input ceilings every second year, to follow up implementation of regional and national targets for inputs of nutrients. (Joint)	Lead: PLC-8 project Responsible: WG Source to Sea; Contributing: EG REDCORE; BNI	PLC-8 project to produce the assessments. EG RedCore to support the work as needed. Annual assessment: progress towards MAI by December 2023 and 2024. Biannual assessment: Progress towards NIC by December 2024.	Annual core indicator on progress toward MAI including assessment data is published. Policy message on progress towards NIC including technical annexes and assessment data is published every second year.
5	Regular update of the HELCOM information resources to collect, store and provide access to the data on input of nutrients and selected hazardous substances into the Baltic Sea including reporting web applications and relevant HELCOM GIS map services.	Lead: BNI (Database Host) Responsible: EG REDCORE Contributing: PLC Data Manager; Secretariat		Continuous with annual update checks with the PLC-8 project Implementation Group
6	Thematic report assessing the sources of nutrient input to the Baltic Sea based on 2021 data	Lead: PLC-8 project Responsible: WG Source to Sea Contributing: EG REDCORE	Support the drafting of the report as necessary	Thematic report is published as BSEP

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7	Quality assurance of other PLC-8 products	Lead: EG RedCore	Support the production of other PLC-8 project products as needed	Publishing of: - Executive summary and policy messages; - Assessment of inputs of selected hazardous substances 1995-2021; - Updated report on background information; - Statistical methodology report
Possible point sources of nutrients				
8	Developing the monitoring and management of phosphogypsum stacks	Lead: EG RedCore Responsible: WG Source to Sea	EG RedCore to plan and support establishing a technical advisory group including the fertilizer industry for starting the drafting process on the revision of the HELCOM Recommendation 17/6, taking into account the available model documents from other regions	Report and possible update of the Recommendation 17/6 on phosphogypsum management
Monitoring				
9	HT6 - Regularly review, and as necessary revise HELCOM monitoring programmes (once per six years), including the level of regional coordination, in line with the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) reporting cycle, to adjust them to the latest technical and scientific developments for a cost-effective joint monitoring, which fully supports the indicator-based assessment approach and monitoring of the implementation of the Baltic Sea Action Plan, and is in line with other	Lead: CP leads as identified under WG GEAR, supported by relevant EG and WGs. Responsible: WG GEAR Contributing: WG BioDiv; WG Source to sea; WG Sea-based pressures; EG HAZ; EG EUTRO; EG MAMA; EG Marine Litter; EG Noise; PEG; EG ZOO; JWG BIRD; EG RedCore	By 2024, WG GEAR and CP leads to perform a gap analysis of the current Monitoring Manual and monitoring programmes with respect to pressures originating from land and agree how the gaps can best be addressed as part of the next update. Begin the process to update the nutrient and hazardous substances pressures related monitoring programmes in autumn 2024 to ensure the review and update is finalized and the updated monitoring	Updated monitoring programmes are available every six years in line with what is specified in the action.

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	international monitoring and reporting requirements.		<p>manual and programmes are published in early 2026, in good time before the national Art.11 reporting concludes.</p> <p>EG RedCore to contribute with alignment with and giving guidance on possible updates of PLC-guidelines and related Recommendations.</p>	