



Workplan for HELCOM Expert Group on Monitoring of Radioactive Substances in the Baltic Sea(EG MoRS) 2026-2027

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No	Task	Lead, responsible bodies and interlinked activities	Next steps and comments	Output
1	Updating Guidelines on the monitoring of radioactive substances in the Baltic	Lead: HELCOM Secretariat Contributing: Members of EG MoRS	Countries to review and update guideline as needed in EG MoRS meetings	Updated guideline document, following EG MoRS meeting
2	Collection, validation and evaluation of the environmental data stemming from monitoring	Lead: HELCOM Secretariat Responsible: HELCOM Secretariat Contributing: Members of EG MoRS (data submitters)	Countries to submit the data according to the guideline and agreed timeline. 2025 monitoring data expected to be reported by end of September 2026.	Annual report to EG MoRS in 2026 and 2027. Approved database available via HELCOM Metadata catalogue.
3	Collection, validation and evaluation of discharge data on radioactivity submitted to the HELCOM database	Lead: HELCOM Secretariat Responsible (data host): Finland/STUK Contributing: Members of EG MoRS (data submitters)	Countries to submit the data according to the guideline.	Annual report to EG MoRS in 2026 and 2027. Approved database available via HELCOM Metadata catalogue.
4	Coordinate and organize intercomparison exercises on seawater, and encourage participation in other proficiency tests and intercomparison exercises to assure high quality of the monitoring data	Lead: IAEA Contributing: Members of EG MoRS (data submitters)	Carrying out proficiency exercise coordinated by IAEA	Annual report to EG MoRS in 2026 and 2027.
5	Updating the Core indicator report on radioactive substances for periodic assessments	Lead: HELCOM Secretariat Responsible: Core indicator lead Contributing: Members of EG MoRS	Assuring that Core indicator meets the needs for HOLAS4 assessment (HOLAS RevDev process)	Core indicator report prepared according to HOLAS4 timeline
6	Regular updates of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Environment Fact Sheets	Lead: HELCOM Secretariat Responsible: Lead author	Follow 5 update cycle of BSEFS, updating sediment BSEFS by 2026	Draft BSEF to be presented to EG MoRS 2026

		Contributing: Members of EG MoRS		
7	To maintain expertise for the Contracting Parties on routine and emergency monitoring and assessment of radioactivity in the Baltic Sea.	Lead: Chair of EG MoRS Contributing: Members of EG MoRS	Providing information annually to EG MoRS meeting about activities carried out	
8	To contribute to HELCOM hazardous substances management plan work	Lead: Chair of EG MoRS Contributing: Members of EG MoRS	Providing information of relevant radionuclides and matrices to the regional action plan on hazardous substances (RAP HAZ).	Relevant radionuclides are addressed in RAP HAZ