

HELCOM Regional Action Plan: the Baltic Sea experience

International High-level Conference
Inter-basin Cooperation on Marine Litter:
a focus on the Danube River and the Black Sea
4 April 2019, Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria

Structure of the RAP ML

- HELCOM Recommendation 36/1: Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter
- Annex to the Action Plan containing the list of actions:
 - 30 Regional actions – HELCOM Collective Actions
 - 27 Voluntary national actions
- Both Regional and National actions are grouped in:
 - Land-based sources of marine litter
 - Sea-based sources of marine litter
 - Education and outreach on marine litter
- Appendixes: reporting format in implementation of actions, on the effectiveness of the implemented actions and definition of terms

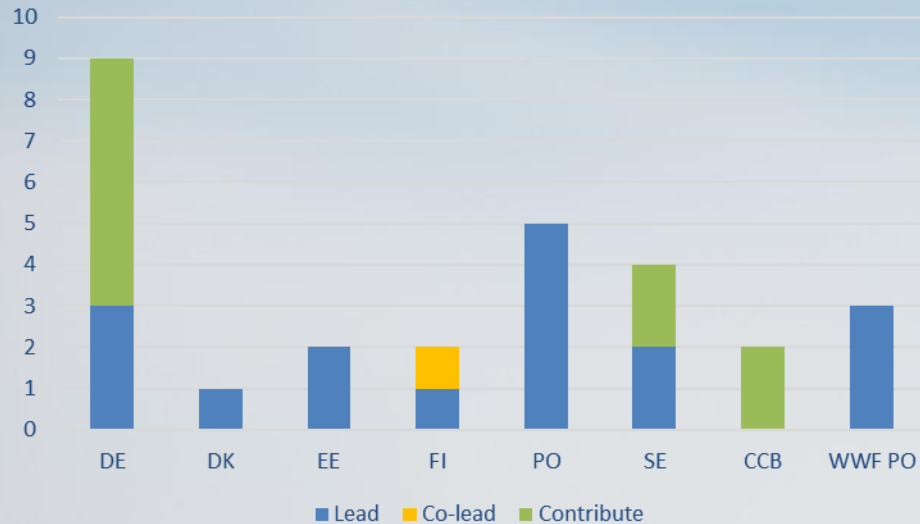
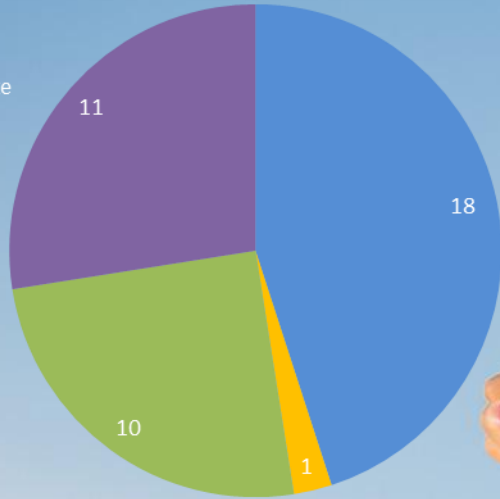
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Status of leadership

- Lead
- Co-lead
- Contribute
- No lead



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Follow up

CODE OF ACTION	Additional information
RL1	<p>*Lithuanian: a) National waste management plan for 2014-2020 can be found here: https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/TAR.9945210D6571/ZtaLvZPcai b) National waste prevention programme can be found here: https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/TAR.09C26B84F785/ejmYyEmdII c) The Law on Packaging and Packaging Waste can be found here: https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/7a5f8dd03c5811e6bcc5c96b48152012.</p> <p>*Swedish revised National Waste Plan and a Waste Prevention Program for the years 2018-2023 under development can be found here: http://www.naturvardsverket.se/Miljoarbete-i-samhallet/Miljoarbete-i-Sverige/Regeringsuppdrag/Reviderad-nationell-avfallsplan/ *Additional information on the Waste Council (“Avfallsrådet”), the Swedish EPA's expert support for waste issues and issues related to sustainable management of materials in society can be found here: http://www.naturvardsverket.se/Miljoarbete-i-samhallet/Miljoarbete-i-Sverige/Uppdelat-efter-omrade/Avfall/Vem-gor-vad/Avfallsradet/ *There are two background reports under progress within Blastic project, one on marine litter sources and one on available methods to monitor marine plastic litter, as well as an identification list of marine litter sources. There will be a questionnaire for pilot municipalities to be filled in with the list of marine litter sources. Subsequently, draft measures for municipalities will be drafted. *DE is to provide updated information on their national PoMs. Propose to change deadline to 2019 in order to benefit from the guidelines produced by the Blastic project. CPs are invited to consider leadership.</p>
RL2	<p>*Lithuanian wastewater management regulation can be found here: https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/TAIS.276576 *Propose to change deadline to 2019 in order to benefit from the guidelines produced by the Blastic project and also in the view of the HOLAS II assessment. To consider ongoing work on Nordic Council of Ministers, Clean Europe Network (DE to provide contact details), and the Baltic Sea Accelerator. CPs are invited to consider leadership. *Additional information on the Swedish EPA commission (“regeringsuppdrag”) to administer calls for support for cutting-edge technologies and advanced system solutions for sustainable urban development for the years 2016-2019 can be found here: http://www.naturvardsverket.se/Miljoarbete-i-samhallet/Miljoarbete-i-Sverige/Regeringsuppdrag/Mangmiljonsatsning-pa-ny-teknik-for-hallbar-utveckling/</p>

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- **Work approaches:**
 - a. Questionnaires
 - b. National activities
 - c. Specific events



Questionnaires



- To compile background information for drafting HELCOM guidelines on **best practice on waste management** to prevent waste turn in to marine litter (action RL3) alongside with addressing **cleaning and collection systems** to prevent litter from land entering the aquatic environment (action RL2) and **marine litter references in waste management plans** (action RL1) → [PRESSURE 11-2019]



- To collect knowledge regarding the national regime of control and **inspections of MARPOL Annex V infringements** (actions RS 2 and RS 3) -> Report ready

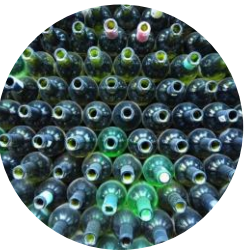
Questionnaires



- On the management on sanitary waste (action RL8) -> "Analysis of the degree of the marine environment pollution by wastes flowing down the rivers to the sea, including sanitary waste" -> Further actions at PRESSURE 10-2019



- On the prevalence and sources of EPS and XPS in the Baltic Sea, and suggestion of possible measures to reduce the environmental load of EPS and XPS in the Baltic Sea (action RL 9) -> Report to PRESSURE 10-2019.



- On deposit refund systems for bottles, containers and cans (action RL 11) -> Report ready, and further actions to PRESSURE 10-2019

Questionnaires



- On whether landfills or dumpsites including historic ones may eventually pose a risk to the marine environment due to factors such as coastal erosion and vicinity to rivers (action RL 14) -> 2016, relaunched 2019.



- On the current situation to draft a best practice model on disposal of end-of-life pleasure boats (ELB) (action RS 1) -> Results to PRESSURE 10-2019.



- On national activities on ALDFG -> Report ready + discussion on further steps at PRESSURE 10-2019.



National activities

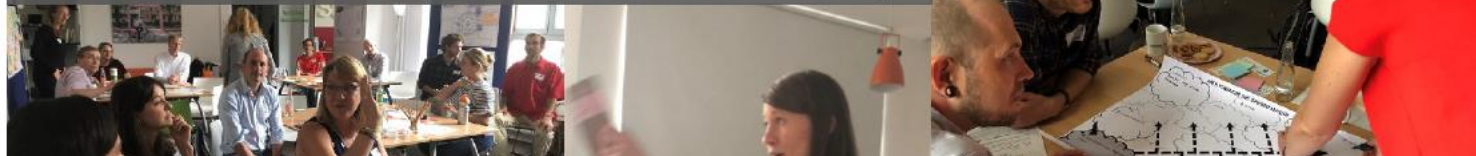
Most of them target **microplastics**:

- Identification of the importance of different sources of primary and secondary microplastics (action RL 6).
- Possible techniques in waste water treatment plants to prevent micro particles entering the marine environment (action RL7).
- EU INTERREG Baltic Sea Region project - FanpLESStic-sea project - Initiatives to remove microplastics before they enter the sea (Jan. 2019-June 2021).

Specific events



HELCOM-Interreg-Workshop



“Principles for design reducing/preventing marine litter”



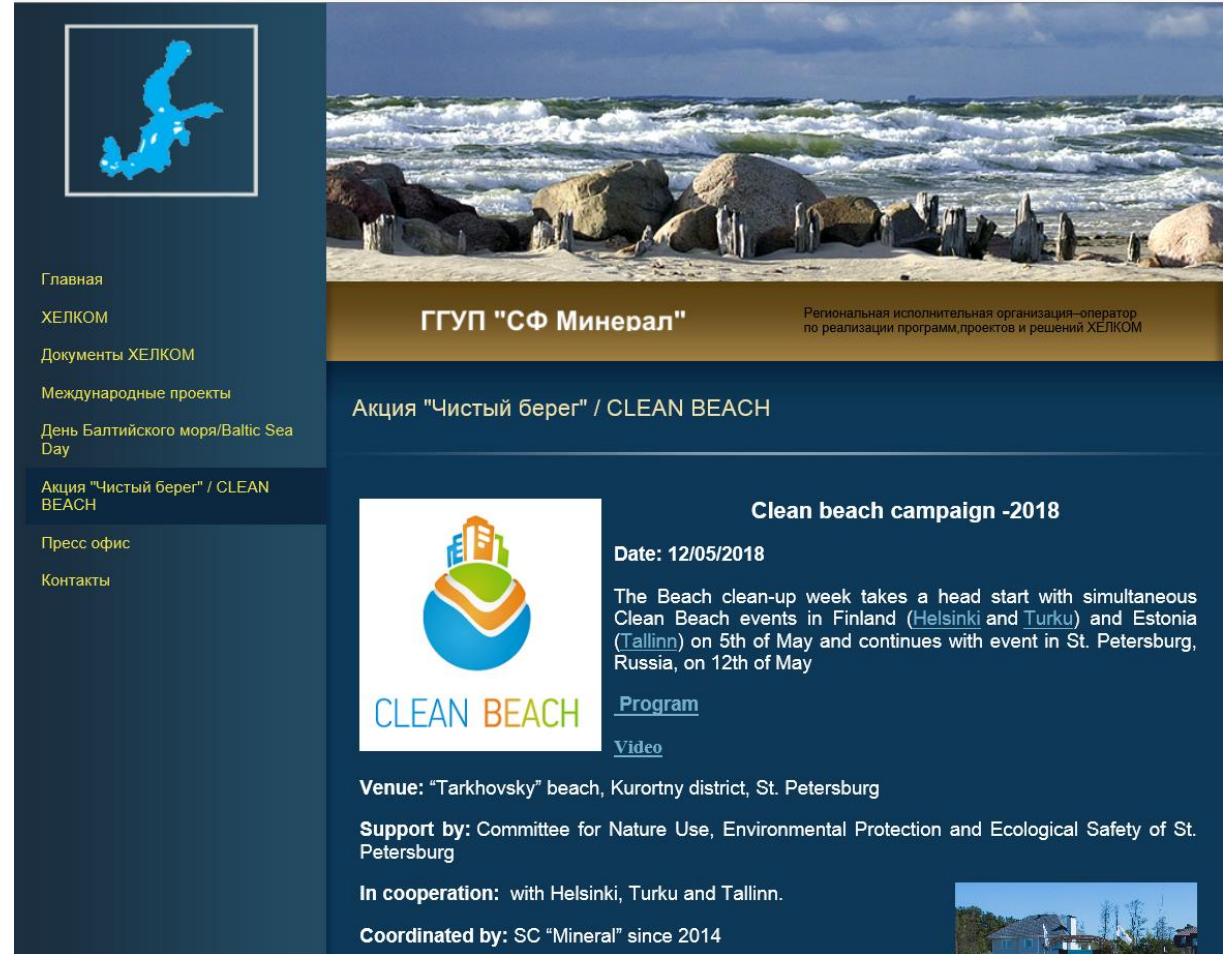
Report on the workshop on marine litter and ecodesign held in Berlin on 15th of June 2018

Specific events

Seminar on prevention of and sanctions on illegal waste disposal from ships at sea	
29.-30. November Venue: German Environment Agency Bismarckplatz, room 1042 14193 Berlin	
Day 1	
12.30pm	Registration
Welcome notices	
1:00pm	Uli Claussen and Dr Ewald Brandt, Welcome, introduction and goals of the seminar
Setting the scene	
1:15pm	Stefanie Werner, representing OSPAR /HELCOM, on marine litter - main problems and the relevance of sea-based sources of waste
	Aleke Stöfen O'Brien, World Maritime University, on possible recommendations for OSPAR and HELCOM
Experiences and challenges in preventing and sanctioning of illegal waste disposal from ships at sea - presentations from:	
2:00pm	Anna Bobo Remijn, European Commission, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, Maritime Safety Unit
	Dr. Ewald Brandt, representing North Sea Network for Prosecutors and Investigators (NSN) and the Network of Prosecutors on Environmental Crime (ENRPO)
	Kjetil Sørensen, Norwegian Maritime Authority (tbc)
	Dr. Susanne Heitmüller and Laura Jurk , Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH)
3:30pm	Coffee break
4:00pm	N.N., Perspective from ports
	Torsten Wrobel, Hamburg Water Police
	Capt. Wolfgang Hintzsche, German Shipowners Association

Other pathways

- Improve of the stormwater management to prevent litter, including microlitter, to enter the marine environment from heavy weather events (action RL 4) -> Amendment of HELCOM Recommendations on waste water management at PRESSURE 10-2019??
- Exchange platform for spreading experiences on good cleaning practices in beaches (action RL 15) -> "Clean Beach" - 2018



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Акция "Чистый берег" / CLEAN BEACH

Clean beach campaign -2018

Date: 12/05/2018

The Beach clean-up week takes a head start with simultaneous Clean Beach events in Finland ([Helsinki](#) and [Turku](#)) and Estonia ([Tallinn](#)) on 5th of May and continues with event in St. Petersburg, Russia, on 12th of May

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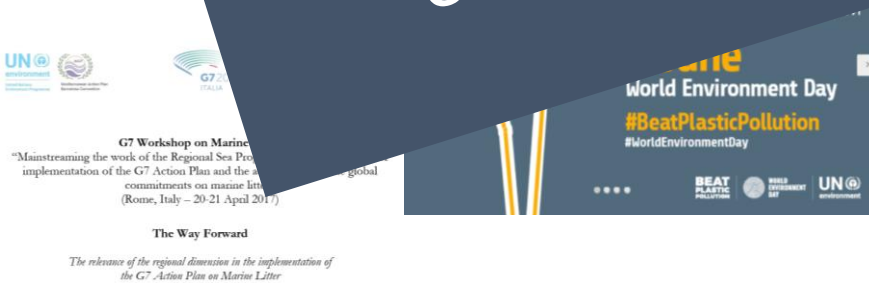
Venue: "Tarkhovsky" beach, Kurortny district, St. Petersburg

Support by: Committee for Nature Use, Environmental Protection and Ecological Safety of St. Petersburg

In cooperation: with Helsinki, Turku and Tallinn.

Coordinated by: SC "Mineral" since 2014

HELCOM's role outside the region



Attendance to **UN events** and echoing of **campaigns**.

Contribution to **UN reports**:

- "Marine Plastic Debris and Microplastics: Global Lessons and Research for Action and Guide Policy" (UNEP/AHEG/2018/1/INF/3)

UNEP/EA.3/Res. 7 Marine litter and microplastics

Assessment of the effectiveness of relevant international, regional and subregional governance strategies and approaches, UNEP/AHEG/2018/1/INF/3"

G7 Workshop on the **relevance of the regional dimension in the implementation of the G7 Action Plan on ML** (Rome, April 2017)

Regional Seas Conventions

Informal cooperation between OSPAR, UNEP-MEDPOL, HELCOM and countries belonging to both Conventions (since 2014). Black Sea joined the 2018 meeting, and EU in 2017 and 2018:

- Waste prevention and management (general perspective, single-use plastic bags, primary microplastics and other key waste items)
- Passive FFL activities
- Hotspots of marine litter
- Clean-up campaigns
- Public awareness and education activities



HELCOM and the EU processes



Thank you!

