

**Memo of CCB Workshop and HELCOM Conference on Marine Litter,**  
08-09.03.2016, 10:00-16:00, Helsinki, Finland

CCB Workshop on marine litter was arranged in Helsinki, Finland on 8 March 2017. It concluded the results of 2015 "[Plastic Free Baltic](#)" campaign and discussed the plans for 2016-2017. The workshop has also formally launched CCB brochures on microplastic pollution, being produced in all Baltic Sea Region languages (except Danish and Ukrainian), see links for download [here](#).

The Workshop preceded [HELCOM Stakeholder Conference on Marine Litter](#), where CCB's work was exhibited at a separate stand.

The following information about national activities

Russia, Kaliningrad:

- Decide to join microplastic project after OCB
- SPARE Project, Norwegian Society for Nature Conservation
- education and training
- Nov 2015, Sustainable Waste Mgt
- April 2016, Ecological Forum "Green solution for NW Russia", 2 days
- Seminar on microplastic, 3 March

Russia, St.Petersburg:

- Teachers – 25 groups following the state of rivers, lakes, creeks
- River Watch activities
  - Visual, organoleptic conditions, PO, NO, but also litter
  - Feb 2015 – seminars for RW teachers, trainers
  - March-Apr 2015 – media events
  - May 2015 – school river festival
  - October – RW conference
- Collecting data to the list on microplastic in cosmetics – volunteers, activists; around 150 products – surprising observation that some of the same products in RU as in EU do not contain microplastics
- Cleanup events occasionally

Lithuania, LGF:

- Training volunteers (gender!)
- Cosmetics and PCP
- 530 products
- Some of the products are different from those on the German market
- List of LT producers – informed by LGF on the harm of microplastics in their products; producers still hesitate to consider the problem seriously
- Also information was distributed to retailers; no action so far, but received with interest
- Observation: MP can be found even in "ecological" products
- Brochure
- Articles on the website: "MP – secret threat in the sea", "Unrecognized threat of beauty"
- 1-2 a week info on MP on FB
- Short TV programme in morning news on national TV – scientist involved and explained threat to fauna
- MoA contracted LGF to evaluate possibilities for removal of fishing gear and management after (in relation to compensation to fishermen for removal of ADLFG); further surveys are needed for removal and mgt options – not clear whether it was included in the regulation

Poland, PKE:

- National Marine Research Institute – programme on investigating i.a. marine litter
- Awaiting the results and planning to start up a training course for stakeholders
- List to be produced (150-200 products, many of local products?)
- WWF PL clean-ups?

#### Latvia, VAK:

- School children campaign (“Find More”) – 18 schools countryside, over 400 products (only 1 local, Dzintars); schools in cities are not interested because of other activities of school children; 22 March list will be released
- Not much interest from the research (other priorities) and authorities (no regulation at EU level)
- TV broadcast, 1 article, 1 article in a magazine for countryside ladies – high interest from public
- 3-5 lectures at schools
- Related to income: cheaper products – more MP
- River Watch campaign: alder – and campaign against removing white alder from river banks

#### Finland, SLL:

- FI government is planning to reduce spending for nature protection (land and water mgt)
- MSFD PoM: 2019-2021 – actions related to ML: study, plan and act

#### Finland, NoM:

- ML/MP has not been among the top priorities of NoM
- NoM has published several articles on ML/MP – today or tomorrow a new article
- Media and public interest
- CosmEthics
- List to be updated
- Cleanups not a major topic, but e.g. comparing various apps

#### Germany, BUND:

- 2 year campaign, so far mostly addressing PE, PP, but other plastics need to be addressed
- definition
- Updating of the lists (ca.600-700 products)
- Feedback from public, 5 inquiries for info per week, was more in the beginning
- How to make the campaign more appealing
- GP will have an action in Hamburg on ML/MP on 19 March
- Companies requesting to check the ingredient list after they replace contents - lists need to be updated to avoid placing wrongful information
- Acrylates co-polymer needs to be addressed!
- Media outreach: FB, newsletter – central office

#### Sweden, SSNC:

- 2014 – Shaving Foam for Fishes report
- 49 products
- Huge media coverage and interest
- Proposal for a law to ban microbeads – small percentage covered
- New report from IVL on MP sources from Sweden (tyres, fibres)
- Clean-ups – on local level: Swedish Western Coast as a hot spot, Keep Sweden Tidy

#### Belarus, Center for Environmental Solutions:

- ML – small project in 2015

- Media and public interest since the campaign started
- Public event to launch
- Brochure updated and adapted to local conditions
- Info centre on waste and chem safety received
- App and website <http://chemicals.ecoidea.by/>
- Cleanup: Let's Do it – 1500 participants in 2015; more than 100 thous kg of litter collected
- Infographics for school children incl. micropalstics

### **Marine Litter activities, 2016-2017**

Based on 2015 results, in 2016-2017 CCB will continue use and further develop these areas:

#### *a. Marine litter monitoring*

Following the MSFD's protocol for monitoring beach litter, CCB will act as a regional node and facilitator of a monitoring network in the BSR using the methodology of the EEA [Marine LitterWatch \(MLW\)](#). The bottom-up approach of the MLW is highly relevant for CCB's twofold goal: to support filling data gaps in the Baltic area relevant for policy, as well as, being a citizen science based tool, it fills the purpose to raise awareness about the problem of litter and the policy response to it. CCB will synchronize and strengthen this regional networks' efforts through cooperation with an online European-wide network community for ML professionals initiated by Seas at Risk and other regional projects such as [MARLIN](#) (Baltic Marine Litter). This biannual strategy for CCB's ML monitoring builds on upscaling the 2015 start-up project, where the CCB Secretariat will continue to support and coordinate trainings, seminars and support to monitoring events across the Baltic coast. The planned activities include:

- A follow-up training seminar for MOs using the MLW mobile app and web portal;
- Coordination of monitoring events across the BSR coast with focus on areas with missing data;
- Participate in EEA's yearly support seminars to share experiences;
- Compile information and communicate the conditions of ML in the BSR to target audience (e.g. HELCOM PRESSURE, GEAR and HOD meetings and EU MS level).

#### *b. Microplastics*

CCB's 2015 joint NGO awareness campaign is focused on microplastics originating from personal care products accumulating in the Baltic Sea and the goal is to build regional capacity within NGOs, consumers and policy makers to increase knowledge of the sources, threats and prevention measures. Together with the already involved NGOs/MOs from the BSR countries, the CCB Secretariat will continue to support and coordinate activities that both include follow-up work necessary to reach long-term goals on microplastics in cosmetics, but also, continued work on raising awareness and advocating policy measures to better manage other important sources of microplastics in the BSR. This includes addressing single use plastics and packaging (including carrier bags), wearing and tearing of car tires, storm water run-off, boat coating (potential cooperation with Swedish MOs campaigns) as well as seeking and promoting cost-effective eco design solutions e.g. for washing machine waste water and sewage treatment plant filtering techniques. The planned activities include:

- Keeping contact with cosmetics producers, follow-up potential voluntary phase out of microplastics and continue pressuring the industry to stop using microplastics in their products;
- Update national lists of products containing micropalstics;
- Continue to raise consumer awareness and showcasing successes from previous campaign;
- Produce a joint NGO statement calling on BSR MS to ban microplastics in consumer products;
- Produce information material/leaflet in several BSR languages on better waste management and environmental and socio-economical costs of ML and microplastics, i.e. what the public and industry can do to minimise the flow of ML/microplastics into the sea;
- Translating an existing awareness video on ML and microplastics ([Our Plastic, Our Problem](#)) into Russian, Finnish, Estonian and Lithuanian language to be used by MOs at film festivals and as environmental education material targeting younger adults.
- Develop an online course for CCB MOs based on UNEP's [Online Course on Marine Litter](#)

**Provisional agenda**  
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**Monday, 7 March/Tuesday, 8 March** – arrival to Helsinki

**Tuesday, 8 March: CCB ML Workshop, [Tieteden talo, Kirkkokatu 6, Helsinki](#)** (room 208)

- 10:00-10:15    Opening of the workshop and introduction / Coffee
- 10:15-12:00    Reports on implementation of marine litter related activities by CCB member and partner organizations within 2015
- 12:00-13:00    Lunch
- 13:00-14:30    Plans with regards to Marine Litter for the next bi-annual period (2016-2017)
- 14:30-15:45    Preparations for the HELCOM Stakeholder Conference
- 15:45-16:00    Wrapping-up and closure of the workshop


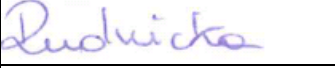


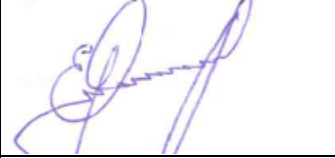




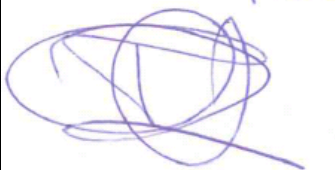
**Wednesday, 9 March: [HELCOM Stakeholder Conference](#), *Grand Marina Congress Center***

- 08:00-09:00    Setting-up CCB's exhibition corner
- 09:00-10:00    Conference registration, beginning of the exhibition activities
- 10:00-12:15    Morning session of the Conference
- 12:15-13:45    Lunch, exhibition activities
- 13:45-16:00    Afternoon session of the Conference
- 16:00-16:30    Wrapping-up of the Conference

**Wednesday, 9 March/Thursday, 10 March** – departures from Helsinki

## List of Participants

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