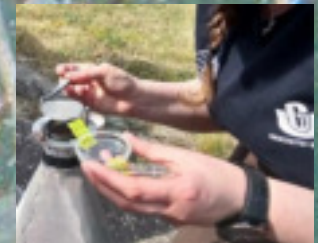




HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter: drawbacks and prospects



Baltic Solutions for Plastic Pollution Workshop

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HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (2015)

- **Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter** ([HELCOM Recommendation 36/1](#))
 - **to achieve a significant reduction of marine litter by 2025**
- **Annex to the Action Plan: List of actions**
 1. Types of actions
 - i. **Land-based sources**
 - ii. **Sea-based sources**
 - iii. **Education and outreach**
 2. **Regional actions – Joint HELCOM Actions**
 3. **Voluntary national actions**
- **Appendices**
 - I. **Reporting on implementation of actions**
 - II. **Reporting on the effectiveness of actions**
 - III. **Definition of terms**



CCB's inputs to HELCOM RAP ML

RAP ML

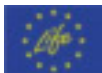
- Overview of products contributing to microplastic pollution
- Exchange of experiences on beach clean-up
- Raising awareness on ML

- Dialogue with industry re. ecodesign (microbeads, packaging)
- Promote additional techniques at WWTPs
- Improvement of stormwater management
- Seek cooperation with River Basin Commissions re. inputs of litter

CCB Work Programme

- Compilation of information on personal care products containing microbeads
- Promotion of public monitoring tools – MLW
- National awareness raising and media outreach

- Addressing producers of personal care products and other sources
- Evaluation of effectiveness of wetlands in trapping micropollutants
- Developing and testing public monitoring methods to evaluate riverine inputs of litter, including microplastics
- Continue training and promotion of public monitoring tools
- Continue awareness raising campaign



HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (2015): microplastic

- ✓ Overview of sources and products contributing to microplastic pollution
- ✓ Raising awareness
- ✓ Dialogue with industry re. ecodesign (microbeads, packaging)
- ✓ Promote advanced techniques at WWTPs
- ✓ Improvement of stormwater management
- ✓ Seek cooperation with River Basin Commissions regarding inputs



Microplastics (plastics) policy - prospects

EU and global

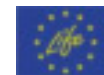
- [A European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy](#)
- [Proposal for a EU Directive on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment](#)
 - ECHA Dossier on microplastics
- Revision of EU Directives
 - Drinking Water, WFD, UWWTP
- UNEA work on global response to ML/MP
 - potential for a new convention?

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- Baltic Sea Action Plan Revision
 - ML is not included in the original BSAP
 - Quantifiable targets?
 - Recommendations on stormwater management and MWWT?
- Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter
 - Follow up implementation

Industrial policies???

- What and how??



29. BEING CONCERNED ... WE **STRESS the importance of eliminating discharges** of litter from land and sea-based sources to the Baltic Sea;
30. WE ARE DETERMINED to **combat** marine litter **through coordinated implementation of the Regional Marine Litter Action Plan**;
31. WE RE-COMMIT... **to achieving a significant quantitative reduction by 2025**. ...WE COMMIT to regional work on **developing baselines and threshold values for maximum levels of marine litter** in the Baltic Sea... **If... needed** ...WE COMMIT to developing ambitious, **regionally coordinated, quantitative targets** to reduce input of litter;
32. WE ALSO COMMIT to **strengthening regional research and developing monitoring methods** on the sources, distribution, amounts and impacts ...;
33. WE **SUPPORT measures aimed at preventing plastics**, including micro-plastics, from contaminating the marine and coastal environment, **at addressing the entire lifecycle** of products, and **at examining** efficient and cost-effective **options** to reduce plastic and micro-plastic releases from products and processes into the environment;
34. **WE DECIDE to develop** appropriate **measures to address micro-plastics in riverine inputs, urban waste water effluents as well as storm water...**

...Plastic does not belong to the sea. We need to develop plastic free technologies and plastic free products to make the Baltic Sea Region truly plastic-free...

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Thank you for your attention!

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