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# Baltic Farmers' Forum on Environment

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# Activities after Hämeenlinna 2017 meeting (1/5)

NEWSLETTER OF BFFE

Baltic Farmers' Forum on Environment 1-2018

Dear BFFE-colleagues and friends around the Baltic Sea,

The Declaration of the 2018 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting and the future steps to update the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) will be discussed today, on 8 March at the Ministerial meeting in Brussels. We are also invited to participate in the meeting and to express our views. The BFFE secretary has prepared the statement paper, which has been circulated for comments among BFFE member organizations during past month.

Read more

Statement of BFFE on the draft Declaration of the 2018 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting and on Baltic Sea Action Plan

On behalf of the around 2 million farmers around the Baltic Sea, BFFE associates being invited to provide a statement in the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting. The draft Ministerial Declaration contains many topics with remarkable importance to reach Good Environmental Status (GES) for the Baltic Sea. It is important that the Baltic Sea is seen as a whole, and that the interactions between a vast array of stressors are recognized. In this context, we mainly focus on issues directly related to agriculture. However, we would like to emphasize that other issues are equally important to be included in the Declaration.

Read more

Logos of member organizations: MTK, SLC, LÄSARE & MENY, ETKL, Zemljeka Saetima, KRIR, TDAPR, Bauern.SH, NORGES BONDELAC, ARKOP.

## Newsletter

- [Newsletter](#) was published in March
  - The only topic: Statement of BFFE on the draft Declaration of the 2018 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting and on Baltic Sea Action Plan
- The next one will be published at the fall 2018
- Distribution: 434 e-mails and link on the web page of BFFE
- Please volunteer to write an article!



# Activities after Hämeenlinna 2017 meeting <sup>(2/5)</sup>

## HELCOM meetings

- A very active “HELCOM year”
- The Ministerial meeting in Brussels (6.3.2018)
  - BFFE provided the [statement](#) on the draft Declaration of the 2018 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting and on Baltic Sea Action Plan
- The 39th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission in Brussels (5.3.2018)
- Additional HOD meetings due to the ministerial meeting
  - HOD 54 meeting in June 2018, e.g. the updated [State of the Baltic Sea report](#) was approved
- HELCOM-EUSBSR Workshop on internal nutrient reserves in Gothenburg (28.-29.11.2017)



# Activities after Hämeenlinna 2017 meeting (3/5)

## HELCOM Group meetings

- The 5th **AGRI group** meeting in Helsinki Nov. 2017 and the 6th meeting in Riga May 2018, online meetings besides these
  - Development of national guidelines or standards for nutrient content in manure; Nutrient accounting at farm level; Nutrient recycling
  - Review and revise [part II of Annex III of the Helsinki Convention](#)
    - = Prevention of pollution from land-based sources
  - Enhance transfer of knowledge and technology and exchange of good examples
- The 7th **PRESSURE group** meeting in Vilnius Oct. 2017 and the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting in Berlin April 2018 (no participation)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Baltic Sea Future Congress, 8.-9.3.2018 Stockholm, on climate change

- **BFFE presentation** *“How can agriculture reduce run-off?”*
  - BSF workshop on climate change, agriculture and eutrophication



# Activities after Hämeenlinna 2017 meeting (4/5)

## HELCOM upcoming meetings

- The 9th meeting of **PRESSURE group** in Latvia (8.-12.10.2018) and the 10th meeting in April 2019
- The workshop devoted to **manure standards and nutrient recycling**, the meeting on **revision of the Annex III** (6.-8.11.2018, PL?)
- The 55th **HOD** meeting in Helsinki (4.-5.12.2018) and the 56th meeting in Helsinki (18.-19.6.2019)
- The 7th **AGRI group** meeting in March 2019

## The HELCOM chairmanship from the EU to Finland on July 1, 2018

- [The focus](#) will be on the **Baltic Sea Action Plan update**, the reduction of nutrient inputs and **nutrient recycling, climate change** and fostering synergies between HELCOM work and the **SDG's Agenda 2030**

→ clear relation to agriculture and forestry → activity needed



# Activities after Hämeenlinna 2017 meeting (5/5)

## BFFE meetings

- 7 online secretariat meetings 7.12.2017-15.6.2018 (MTK, LRF, SLC, LF)
  - **NBC working group 16.8.2018** (Norges Bondelag, LRF, LF, SLC, MTK)
1. HELCOM challenges:
    - Nutrient recycling strategy
    - Annex III update on nutrient leakage
    - Manure standards
  2. NBC/BFFE challenges:
    - N -quotas, P -limits “authorities do not follow science”
    - Water management permissions (irrigation, drainage)
    - **Climate policy:** emission targets, realistic accounting including
      - removals (CO<sub>2</sub>)
      - practices like precision agriculture, energy solutions ...

→ which not in IPPC rules: “shadow accounting”





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Thank you!

