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# Baltic Farmers' Forum on Environment

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# Activities after Aarhus 2018 meeting (1/6)

## Newsletter

- Newsletter 2/2018 was published in Oct. 8 and 1/2019 July 2
- The next one will be published at the fall 2019
- Distribution: around 500 e-mails and link on the web page of BFFE
- Volunteer writers are appreciated

## Web pages

- BFFE has new web pages due to new MTK pages, address as before <https://www.mtk.fi/bffe>



# Activities after Aarhus 2018 meeting (2/6)

## HELCOM meetings

- HELCOM Drafting group on the revision of Annex III part II of the Helsinki Convention, 20.9.2018, 18.1.2019, 22.2.2019
  - Annex III Criteria and measures concerning the prevention of pollution from land-based sources, Part II Prevention of Pollution from Agriculture
  - A lot of discussion concerning nutrient recycling, construction of livestock manure storage, the amount of nutrients in livestock manure applied to agricultural land, and terms
  - The revision should be ready by the of 2020
- 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of Pressure Oct. 2018 and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- Workshop devoted to manure standards and nutrient recycling, meeting on revision of the Annex III, Warsaw, Nov. 2018
- 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD), Dec. 2018 and 56<sup>th</sup> June 2019



# Activities after Aarhus 2018 meeting (3/6)

## HELCOM meetings

- 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of Agri group, March 2019 and 7a April 2019
- 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Helsinki Commission meeting, March 2019
  - BFFE proposal 11.2.2019: Phosphorus (P) equivalent for eutrophication potential

Therefore, the HELCOM observer BFFE (Baltic Farmers' Forum on Environment) representing around 2 million farmers around the Baltic Sea propose the following:

HELCOM should take actions to report the P load on P-equivalent basis instead of total P. To estimate phosphorus availability for algae more precisely, there is an urgent need to report P load not only as total P but also as dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP). Besides this, it is important to develop the P-equivalent to better indicate eutrophication potential of nutrient discharged to waters from land-based sources.



# Activities after Aarhus 2018 meeting (4/6)

## HELCOM upcoming meetings

- 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of Pressure, Brussels, 23-25.10.2019
- 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Agri group, tentative, Germany, week 45
- 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD), Helsinki, 10.-11.12.2019



# Activities after Aarhus 2018 meeting (4/6)

## NBC Statement 22.10.2018: SBI/SBSTA Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture

### **Carbon sequestration must be accounted for**

- Farmers and foresters are directly affected by climate changes and hold the solutions to mitigate global warming by balancing the emissions.
- We recall the carbon dioxide removal by growing crops and trees, maintained by active forest management and crop cultivation including harvest and replanting.
- A big part of today's agricultural emissions are yesterday's photosynthesis and thereby part of the short carbon cycles. Unfortunately, the removal side is hidden.
- We need an accounting system that can visualize the sequestration to the growing vegetation and carbon flow into arable soil and forest and the substitution of fossil based energy and products.
- Provident and efficient climate policy must give agriculture and forestry its rightful place as important providers of climate solutions rather than focusing on emissions.
- Agriculture and forestry are the only economic activities able to sequester carbon from the atmosphere.
- International institutions and national governments must recognize the role of agriculture and forests as greenhouse gas sequestrators, and account the sequestration in the national and global inventories.



# Activities after Aarhus 2018 meeting (6/6)

## BFFE secretariat meetings

- No meetings in fall 2018 or spring 2019
- Responsibility for the Secretariat at LRF 7/2019 →





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Thank you!

