

Idea paper on PA Nutri and PA Bioeconomy workshop on the implementation of the HELCOM Nutrient Recycling Strategy

Online, first half of November 2021, morning session 10-12 (EET), afternoon session 13-15 (EET)

The purpose of the workshop is to support EU Member States in implementing the HELCOM Nutrient Recycling Strategy and to exchange views on the challenges and possibilities in implementing the HELCOM Nutrient Recycling Strategy from the point of view of national and regional governments in the Baltic Sea Region.

The adoption of the strategy represents a systemic change that poses a challenge for policy implementation and crosses the lines of government sections and involves many sectors outside government: businesses, agriculture, waste water treatment etc.

The aim is to discuss about the current state of nutrient recycling in Baltic Sea Region EU countries and their next steps and future plans in implementing nutrient recycling. The focus of the workshop is on the point of view of national authorities. The workshop will be facilitated by an outsourced professional.

The workshop will begin with short introductory words introducing the HELCOM Nutrient Recycling Strategy and setting the scene of the national implementation and possibly providing some examples of approaches in national nutrient recycling strategies already in place.

The workshop will focus on two issues in particular, addressed in the morning and afternoon sessions respectively:

Panel discussion on the role of nutrient recycling in EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the possibilities of funding nutrient recycling measures from the instruments of CAP

Possible speakers:

Panel discussion on creating a market for recycled fertilizer products: how do countries intend to support the economic viability of recycled nutrients and the creation of new businesses in the field?

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The panel discussions would begin with panellists presenting short PowerPoint presentations about their approach to the subject. Each panel would have four participants, most of whom would be representatives of different national governments in the Baltic Sea Region. The panellists could answer to one to two questions from the audience and participants could write comments and share their experiences on an idea wall or in the chat.