HELCOM MARITIME activities reported as EUSBSR Flagship projects

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HELCOM MARITIME Group

- 1-2 annual meetings
- Ca. 50 participants/meeting
- Maritime administrations from all Baltic Sea countries and the EU + Observers
- Next Meeting 26-28 November in Szczecin, Poland
- Sub groups e.g.:
  - HELCOM/OSPAR BALLAST (ballast water)
  - HELCOM SAFE NAV (safety of navigation)
  - HELCOM AIS (developing and maintaining the regional AIS network since 2002)

HELCOM - IMO

- IMO is the global regulator of shipping
- Measures for the Baltic Sea are effective when ships, irrespective of a flag, are treated in a uniform manner
- HELCOM is a platform for:
  - regional implementation of global shipping regulations
  - joint contributions by the Baltic Sea countries to IMO
  - regional work on assessments and new innovative topics

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HELCOM clean shipping

Flagship projects

1. Elimination of discharges of sewage from ships (completed)
2. Promote measures to collect ship-generated waste
3. Introduce differentiated port dues depending on the environmental impact on ships
4. HELCOM Flagship project closely related to PA SHIP: Restrict the introduction of new alien species by ships (PA BIO)

1. Elimination of discharges of sewage from ships (completed)

- Baltic Sea as a MARPOL ANNEX IV (sewage) ”special area” as decided by BSAP 2007
- Documents prepared within HELCOM MARITIME
- Submitted to IMO 2010
- Baltic designated as a Special Area 2011
- >> strict restrictions on discharge into the sea of sewage from passenger ships

2. Promote measures to collect ship-generated waste

- Adequate PRFs sewage in Baltic Sea passenger ports preferably by 2013, and at the very latest by 2015, as agreed in 2010 HELCOM PRF Roadmap (list of priority ports)
- Needed for entry into force of MARPOL Annex IV special area status
- Carried out through HELCOM PRF Cooperation Platform (next meeting 25 November 2013, Szczecin, Poland)

3. Introduce differentiated port dues

- HELCOM Recommendation 28E/13 "Introducing economic incentives as a complement to existing regulations to reduce emissions from ships" was adopted in 2007
- National initiatives (Swedish shore side electricity, differentiated port dues)
- Slow progress regionally

4. Restrict the introduction of new alien species by ships

- Ballast Water Roadmap 2007
- Ratification of BWM Convention by 2013 (DE, RU, DK & SWE)
- HELCOM ALIENS 1,2 & 3 projects on risk assessments, port sampling in >10 ports
- Joint HELCOM-OSPAR Guidelines on A4 exemptions (adopted 3.10.2013):
  - Port sampling, target species, risk assessments, administrative procedures & dedicated database

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