

## **Summary of decisions taken during a status meeting between coordinators for the three Horizon Zero Pollution projects: NAPSEA, NEW-HARMONICA and NORDBALT-ECOSAFE hold on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

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A teams meeting was held with the following agenda:

1. Short briefing about deliverables and progress within projects – 10 minutes for each project.

The three projects presented the status of their projects in brief with a focus on the deliverables produced and upcoming ones.

2. Discussion about planning for joint policy briefs – themes, planning and deadline.

We decided to at least plan for a joint policy brief about how to bridge the gap between present day nutrient levels and the boundaries set for achieving good ecological conditions for nitrogen and phosphorus in our total of 13 river basins covered in the three project (NEW-HARMONICA: 4 river basins; NAPSEA: 3 river basins; NORDBALT-ECOSAFE: 6 river basins). We plan to have a physical meeting about this back to back with the Land Use and Water Quality Conference in Aarhus, Denmark in 2025. Other joint policy briefs or other papers might appear from the work in our project WP's.

Possible main focus points for joint Policy Brief between the three projects:

- Nitrogen and phosphorus safe ecological boundaries in surface waters.
- Identified nutrient gaps from different sectors in our river basins.
- Available BMP's within our participating countries, regions and river basins.
- Models and Governance methods applied

Our project river basins are all either draining to the Balic Sea (HELCOM) or North Sea (OSPAR).

3. Discussion about joint meetings – Conferences – e.g. special session at LUWQ2025 in Aarhus, Denmark.

We agreed to apply for having a joint special session at LUWQ2025 in Aarhus, Denmark 2-5<sup>th</sup> June 2025. We will make a joint letter between the three projects applying for a special session and submit to the LUWQ2025 organizers as soon as possible.

#### 4. Other business

We have now established the following three project home pages:

NEW-HARMONICA: <https://newharmonica.eu/>

NAPSEA: <https://napsea.eu/>

NORDBALT-ECOSAFE: <https://projects.au.dk/nordbalt-ecosafe>

We have also a shared teams folder for the three projects that will be updated with information about deliverables from the three projects before 1st February 2024 and onwards to share information between our projects.

Moreover, NAPSEA and NEW-HARMONICA projects are represented with a presentation of their projects at the upcoming mid-term meeting in NORDBAL-ECOSAFE 19-21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 in Aarhus, Denmark.