

Deliverable D7.4 NORDBALT-ECOSAFE

Title: Initial Meetings with sister projects and HELCOM

Two meetings have been held between the three sister project under the call HORIZON C6-2021_ZERO_POLLUTION.

The three projects NAPSEA, NEW-HARMONICA and NORDBALT-ECOSAFE had their first meeting on the 24th October 2022 initiated by the two PO's from REA and with participants from DG ENV and DG Agri (See agenda for the meeting in appendix 1). The three coordinators for the projects participated in the meeting and gave a short introduction to the projects. One important outcome of this meeting was to start regular meetings between the three project coordinators and setting up a platform for meetings between WP-leads with common interests in the three projects. The first meeting was agreed to be held on the 30th November 2022 after a Doodle round. Minutes from the first meeting is attached as appendix 2.

The second meeting between the three sister projects NAPSEA, NEW-HARMONICA and NORDBALT-ECOSAFE was held on the 30th November 2022, 13.30-16.00 with participation of 11 researchers (3 from NORDBALT-ECOSAFE; 4 from NAPSEA and 4 from NEW-HARMONICA). The meeting agenda and discussions can be found in Appendix 3. One important decision from the meeting is to hold meetings between the three project coordinators every 4 month and to setup a joint project channel in Teams for sharing of material and for discussions (see appendix 4).

HELCOM was invited to attend the kickoff meeting of NORDBALT-ECOSAFE and a representative from HELCOM PLC project manager Mr. Lars M. Svendsen, DCE, Aarhus University. He gave a presentation of the status of Eighth Baltic Sea Pollution Load Compilation (PLC-8) and the tentative importance that NORDBALT-ECOSAFE can have for future work in HELCOM. Mr. Lars M. Svendsen also expressed his interest for future collaboration and knowledge exchange between PLC group and NORDBALT-ECOSAFE.