

## Invitation to the "Conclusions and Next Steps" Workshop in the "Baltic Sea Accelerators: Pioneers for better pollution monitoring and reporting" project

Dear Madam or Sir,

A warm welcome to join us on 7 December 2017 at SIWI's offices in Stockholm, where SIWI Swedish Water House and Race For The Baltic look forward to sharing outcomes from the "Pollution Monitoring and Reporting" project and inviting you to participate in exploring actions that can be taken based on these conclusions.

Time: 9.00 - 15.00

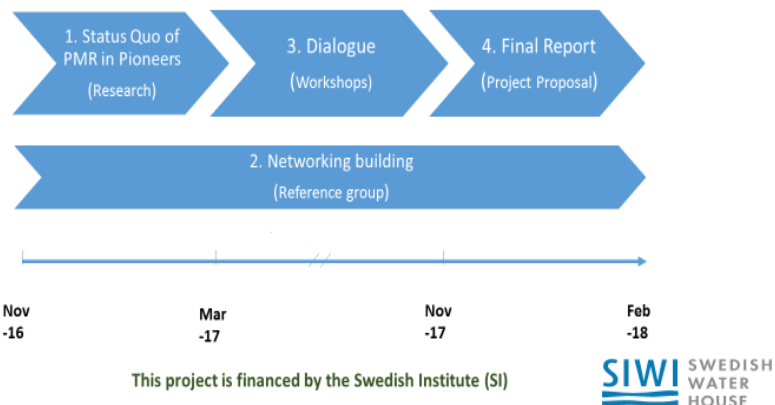
Date: 7 December 2017

Location: SIWI, Linnégatan 87A, Stockholm

### Background

This project has included a number of activities to better understand the extent to which municipalities are aware of and work toward national targets adopted in the Baltic Sea Action Plan. Further, discussions have been held with various stakeholders about how and why local authorities could become more active in achieving these targets. To-date, the project has consisted of several sub-areas of activities comprising research, the development of a reference group, a problem definition workshop in Stockholm and solution workshops in Poland and Lithuania.

### Baltic Sea Pioneers: for better pollution monitoring and reporting – Activity Plan



### Presentation of Conclusions and Exploring Next Steps

At our meeting on 7 December in Stockholm, we will share insights from the activities in the project and facilitate discussions on how to build on these learnings and go to action. One of these "next step" actions for which we believe there is a strong rationale is developing a project proposal where intensified local contribution to the Baltic Sea Action Plan is tested.

As you are a key stakeholder, we hope that you can attend the meeting and contribute to the discussions.

Warm welcome!

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## Agenda

- 10.00 Welcome, Background and Objective of the WS –SIWI Swedish Water House and Race For The Baltic
- 10.15 Tour de Table – Introduction of participants, sharing expectations of workshop and experience with working on Baltic Sea issues (water pollution, nutrient monitoring and reporting, etc), *All*.
- 10.30 HELCOM Baltic Sea Action plan (BSAP) – what HELCOM is/does and why there is interest to see how municipalities and other local actors are working to help achieve the national BSAP commitments, *Lars Sonesten, Chair of HELCOM Pressure / Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky, Professional Secretary HELCOM*
- 11.00 Short reporting back of outcomes of the project so far:
- Desk Study; Baltic Sea Nutrient reporting, *Heléne Ejhed, IVL*
  - Problem Definition Workshop May 2017, *SIWI/RFTB*
  - Problem Solution Workshops, *Representatives from cities of Panevezis and Slupsk*
- 11.45 Lunch
- 12.30 Putting the puzzle together – How can we ensure that the outcomes of the project discussion turn into actions?
- Closer interaction between local governments (cities/municipalities) and HELCOM - particularly with regard to reporting outcomes of measures for nutrient discharge reduction - could have the potential to create environmental and socio-economic benefits on the local level, and also result in more effective efforts toward achieving BSAP nutrient reduction goals.
- However, there are some political and practical challenges that need to be considered with respect to national and local governments and HELCOM having a more direct interaction.
- In this part of the workshop, the participants will discuss how a project or test bed could be designed in which these potential challenges and opportunities are evaluated. Further the participants shall consider questions regarding monitoring and reporting, e.g. a) how could municipalities systematically monitor information on the effect of a selection of measures to reduce nutrient discharges to water courses?, and, b) how could there be structured reporting of this data from municipalities to HELCOM, national/regional authorities, and other cities/municipalities and feedback on this data back to the municipalities reciprocal information when relevant?
- Based on the outcomes presented in this project thus far, and based on workshop participants' knowledge and experiences, the workshop would consider:
- What would be the relevant activities in such a project?
  - Who would be the relevant partners?
  - What potential sources funding exist and/or could be applied for?
- Coffee to be served during workshop.
- 14.30 Reporting back – Moderators of break-out groups to report on key findings. Discussion on main findings for solutions, future collaboration and next steps.
- 15.00 Wrap-up and Closing remarks, SIWI and Race For The Baltic