

# Fourth HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan Stakeholder Conference

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## Questions for roundtable discussion:

1. How can the bridges/gaps in the dialogue between the scientific community and decision-makers be improved - both to ensure that scientific results are fully recognized in policy-making and that the research community is addressing the information needs of policy-makers?
2. How have the financing priorities within the numerous EU and other funds been sufficiently oriented towards implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan? What is needed to further the involvement of IFI's and private foundations in the implementation of the plan?
3. How can greater "political will" for implementation of the BSAP be encouraged? What should be done to improve the recognition of the action plan (and HELCOM) as a mechanism for implementing of not only the Helsinki Convention, but also a wide range of other international legislative frameworks?

