

# Moving from programmes to investments

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# Role of HELCOM towards the IFI's

- **HELCOM**

- environmental focal point -> state of the Baltic
- policy focal point -> actions needed

- **IFI's**

- prioritized environmental issues
- financial support to policy implementation

- **Challenge**

- General environmental information < - > concrete project proposals





# Concrete examples of cooperation

- **Hot Spot approach**

- the St. Petersburg Wastewater Treatment Plant

- **World Bank/GEF Funded Baltic Sea Regional Project**

- environmental investments in agriculture



# The Hot Spot approach

Joint Comprehensive  
Environmental Action Program (JCP)  
established in 1992

- Support implementation of the Helsinki Convention
- Establish priorities for actions at the regional and national levels
- A framework to facilitate mobilization of financial resources from different sources





# Achievements

## Joint Comprehensive Environmental Action Programme 1992

- Identification of most polluting objects/sites
  - 149 hot spots identified in the Baltic Sea catchment
  - Programme duration - 20 years
- 63 of the 149 Hot Spots/sub-Hot Spots have been deleted
  - municipalities: 21 out of 61
  - industry: 36 out of 66
  - agriculture and coastal lagoons: 5 out of 21
  - fish farming: 1 out of 1



# Good example

## HELCOM Hot Spot: St. Petersburg WWTP

- The single biggest pollution point source
- One of HELCOM's priority objectives
- New treatment plant constructed in 2005 to meet HELCOM Recommendations
- Financed from 14 different Russian, Western European and Scandinavian sources, bank loans, government grants and donations
- Largest project of its kind in Europe, with a cost around € 180 million





# Accession process

## -8 of 9 Contracting States are members of the European Union

- Uniform environmental legislation in large part of the catchment area
- Boosting of investments in new EU member states through EU programmes
- IFI's shift focus towards NW Russia, Belarus, Ukraine
- Also old EU members shift focus in bilateral funding





# Baltic Sea Action Plan

## - Coordinated action involving all stakeholders

- HELCOM Monitoring and assessments
  - Inputs and effects
  - Ecological Objectives
  - Assessment tools
  - Scenarios
- Further measures
  - National level
  - HELCOM actions
  - International level, e.g:
    - EU Common Agricultural Policy
    - Air Pollution Strategies (EU NEC Directive, Gothenburg Protocol)
- Commitment by the Contracting Parties to both develop and implement the Plan
  - Political, financial and human resources



# Thank you

