

## 1. Identification

**1.1. Project name:** Capitalizing key elements of NonHazCity: empowering private and professional users for better risk management and use reduction of chemical products in their cities

**1.2. Project acronym:** NonHazCity 2

**1.3. Priority: 2.** Efficient management of natural resources

**1.4. Programme specific objective:** 2.1 Clear waters: To increase efficiency of water management for reduced nutrient inflows and decreased discharges of hazardous substances to the Baltic Sea and the regional waters based on enhanced capacity of public and private actors dealing with water quality issues

**1.5. Project duration**

**Contracting start:** 12/04/2019

**Contracting end:** 31/07/2019

**Implementation start:** 01/08/2019

**Implementation end:** 31/01/2021

**Duration of implementation phase (months):** 18

**Closure start:** 01/02/2021

**Closure end:** 30/04/2021

**1.6. Summary of the project**

The preceding project is NonHazCity (#R010 “Innovative measures to reduce the emissions of hazardous substances (HS) from urban areas into the Baltic Sea” - further “NHC1”). The main objective of the extension is to deepen and follow-up those activities of NHC1 that have been proven most essential or promising for further development. The extension project, “NHC2”, wants to be a bit “louder” in the political arena of the BSR, more systemic by standardising lessons learned from the preceding project’s pilot cases, and aims at widening the target audience.

NHC2 wants to capitalize key elements of the preceding project and additionally:

- monitor and assess the implementation of strategies & guidelines developed in NHC 1
- make chemicals risk management more explicit in environmental management standards,
- systematize training of staff in the public sector
- empower a larger amount of private consumers & businesses to reduce their consumption of products containing HS
- cover the topic of HS in plastic, which has recently gained new impetus through the EU plastics strategy and work on the circular economy

### Main target groups

- Municipalities and municipal entities that participated in NHC1 as partner or associated organizations – they will act in NHC2 as partners, AOs or as a direct target group
- Any municipality and municipal entity in the BSR that wants to use the training/guidance material produced (especially the training modules)
- Business associations for environmental management in the BSR, their members (companies) and respective bodies at EU including the European Commission as well as departments at municipalities in charge of EMS
- Specific businesses (gastronomy, hotels) using plastic materials (food contact materials, kitchen appliances) to demonstrate the issue of HS in plastics
- NGOs representing consumers and environmental interests in the BSR
- Inhabitants and businesses of the municipalities in which NHC2 will act

### Main outputs

- Assessment of the chemical action plans (CAPs) including findings and recommendations
- Guidance materials presenting an integrated view on chemicals risk management in municipal administrations and their entities
- Training modules for online courses on the above
- A proposal for a chapter on chemicals risk management in enterprises to be taken up by env. standardization bodies, certifiers, consultants and competent authorities
- DIY kit and app “Household check for hazardous substances”
- DIY kit and app “Office check for hazardous substances”
- Info material set on plastics

### Expected results

- The implementation of CAPs and procurement rules are assessed, and lessons learned defined
- Employees at public entities have been trained on various chemicals risk management issues
- Private & professional users are empowered to do self-assessments of products potentially containing HS
- Chemicals risk management issues are better integrated into env. management systems
- Policy uptake at BSR

## **1.7. Summary of the partnership**

The partnership of NonHazCity2 is made of 10 partner organisations and 12 associated organisations. Nine out of 18 partners of the preceding project will be partners of the extension stage. Some of the former partners will become associated organisations. All 7 countries and languages of NHC1 will stay in NHC2. NHC1 lead Stockholm is handing over the leadership to Riga being proud of the commitment that Riga has made. Stockholm will stay connected to the project as AO and provide feedback and input as a think tank. The three scientific institutes (SLU, GU, IFAOE) that carried out the substance analyses and assessments will not be part of the extension stage – their tasks are finished, SLU will stay connected as AO.

The municipalities of Silale, Kaunas and Gdansk will not participate as active partners but become a target group of the assessment of their CAP implementation in the extension stage. Municipal entities of Turku and Hamburg will remain AOs, while Riga, Pärnu and Västerås will continue as active partners in NHC2. The four BEF offices will continue their think tank and communication roles in implementing campaigns and leading WPs. Gdansk Water Utilities will continue its engagement in campaigning “the city on detox” as front runner in WP4.

The Polish NGO “Forum ISO 14000” is a new partner, PP10, due to their engagement in the NHC1 seminar (10/2018) pushing forward the uptake of chemicals risk management in EMAS/ISO systems. This will be their main task in the extension stage – bringing their expertise and their network of business organizations into the consortium.

During NHC 1, Sweden has established a new national body for chemicals risk management targeting at businesses and municipalities – NHC1 PM T. Wickman started to work their. AO will support NHC2 with the aim to foster the policy impact in the BSR and contribute to integrate chemicals risk management into business management.

National authorities German Environmental Agency (UBA), Swedish Chemicals Agency (KEMI) and Latvian Ministry of Environment support the extension and will help the (international) policy uptake as well as the communication with municipalities.

The PAC Hazard and HELCOM secretariat strongly value the results of NHC1 for the BSR – their active support will again be of high importance for the extension stage (HELCOM support letter requested)

Coalition Clean Baltic, a network of environmental NGOs around the BSR, has been involved in NHC1 in the Social Media Campaign and will do so also for the next SMC (support letter requested). The NGOs IPO (NHC1 Belarus daughter project), SEI-T (INTERREG CB Blastic project) and FKO Poland as well as SCA Sweden (AskREACH project) will support the plastic campaign.

## 2. Overview: Project Partnership

The NHC2 partners will be the following (abbreviation in the proposal in brackets)

- PP01 Riga City Council (lead) (Riga)
- PP02 BEF Latvia (BEF LV)
- PP03 BEF Lithuania (BEF LT)
- PP04 Gdansk Water Utilities (GWIK)
- PP05 City of Västeras (Västeras)
- PP06 Pärnu City Government (Pärnu)
- PP07 BEF Estonia (BEF EE)
- PP08 BEF Germany (BEF DE)
- PP09 Turku University of Applied Science (TUAS)
- PP10 Polish Forum ISO 14000 (new partner) (ISOPL)

The NHC2 associated organisations will be the following (abbreviation in the proposal in brackets)

- AO01 Swedish Centre for Chemical Substitution (SCCS)
- AO02 Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg - Senate Chancellery (HAMBURG)
- AO03 International Public Organization "Ecoproject "Partnership" - IPO "Ecopartnership" (IPO)
- AO04 Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
- AO05 Buy Responsibly Foundation (FKO)
- AO06 Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (PAC-HAZARDS)
- AO07 City of Turku (TURKU)
- AO08 City of Stockholm (STOCKHOLM)
- AO09 German Environment Agency (UBA)
- AO10 Swedish Chemicals Agency (KEMI)
- AO11 Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre (SEI-T)
- AO12 The Ministry of the Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia (MEPRD)
- AO13 The Swedish Consumers' Association (SCA)

The PP and AO agreed that WP2 will be implemented in all municipalities (monitoring and evaluating NHC 1 outcomes), WP3-4 will be implemented in some of them (partners will select their preferred activities).