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Let's bridge the gap between Marine environmental management and Shipping pollution prevention!

Shipping poses a range of pressures on the marine environment, and within the International Marine Organization (IMO), lot of effort is spent to reduce negative environmental impact from shipping. Traditionally, this work addresses single pressures, one at the time, from individual ships. In line with the UN Ocean Conference Interactive dialogue on Marine pollution, however, there is a need to consider all types of pressures, e.g., from all ships operating in the geographic area of interest. Hence, there is a gap between the perspectives in onboard shipping pollution prevention versus in marine environmental management. The gap is amplified by the differences in regulatory levels. We need to move towards new partnerships and solutions to enable dialogue and harmonization between the different perspectives to guide the shipping industry towards sustainable development.

As a step towards bridging this gap, we commit to organize a conference this autumn 2022, with IMO, ICES, EEA, the government offices of Sweden, Chalmers University of Technology and Åbo Akademi University. The aim is to discuss linkages between the scientific community and regulation processes. The usage of scrubbers on ships to comply with stricter regulation will provide a topical case and the purpose is to contribute to the enablement of transformative change.

More information on the arrangement and registration for coming updates can be found at:

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