



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Fourth Meeting of the Ad hoc Drafting Group for the
Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan

DG BSAP 4-2020

Online, 23 November 2020

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Background

The Fourth Meeting of the Ad hoc Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP 4-2020) will be held online on 23 November 2020.

The DG BSAP 4-2020 Meeting will be opened **at 9:30 CET/10:30 EET on Monday, 23 November 2020** and it is expected to terminate **by 11:30 CET/12:30 EET** on the same day.

Documents for the Meeting will be made available in the document library on the DG BSAP 4-2020 [Meeting Site](#) in the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#).

Participants to DG BSAP 4-2020 are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) **latest on 18 November 2020**. The Meeting will be held via Zoom and the Meeting link and instructions will be sent to the registered participants.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda as contained in document 1-1.

Agenda Item 2 Latest activities in the BSAP update process

The Meeting is invited to take note of information on the latest activities in the update process.

Agenda Item 3 Overarching preamble for the updated BSAP

According to the work plan for the BSAP update, one of the tasks of DG BSAP is to draft the overarching preamble for the updated BSAP, guided by the detailed plan for drafting of the updated BSAP approved by HOD 58-2020. The draft overarching preamble will also be commented by GEAR 23-2020. The first full draft of the BSAP, including the overarching preamble, is to be submitted to HOD 59-2020. DG BSAP 3-2020 commented the draft preamble and noted that the Secretariat will, taking into account the comments received, submit the overarching preamble to GEAR 23-2020.

The Meeting is invited to take note of and comment the updated draft of the overarching preamble noting the comments by GEAR 23-2020.

Agenda Item 4 Segment teams

DG BSAP 1-2020 agreed that the whole drafting group will work on the overarching preamble while the segment teams will be established to work on the different segments (eutrophication, hazardous substances and litter, sea-based activities, biodiversity). DG BSAP 1-2020 also agreed that the segment teams will start their work by reviewing the drafts of the segment-specific preambles in the autumn 2020, concomitantly with their submission to GEAR 23-2020, and focus on the continued drafting of the preambles and operative sections based on the guidance from HOD, in spring 2021.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of the segment team meetings and information on the next meetings of the segment teams.

Agenda Item 5 Horizontal actions segment

HOD 58-2020 requested DG BSAP to propose a structure for the horizontal actions segment. DG BSAP 3-2020 agreed on the overall structure of the horizontal actions segment including a joint introduction to the segment followed by topic-wise sections and also agreed that the order of topics should be climate change, monitoring, MSP, ESA and financing. DG BSAP 3-2020 invited the Secretariat, in cooperation with the relevant HELCOM groups, to draft the introductory texts for topics of the horizontal actions segment.

The Meeting is invited to take note of and comment the draft introductory texts for the horizontal actions segment.

Agenda Item 6 Next meetings

The Meeting is invited to agree on the time for the next meeting of the group.

Agenda Item 7 Any other business

The Meeting might wish to discuss any other issues relevant for the work of the drafting group.

Agenda Item 8 Outcome of the Meeting

A draft outcome will be prepared by the Secretariat and adopted via correspondence.