



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

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

DG BSAP 6-2021

Online, 22 April 2021

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Background

The Sixth Meeting of the Ad hoc Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP 5-2021) will be held online on 22 April 2021.

The DG BSAP 6-2021 Meeting will be opened **at 9:00 CEST/10:00 EEST on Thursday, 22 April 2021** and it is expected to terminate **by 16:00 CEST/17:00 EEST** on the same day.

Documents for the Meeting will be made available in the document library on the DG BSAP 6-2021 [Meeting Site](#) in the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#).

Participants of DG BSAP 6-2021 are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) **latest on 15 February 2021**. 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 Draft updated BSAP

Overarching preamble and introduction

HELCOM 42-2021 considered the proposed amendments to the overarching preamble and agreed that further consideration of these changes by DG BSAP 6-2021 is required.

HELCOM 42-2021 agreed on the mode of adoption and referencing for the associated action documents and supporting documents and invited the Secretariat to submit a proposal on referencing the associated action documents and supporting documents in the overarching preamble for DG BSAP 6-2021.

The Meeting is invited to consider the proposed changes to the overarching preamble, including referencing to the associated action documents and supporting documents, and agree on a process to finalize the overarching preamble and the introduction with a view to submitting them to HOD 60-2021 for approval (document to be submitted by the Secretariat).

Segment introductions

Biodiversity, eutrophication, hazardous substances and litter, sea-based activities

HELCOM 42-2021 considered the segment introductions and provided guidance for the further drafting. The meeting invited the Secretariat to submit the guidance to the next Segment Team meetings and also submit revised versions of the introductions based on the guidance and comments from the Segment Teams to DG BSAP 6-2021. The meeting noted that after the Segment Team meetings at the end of March and in early April, the drafting of the segment introductions will continue only in DG BSAP to ensure coherence of the texts across segments.

HELCOM 42-2021 also considered proposals by Russia and Germany to change the objectives under the sea-based activities segment. The meeting tasked DG BSAP SEA 3-2021 and DG BSAP 6-2021 to continue the discussion and to propose wording for the three objectives under the sea-based segment.

The Meeting is invited to consider the segment introductions, discuss the proposed wording for the three objectives under the sea-based activities segment and agree on a process to finalize the segment introductions for submission to HOD 60-2021 for approval (documents to be submitted by the Secretariat after the Segment Team meetings).

Horizontal actions

HELCOM 42-2021 agreed to include hot spots as well as knowledge exchange and awareness raising as additional topics in the horizontal action segment.

HELCOM 42-2021 took note of the newly added introduction to the climate change section, welcomed the proposals for changes by Finland and agreed to continue discussing the climate change section including the Finnish proposals at DG BSAP 6-2021.

HELCOM 42-2021 agreed that the polluter pays principle should be mentioned in the financing section with reference to article 3.4 of the Helsinki Convention and invited the Secretariat to draft a proposal on this for

DG BSAP 6-2021. The meeting agreed to continue the discussion on the other proposed changes to the financing section at DG BSAP 6-2021.

The Meeting is invited to consider the proposed changes to the introduction to the horizontal actions segment and agree on a process to finalize the segment introduction for submission to HOD 60-2021 for approval (document to be submitted by the Secretariat).

Actions

HELCOM 42-2021 considered the actions for which the DG BSAP and the Segment Teams found the proposed wording satisfactory (coloured green) and, with some clarifications and amendments, agreed in principle on the inclusion of these actions in the updated BSAP. The meeting noted that the drafting of the rest of the actions will continue in the Segment Teams and DG BSAP.

The Meeting is invited to agree on a process to finalize the formulation of the actions under the biodiversity, eutrophication, hazardous substances, and sea-based activities segments for submission to HOD 60-2021 for approval, noting the status of the drafting in the Segment Teams (documents to be submitted by the Secretariat after the Segment Team meetings).

The Meeting is invited to agree on a process to finalize the formulation of the actions under the horizontal actions segment for submission to HOD 60-2021 for approval (document to be submitted by the Secretariat).

HELCOM 42-2021 pointed out that it should be analyzed how the proposed actions fit under the management objectives and that the actions could be presented in association with the relevant management objectives, if found suitable based on the analysis. The Meeting is invited to consider the results of the analysis and discuss presentations of actions in the updated BSAP based on the analysis (document to be submitted by the Secretariat).

DG BSAP 5-2021 agreed that the cross-referencing of actions in different segments of the BSAP will be handled by coding the actions and including the relevant codes for reference, both in the lists of actions in the BSAP itself and as part of the supplementary information. DG BSAP 5-2021 invited the Secretariat to make the first proposal on the cross-references to be reviewed by DG BSAP. The Meeting is invited to consider and discuss the proposed cross-referencing of actions (document to be submitted by the Secretariat).

Outcome of the HELCOM Stakeholder Conference 2021

The HELCOM Stakeholder Conference 2021 - "Practically Implementing Ecosystem-Based Management", was held on 11 March 2021 as an online workshop, in collaboration with Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB) and the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM). HELCOM 42-2021 noted that the draft BSAP should also be examined by DG BSAP in light of the outcome of the HELCOM Stakeholder Conference 2021, to see if the plan sufficiently embraces the ecosystem approach and EBM considerations.

The Meeting is invited to discuss, in light of the [outcome of HSC2021](#), if the draft BSAP sufficiently encompasses the ecosystem approach and EBM considerations.

Agenda Item 3 Next meetings

The Meeting is invited to agree on the date and time for the next meeting of the drafting group, if needed.

Agenda Item 4 Any other business

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

Agenda Item 5 Outcome of the Meeting

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