



Outcome of the First Meeting of the Eutrophication segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan

(DG BSAP EUTRO 1-2020)

Introduction

0.1 The First Meeting of the eutrophication segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP EUTRO 1-2020) was held online on 19 October 2020.

0.2 All the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention, except for EU, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland attended the Meeting, as well as Observers from CCB and FEAP. The List of Participants is contained in **Annex 1**.

0.3 The Meeting was moderated by Mr. Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky, Professional Secretary. Ms. Susanna Kaasinen, Associate Professional Secretary from the HELCOM Secretariat, acted as secretary of the Meeting.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

Documents: 1-1

1.1 The Meeting adopted the Agenda of the Meeting as contained in document 1-1.

Agenda Item 2 Preamble for the eutrophication segment

Documents: 2-1

2.1 The Meeting recalled the guidance given by HODs and that HOD 58-2020 requested the DG BSAP to identify how best to incorporate the updated nutrient input reduction scheme in the updated BSAP. The Meeting took note that the Secretariat has made an initial proposal on integrating parts of the nutrient input reduction scheme as part of the segment-specific preamble.

2.2 The Meeting took note of the first draft of the BSAP segment preamble for eutrophication (document 2-1) and the comments to the preamble by PRESSURE 13-2020.

2.3 The Meeting agreed on the following changes to the draft preamble:

- Under the sub-title "Action Areas", there should be short information on the management objective, the target year for reaching GES which is 2021, and progress made so far in reaching the targets.
- The nutrient input reduction scheme should be integrated into the preamble after the sub-title "Action areas". However, only tables for MAI and national aggregated NICs are to be included in the preambular part. The tables with NICs split for transboundary river sub-basins and remaining sub-catchments should be included only as an annex to the eutrophication segment.
- The abbreviations used in the tables e.g. for Baltic and North Sea shipping need to be unfolded in a footnote. Also, references to international treaties committing non-Contracting Parties and other

contributors to reduce nutrient input to the Baltic Sea are to be included. Estimation of nutrient input reduction achieved under these treaties is to be clearly presented.

- It is important to set a target year for taking all necessary measures, but the text “in order to be able to demonstrate that national input targets expressed as nutrient input ceilings for each sub- basin have been achieved by [2030]” could be deleted.
- Since the tables with NICs for transboundary rivers will be included in the annex, the sentence requested by Russia, indicating that the countries are striving to achieve the integrated nutrient input ceilings and free to select where measures are to be applied, could be included in the annex.

2.4 The Meeting invited the Secretariat to draft a new version of the preamble based on the comments and send it to the members of the drafting group **by 30 October 2020**. The Meeting invited the drafting group to send comments to the new version to the Secretariat (Dmitry.frank-kamenetsky@helcom.fi; susanna.kaasinen@helcom.fi) **by 11 November 2020**.

2.5 The Meeting took note of the general reservation to the text by Denmark due to ongoing national consultations.

Agenda Item 3 Rephrasing existing actions

Documents: 3-1

3.1 The Meeting recalled that HOD 58-2020 agreed in principle on the rephrased and concretized existing HELCOM actions to be transferred to the updated BSAP with the understanding that further drafting based on the written comments will take place. HOD 58-2020 noted that the rephrasing of some of the actions under the eutrophication segment is done as part of the update of the nutrient input reduction scheme. HOD 58-2020 also noted that the style of some of the actions under the eutrophication segment should be changed and tasked the drafting group to check the style but not change the content of the actions in question.

3.2 The Meeting took note of the actions that have in principle been agreed to be transferred to the updated BSAP that are to be rephrased (document 3-1).

3.3 The Meeting invited the Secretariat to make a proposal to change the style of the action “We furthermore agree to submit to HELCOM by [2023] a detailed account list of planned and implemented measures in different sectors and catchments alongside an estimation of their effectiveness in order to share practical information demonstrating how country-wise nutrient inputs ceilings can be achieved” and send it to the drafting group members for comments **by 30 October 2020**.

3.4 The Meeting discussed the existing actions to be rephrased as part of the nutrient input reduction scheme and pointed out that the actions related to the follow-up of the NICs and MAI, national implementation plan and measures should be included as actions in the operative section in the updated BSAP. The Meeting agreed to continue discussion on these actions in the next meeting of the group.

Agenda Item 4 Next steps

Documents: None

4.1 The Meeting took note that the segment teams will continue the drafting of the preambles and operative sections based on the guidance from HOD, in spring 2021.

4.2 The Meeting agreed that the next meeting of the group (DG BSAP EUTRO 2-2020) will be held online on 16 November at 9 CET/10 EET.

Agenda Item 5 Any other business

Documents: None

5.1 The Meeting did not discuss any other business.

Agenda Item 6 Outcome of the Meeting

Documents: 6-1

6.1 The draft outcome was prepared by the Secretariat and adopted via correspondence.

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