



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

(DG BSAP EUTRO 3-2021)

Introduction

0.1 The Third Meeting of the Eutrophication segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP EUTRO 3-2021) was held online on 15 January 2021.

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

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

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

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

Agenda Item 2 Actions in the updated BSAP

2.1 The Meeting took note of the actions proposed for inclusion in the Eutrophication segment of the updated BSAP and the proposals for rephrasing some of them made by the Secretariat based on comments received and the guidance by HOD 59-2020 (document 2-1).

2.2 The Meeting took note of the guidance for further drafting the updated BSAP provided by HOD 59-2020 as presented in document 2-2.

2.3 The Meeting took note that, regarding new actions, the Segment Teams will utilize actions endorsed by the Working Groups as the basis for further drafting, noting that if gaps are identified in the drafting process by Segment Teams, the actions that were not endorsed could be considered to fill in these gaps. The Meeting also took note that HOD 59-2020 agreed that in exceptional cases, where in well-grounded circumstances a clear gap is identified during further drafting in spring 2021, an additional action may be prepared and presented to HODs for consideration.

2.4 The Meeting recalled that HOD 58-2020 agreed that currently all proposed action-specific target years should be considered as provisional. The Meeting further recalled that HOD 58-2020 agreed that once all proposed target years are in place the overall division and distribution of target years will be reviewed and, where needed, target years might be amended to better distribute upcoming work and ensure that work is planned to take place in a logical order.

2.5 The Meeting took note of the clarification that despite that the synopses contain useful background information for new actions, they will not be part of the updated BSAP. The Meeting

acknowledged that in many cases the original proposal from the synopsis has changed substantially in the course of the drafting.

2.6 The Meeting considered and developed further the actions, as included in the separate Excel attachment to this Outcome, based on the guidance from HOD 59-2020 and comments received in the review processes in 2020. The Meeting agreed that the formulation of some of the actions is already satisfactory (coloured green in the Excel attachment) and agreed that the next meeting will focus on the actions that need further work (coloured yellow) noting, however, that DG BSAP 5-2021 and HELCOM 42-2021 might give additional guidance for drafting all the actions relevant for DG BSAP EUTRO. The Meeting also proposed to delete one action (coloured red in the Excel attachment).

2.7 The Meeting agreed on intersessional work prior to the DG BSAP EUTRO Meeting to be held after HELCOM 42-2021 as follows:

- Secretariat with the help of the Chair of AGRI, Finland and Germany will make a proposal for restructuring the actions under the theme “nutrient recycling”.
- Secretariat will make a proposal on restructuring the actions under the theme “hot spots”.
- RedCore DG is invited to consider the actions under the theme “Follow-up of the implementation of nutrient reduction requirements”.

2.8 The Meeting took note that the further developed actions will be presented for review at DG BSAP and for provisional agreement at HELCOM 42-2021 (and possible subsequent intersessional HOD meeting), as they become available, and that the actions will be drafted further by DG BSAP Segment Teams and DG BSAP based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2021 (**Presentation 1**). The Meeting also took note that the final approval of the actions will take place at HOD 60-2021.

2.9 The Meeting took note of the clarification that the aim of the possible agreement in principle on some of the actions in HELCOM 42-2021 is to ensure that, given the large number of actions, the time and effort of the experts in the DG BSAP and the respective DG BSAP Segment Teams is prioritised thus ensuring efficient resource allocation.

Agenda Item 3 Segment introduction

3.1 The Meeting took note of the segment introduction and the description of the desired state revised by the Secretariat based on the guidance by HOD 59-2020 (document 3-1) but did not have time to consider it in the Meeting.

3.2 The Meeting invited participants to send written comments to the introduction to the Secretariat (susanna.kaasinen@helcom.fi) **by 20 January 2021**.

3.3 The Meeting took note that the further developed drafts will be presented for review by DG BSAP and consideration by HELCOM 42-2021 and that the segment introductions will be drafted further by DG BSAP Segment Teams and DG BSAP based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2021. The Meeting also took note that the final approval of the introductions will take place at HOD 60-2021.

Agenda Item 4 Next steps

4.1 The Meeting noted that there might be a need for an additional meeting of DG BSAP EUTRO after DG BSAP 5-2021 in February to further the introductory part for submission to HELCOM 42-2021 and invited DG BSAP 5-2021 to consider this option.

4.2 The Meeting agreed that the meeting of DG BSAP EUTRO will be held after HELCOM 42-2021 in the end of March or beginning of April and invited the Secretariat to make a doodle poll to schedule the date.

Agenda Item 5 Any other business

5.1 The Meeting did not discuss any other business.

Agenda Item 6 Outcome of the Meeting

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

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