



Outcome of the First Meeting of the Hazardous substances and litter segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP HZ 1-2020)

Introduction

0.1 The First Meeting of the hazardous substances and litter segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP HZ 1-2020) was held online on 3 November 2020.

0.2 The Meeting was attended by Estonia, Germany, Poland, Russia, and Sweden, as well as an Observer from WWF. 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 Hazardous substances and litter segment

Documents: 2-1

2.1 The Meeting took note of and discussed the first draft for BSAP segment preamble for Hazardous substances and litter noting the comments to the preamble by PRESSURE 13-2020 (documents 2-1 and 2-2).

2.2 The Meeting agreed that to make the preamble easier to read there should be subheadings separating the text on litter and hazardous substances for most parts of the preamble.

2.3 The Meeting agreed that the paragraphs at the start of the preamble prior to introducing the ecological objectives are to be removed.

2.4 The Meeting took note that according to the guidance on the detailed drafting of the BSAP, there should be a visualization of the ecological and management objectives at the segment preamble and the ecological objectives should be elaborated further when describing the desired state.

2.5 The Meeting agreed that the text should have a clearer vision and focus more on the strategic approaches and goals. Also, there should be a clearer link to the actions. The Meeting pointed out that inspiration could be drawn from the latest EU policies on chemicals, plastics and circular economy that have the approach that chemicals and plastics should be safe and sustainable by design.

2.6 The Meeting pointed out that the title is missing the word "litter" and that the management objectives are not mentioned in the draft segment preamble.

2.7 The Meeting noted that EN Clime is currently working on the key messages on climate change and agreed that the section on linkage to climate change should be strengthened after the key messages are ready. The Meeting pointed out that one of the consequences of climate change could be flooding of contaminated sites e.g. old landfills and thus contamination of the aquatic environment.

2.8 The Meeting discussed the section on action areas and agreed that the text should be reshuffled in a way that highlights the main messages inspiring the HELCOM Contracting Parties to prevent contamination of the environment, while giving less emphasis and placing at the end of the section the text on monitoring and contributing to global processes.

2.9 The Meeting highlighted that there should be a clearer link to the ecological objectives in the description of the desired state.

2.10 The Meeting welcomed the offer by Germany and Sweden to make a proposal for redrafting the section on the desired state for hazardous substances and the offer by Sweden to propose a redrafted version for the desired state for litter. The Meeting invited Germany and Sweden to send the new proposals to the Secretariat (Dmitry.frank-kamenetsky@helcom.fi; susanna.kaasinen@helcom.fi) **by 11 January 2021**.

2.11 The Meeting invited the group to provide concrete text proposals to the draft preamble (document 2-1) marked by track changes to the Secretariat (Dmitry.frank-kamenetsky@helcom.fi; susanna.kaasinen@helcom.fi) **by 10 November 2021**.

Agenda Item 3 Rephrasing existing actions

Documents: 3-1

3.1 The Meeting agreed to postpone the discussion on the actions to 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 to organize the next meeting of drafting group on 19 January 2021 at 10-16 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.

Annex 1. List of participants

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