



## Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Expert Group on Hazardous Substances

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### Background

The Intersessional Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Group on Hazardous Substances (EG HAZ 17A-2022) will be held online on 8 March 2022. The Meeting will start at 13.00 CET/14.00 EET and will end by 15.00 CET/16.00 EET.

### 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.

### Agenda item 2 EG HAZ sub-teams

EG HAZ 17-2022 discussed possible division of the group into several sub-teams to support dedicated intersessional work within EG HAZ and thereby utilize limited resources to achieve the strongest possible regional impact and achieve the recently approved Terms of Reference (ToRs) and Work Plan of the group and the actions listed in the BSAP 2021. The meeting agreed on the following nine sub-teams as a starting point for further discussion:

- Strategic/holistic approach
- Priority substances
- Measures
- Substances of emerging concern and screening
- Pharmaceuticals
- Monitoring
- Indicators and assessment
- Biological effects
- Sediment cores

The meeting invited the Contracting Parties to nominate contacts and leads to the sub-teams by **28 February 2022** in an online document. The meeting took note that some Contracting Parties might not be in a position to nominate team members at this stage but could indicate in which areas they could contribute in general. The meeting agreed that the aim is that the sub-teams could already meet online or via correspondence in spring 2022 to develop proposals on prioritisation and how to bring the work forward that could be presented at the autumn meeting of EG HAZ.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the nominations to the sub-teams (available in the online document circulated by the Secretariat on 16 February 2022), continue discussion on the sub-teams and agree on the formulation of the sub-teams to work intersessionally, to further the tasks under the mandate of the group and report to EG HAZ meetings.

### Agenda item 3 Any other business

HELCOM has launched an online survey to evaluate specific gaps of monitoring at sea. The ultimate aim of this survey is to, on a regional level, identify effective and efficient ways of addressing gaps or weaknesses in the existing monitoring and thus improve relevant methods, the spatial and temporal coverage of the monitoring, and ultimately the overall quality and quantity of data. The invitation to answer the survey is sent to the Contacts and Observers of State & Conservation as well as to the HELCOM Expert Groups. The Expert Groups are invited to provide a joint answer per Expert Group.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the survey and plan for providing a joint answer to the survey.

The Meeting is invited to discuss any other issues related to the work of the group.

### Agenda item 4 Outcome of the Meeting

The Outcome of the Meeting will be adopted via correspondence.