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This document has been revised to include updated information as provided by Estonia and Germany.

### Background

GEAR 20-2019 took note of the overview of national timetables for MSFD implementation as contained in [document 3-1 Rev. 2](#) and agreed that the document is regularly updated with national information prior to GEAR meetings ([Outcome of GEAR 20-2019](#), para.3.1-3.5).

Countries were invited to provide updated information to the Secretariat ([marta.ruiz@helcom.fi](mailto:marta.ruiz@helcom.fi)) by 26 October. Updated information was provided by Denmark, Finland, Germany, Lithuania and Sweden.

This document is an update of [document 5-3 Rev 2](#) to GEAR 19-2018 to include the feedback provided.

### Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of and discuss the provided information.

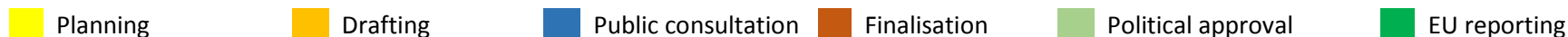
## Updated overview of national timetables for MSFD implementation

■ Planning     
 ■ Drafting     
 ■ Public consultation     
 ■ Finalisation     
 ■ Political approval     
 ■ EU reporting

Legend: Month of the year: 01-12 Quarter of the year: 1-4

Denmark	2018				2019												2020				2021				2022				2023				2024					
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Any comments:	Denmark intends to finalize its report regarding the implementation of Articles 8,9 and 11 and submit it to the Commission by the end of April 2019.																																					

Estonia	2018				2019												2020				2021				2022				2023				2024			
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Any comments:	Reporting of Art 8-10 (2018) was delayed and technical reporting was ended in Sept 2019.																																			



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Finland	2018				2019								2020				2021				2022				2023				2024										
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Any comments:	Art. 8, 9 and 10 reported to the EU in Dec. 2018 - Jan. 2019. Art. 18 (POM Interim reporting): Reported to the EU in December 2018																																						

Germany	2018				2019								2020				2021				2022				2023				2024										
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Any comments	<p>The draft update of the <b>MSFD monitoring programme</b> is planned to go for public consultation on 15 October 2019. The draft consists of a 9 page summary of changes to the monitoring programmes since 2014 and the factual update of the Framework Concept for MSFD Monitoring (alignment with the requirements of Commission Decision (EU) 2017/848). As in the first reporting round, the national online marine monitoring manual is available for information. The manual will be updated in parallel to the public consultation in order to meet the revised EU-reporting requirements (xml schemas; new structure). A detailed national concept for reviewing and updating the <b>MSFD Programme of Measures</b> has been adopted in September 2019. Based on this, work has started inter alia on the specification of environmental targets, the assessment of the effectiveness of measures and gaps (looking for SOM-results for the DE Baltic Sea waters and for a simplified assessment for the DE North Sea waters), the estimation of when GES will be achieved, identification and reasoning of need for prolongations/exceptions and proposals for new measures (including a review of proposals to come forward by end of 2019 within HELCOM). A first state of play of the work is expected by end of January 2020. A national workshop in mid March 2020 is planned to deliver a short list of any new measures recommended for inclusion in the updated PoM. The short list is expected for adoption in April/May 2020 as a basis for drafting the updated PoM and for the SEA scoping procedure (June/July 2020). The draft updated PoM is expected to be finalized by end of 2020 and to be subject to political approval (interdepartmental and cabinet approvals) process in Jan/Feb 2021. A six month public consultation (including transboundary SEA consultation) is planned for 1 April to 30 September 2021 with subsequent finalization of the updated PoM and reporting by March 2022. The PoM is expected to follow and update the documentation prepared for the first reporting in 2016. Among new elements planned for addition are specification of environmental targets, implementation and gap analysis information relating to the measures of the first PoM, prolongations/exceptions and the considerations of interactions of the PoM with climate change aspects.</p> <p><b>Art. 8,9, 10 (2024):</b> Focus is at the moment on reviewing and further developing the indicator in the HELCOM and OSPAR network and to implement COM Decision (EU) 2017/848 through EU-level and RSC bodies (with a priority on elements, threshold values and integration rules). Lessons learnt from the 2018 reporting round are still under discussion with a view to seeking efficient and slimmed-down national processes for future assessments. A critical point for organizing the next assessment will be the future set up of EU-reporting which may require a different approach than in the past.</p>																																						

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