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To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation
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Cc: Contacts and Observers of HELCOM Pressure Working Group
Contacts and Observers of HELCOM State and Conservation Working Group
Contacts and Observers of HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group

Re. Intersessional Meeting of the HELCOM Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach, (GEAR 25A-2021), online, 1 December 2021

Dear colleagues,

With reference to the Outcome of GEAR 25-2021 (Paragraph 6.5), I have the pleasure to invite you to the Intersessional Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 25A-2021), which will be held online on 1 December 2021.

The Meeting will **start on Wednesday, 1 December at 13:00 EET** and is expected to terminate **by 16:00 EET on the same day**.

The Meeting will be chaired by Ms. Andrea Weiss. The Meeting will consider scoping for a potential HORIZON grant application.

Participants of the Meeting are requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) at their earliest convenience and **not later than 29 November 2021**. The meeting link will be sent to **registered participants only**. Please note that the meeting will be conducted using Zoom. You are kindly invited to familiarize yourself with the [meeting guide for participants](#) and the [instructions](#) to participate in online meetings using this tool.

Documents for the Meeting, which are restricted until the end of the Meeting, will be made available via the HELCOM Meeting Portal on the [GEAR 25A-2021 Meeting Site](#). Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM Website](#).

Yours sincerely,

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