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Sub-group on Green Technology and Alternative Fuels for  
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### Background

The HELCOM 2021 Ministerial Meeting, to be held on 20 October 2021, is expected to adopt the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP). Among the actions included in the updated BSAP, there are eight actions which fall under the remits of the GREEN TEAM.

This document contains the actions included in the envisaged updated BSAP which are connected to the work of GREEN TEAM, for discussion and action as appropriate.

### Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- note that the HELCOM 2021 Ministerial Meeting is expected to adopt the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) in October 2021;
- discuss the future implementation of relevant actions in the updated BSAP; and
- make use of the information contained in this document, in the updating of the Work Plan of GREEN TEAM.

## GREEN TEAM actions in the envisaged updated Baltic Sea Action Plan

Table 1 below contains the list of actions in the latest version of the BSAP which are connected to the work of GREEN TEAM. All these actions were approved by HOD 60-2021.

Code	Action
S22	Develop a Roadmap by 2025 to reduce the input of pollutants from Exhaust Gas Cleaning System discharge waters, as a minimum in line with existing legislation, taking into consideration the precautionary principle and the outcome of the work of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
S23	Develop a Roadmap to strengthen the implementation and enforcement of the Baltic Sea NOx Emission Control Area (NECA) by 2023 based on experience and lessons learned.
S24	Enhance the use of alternative fuels and sources of energy in shipping as well as recreational boating, as well as enhance the use of digitalization and other innovations in technology by 2027 to optimize energy efficiency in the Baltic Sea area with the view to reduce emissions of both greenhouse gases and air pollutants.
S25	Actively follow and contribute to the discussions at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction and ensure that ice navigation and its special requirements are taken duly into account. Ensure, through the work of HELCOM Green Team, that shipping in the Baltic Sea area meets targets of the IMO GHG strategy by 2030 while at the same not impairing efforts on reducing air pollution or other environmental effects.
S26	Work towards securing ship financing and innovation funding to support more sustainable shipping and to ensure maritime transport components in applicable funding mechanisms.
S27	Enable onshore power in the Baltic Sea region by promoting onshore power supply availability and ensuring initial economic incentives for the use and supply of onshore power by 2027.
S28	Develop and facilitate implementation of feasible and effective economic incentives to reduce pollution from ships, taking into account HELCOM Recommendation 28E/13 <sup>1</sup> as amended 19 June 2019.
S29	Continue the dialogue established by the Baltic Sea Platform for Green Technology and Alternative fuels in shipping (HELCOM GREEN TEAM) and work jointly in co-operation with other regional governmental and non-governmental organizations, the industry and research community, to further promote development and use of green technologies and alternative fuels, in order to reduce harmful exhaust gas emissions and to strive for clean and low-carbon shipping.

Table 1 Actions in the latest version of the BSAP which are connected to the work of GREEN TEAM.

<sup>1</sup> On introducing economic incentives as a complement to existing regulations to reduce emissions from ships.