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Background

This document includes information on the meetings of the Heads of Delegation, as well as main subsidiary bodies and expert groups as earlier planned in 2014.

Due to the on-going streamlining process of the HELCOM working structure, the preparations for meetings of some subsidiary bodies after HELCOM 35-2014 have not started yet.

HELCOM HOD 45-2014 requested the Secretariat to map the upcoming meetings and how they could be organized taken the structure for the working groups has been decided (para 3.56 in the Outcome).

The attached table includes a proposal for arranging the meetings of subsidiary bodies and expert groups pending the decision by HELCOM 35-2014 regarding the HELCOM working structure.

For easier planning, also meetings of projects as well as meetings outside the framework of HELCOM are included (the latter ones with grey shading).

Action required

The Meeting is invited to consider the information and decide as appropriate.

Meetings in 2014 as earlier planned	Decision needed on holding the meeting
12-13 February 2014, The Hague, Netherlands Second OSPAR workshop on the development of an OSPAR Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter	
13 February 2014, Warsaw, Poland Final Conference of the CHEMSEA project (Chemical Munitions Search & Assessment)	
18-19 February 2014, Klaipeda, Lithuania HELCOM LAND/MONAS Expert Workshop on revision of HELCOM Guidelines on disposal of dredged material at sea	
24-26 February 2014, Helsinki, Finland (Secretariat) Fifth Meeting of the Sixth Baltic Sea Pollution Load Compilation Project (HELCOM PLC-6 4/2013)	
25-26 February 2014, Brussels, Belgium MSFD Working Group on Data, Information and Knowledge Exchange (WG DIKE) Meeting	
26-27 February 2014, Helsinki, Finland, (Secretariat) Fourth Meeting of the Project for the Review of HELCOM Pollution Load User System (HELCOM PLUS 4/2013)	
27 February 2014 Helsinki, Finland (Secretariat) 10th Inter-Secretariat meeting between Regional Agreements, DG ECHO and EMSA	
28 February 2014, HELCOM, Helsinki, Finland Workshop of the HELCOM Project on “Improvement of the quality of data on nutrient inputs with focus on transboundary loads”	
3-4 March 2014, Brussels, Belgium EU Marine Conference “Healthy Oceans, Productive Ecosystems”	
3-4 March 2014, Klaipeda, Lithuania Annual Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Aerial Surveillance (IWGAS)	

<p>5-6 March 2014, Helsinki, Finland (MCC) 35th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 35/2014) and 40th Anniversary of the Helsinki Convention</p>	
<p>10-11 March 2014, Brussels, Belgium MSFD Project Coordination Group (PCG) Meeting</p>	
<p>12-14 March 2014, Riga, Latvia Seventh Meeting of the Expert Group on follow-up of national progress towards reaching BSAP nutrient reduction targets (HELCOM LOAD 7/2014)</p>	No change
<p>17-18 March 2014, Brussels, Belgium Workshop of MSFD Working Group on Good Environmental Status (WG GES)</p>	
<p>18-20 March 2014, [Warsaw, Poland] First Meeting of the Project for Baltic-wide assessment of coastal fish communities in support of an ecosystem-based management (HELCOM FISH-PRO II (1/2014)</p>	
<p>19 March 2014, [online] [Kick-off Meeting of the Task Group on revising the HELCOM Response Manual Volume II (HELCOM TG HNS MANUAL)]</p>	
<p>19-21 March 2014, St. Petersburg, Russia XV International Environmental Forum “Baltic Sea Day”</p>	
<p>24-25 March 2014, Helsinki, Finland EUTRO-OPER project kick-off meeting</p>	
<p>26-27 March 2014, Berlin, Germany Sixth Meeting of the HELCOM Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (HELCOM GEAR 6/2014)</p>	No change
<p>27-28 March 2014, Kotka, Finland First Meeting of the Task Group to draft a HELCOM Recommendation for means of communication to be used for HELCOM POLREPs when alerting and requesting/offering assistance for pollution incidents at sea and on the shore in Baltic Sea Area (HELCOM TG POLREP)</p>	

<p>8-10 April 2014, EMEP, Oslo, Norway 20th Meeting of the HELCOM Monitoring and Assessment Group (HELCOM MONAS 20/2014), including session on marine litter</p>	<p>Decision needed First meeting of the new NATURE WG could be organized, including the session on marine litter Venue and date would remain the same</p>
<p>9 April 2014, Helsinki, Finland CBSS EGMP meeting & meeting of organizations with maritime competences, including their visit to the HELCOM Secretariat</p>	
<p>9-10 April 2014, Tallinn, Estonia 5th Working Meeting on the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)</p>	
<p>[14/15/16] April 2014, Estonia Sixth Meeting of the HELCOM Baltic Agriculture and Environment Forum (HELCOM AGRI/ENV FORUM 6/2014)</p>	<p>Decision needed First meeting of a new policy group could be held in Autumn (e.g. week 46 (12-13 November 2014))</p>
<p>[15-16 April 2014, Kaliningrad, Russia Vistula Lagoon FORUM – joint meeting/ presenting results of projects related to Vistula Lagoon]</p>	
<p>April 2014, Moscow, Russia Forum on Sustainable Maritime Transport within the St. Petersburg Initiative</p>	
<p>[28 April 2014, Riga, Latvia] Tenth Meeting of the HELCOM Baltic Fisheries and Environment Forum (HELCOM FISH/ENV 10/2014)</p>	<p>Decision needed First Meeting of a new policy group could be held in Autumn (e.g. week 44 (29-30 October 2014))</p>
<p>29 April 2014, Riga, Latvia BALTFISH Forum Seminar</p>	
<p>29-30 April 2014, Copenhagen, Denmark MSFD TG DATA workshop (former WG DIKE TG), tbc</p>	
<p>7-8 May 2014 BALSAM WP1 workshop</p>	

12-13 May 2014, Copenhagen, Denmark HELCOM-OSPAR TG BALLAST 4/2014)	
12-13 May 2014, Brussels, Belgium MSFD Marine Strategy Coordination Group (MSCG) Meeting	
13-14 May 2014, Helsinki, Finland HENVI Science Days 2014: Past and Future Challenges in the Baltic Sea	
13-15 May 2014, Hamburg, Germany Fourth Meeting of the Expert Group on Monitoring of Radioactive Substances in the Baltic Sea (HELCOM MORS EG 4/2014)	
13-16 May 2014, Sweden 16th Meeting of the HELCOM Nature Protection and Biodiversity Group (HELCOM HABITAT 16/2014)	Decision needed See in relation to MONAS 20
14-16 May 2014, Gdansk, Poland 19th Meeting of the HELCOM Land-based Pollution Group (HELCOM LAND 19/2014)	Decision needed First Meeting of the new WG INPUT could be organized Venue and date would remain the same
14-15 May 2014 Baltic Member States Regional meeting in Brussels on following up the MSFD Art. 11 report	
19-20 May 2014, Bremen, Germany European Maritime Day 2014	
21-22 May 2014, Haugesund, Norway 25th Meeting of the Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS data (HELCOM AIS EWG 25/2014)	
22-23 May 2014, Brussels, Belgium MSFD Project Coordination Group (PCG) Meeting	

<p>1-5 June 2014, Turku, Finland Turku Baltic Sea Days 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 16th Baltic Development Forum Summit (2-4 June) – 10th Summit of the Prime Ministers of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) (3-4 June) – 5th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region <p>XII Baltic Sea NGO Forum</p>	
<p>5-6 June 2014, Crete, Greece EU Marine Directors Meeting</p>	
<p>[[9 or 13] June 2014, Ventspils, Latvia First Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Response on the Shore (HELCOM EWG SHORE) (back-to-back with BALEX DELTA 2014)]</p>	
<p>10-12 June 2014, Ventspils harbour, Latvia HELCOM BALEX DELTA Exercise</p>	
<p>16 June 2014, Riga, Latvia Ninth Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 9/2014)</p>	No change
<p>[17 June 2014 First Meeting of Oiled Wildlife Response Expert Working Group]</p>	
<p>16-17 September 2014, Helsinki, Finland 46th Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HELCOM HOD 46/2014)</p>	
<p>22-23 September 2014, Brussels, Belgium MSFD Project Coordination Group (PCG) Meeting</p>	
<p>26 September 2014, Tallinn, Estonia 8th VASAB Ministerial Conference</p>	
<p>29-30 September 2014, Brussels MSFD WG DIKE</p>	
<p>20-21 October 2014, Brussels MSFD Working Group on Good Environmental Status (WG GES) Meeting</p>	

21-23 October 2014, [Finland] 8 th Meeting of HELCOM <i>ad hoc</i> Seal Expert Group (HELCOM SEAL 8/2014)	
4-6 November 2014, Latvia 14 th Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Group (HELCOM MARITIME 14/2014)	No change
4-7 November 2014, Estonia 21st Meeting of the HELCOM Monitoring and Assessment Group (HELCOM MONAS 21/2014)	Change – this meeting would be planned by the 1 Meeting of WG NATURE
10-11 November 2014, Brussels, Belgium MSFD Marine Strategy Coordination Group (MSCG) Meeting	
25-27 November 2014, [Estonia] 19 th Meeting of the HELCOM Response Group (HELCOM RESPONSE 19/2014)	No change
[3 December 2014] Fifth Meeting of the HELCOM Group of Experts on Safety of Navigation (HELCOM SAFE NAV 5/2014)	
9-10 December 2014, Helsinki, Finland 47th Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HELCOM HOD 47-2014)	
TBC (December) 2014, Italy MSFD Marine Directors Meeting	