



HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2021

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Updating the Baltic Sea Action Plan

20 August 2021

To: Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention
HELCOM Heads of Delegation
HELCOM Observers

cc: Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Helsinki Commission
Chairs of the HELCOM Groups

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to the decision by the 58th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (Outcome of HOD 58-2020, Paragraph 3.1) and based on the attached invitation by the German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Ms. Svenja Schulze, to the relevant Ministers of the Baltic Sea countries and the EU Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, I have the honour to invite other representatives of the Contracting Parties as well as representatives of the Observer Organizations to attend the 2021 Ministerial Meeting of the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (Helsinki Commission). Hosted by Germany, the Ministerial Meeting will be held on **20 October 2021 in Lübeck, Germany**, at the Atlantic Hotel (Schmiedestraße 9-15, 23552 Lübeck, <https://www.atlantic-hotels.de/en/hotel-luebeck/>). Please find attached the provisional programme and agenda for the Meeting as well as practical information and information on entry requirements for participants.

The Ministerial Meeting is planned as an in-person meeting with some special arrangements in line with the applicable COVID-19 regulations. Further information will be provided in due course prior to the Ministerial Meeting.

Participants are kindly requested to sign in to the HELCOM Meeting Portal and [register](#) to the Meeting not later than by **1 October 2021**. [Instructions](#) for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the HELCOM website.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary