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## Background

The XXI International Environmental Forum "Baltic Sea Day" has been postponed to 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic in the world. In accordance with para 7.1 of the Outcome of HOD 59-2020 tentative new dates for the Forum are 23-24 March 2021 in hybrid format (in persons and by videoconference).

Baltic Sea Day Forum, the key platform for the environmental dialogue at the regional and global level, has been held in Saint Petersburg since 2000. The Forum is coordinated by the Government of St. Petersburg and the State Company "Mineral" (national coordinator of the HELCOM activities in the Russian Federation), with support from HELCOM and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of the Russian Federation. Baltic Sea Day Forum is organized to discuss environmental challenges to the state of the sea: nutrients, micropollutants, hazardous substances in water, MSP, river basin management, addressing climate change and the need for sustainable management of water basins and other topical issues in the Baltic Sea Region. BSD Forum attracts participants from all sectors in the Baltic Sea Region and beyond, supporting a continuous and fruitful cooperation for the healthy Baltic Sea and contributing towards the goals for the conservation and protection of its environment.

The Forum programme will be developed based on the previously submitted input and further updated with new relevant topics. The draft programme includes the proposals presented at the first Organising Committee meeting (28 October 2020). Next meeting is planned on December, 17 2020. The registration will be opened on December 2020.

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information, contribute to the content of the agenda of the Forum and engage national representatives to attend the event.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BALTIC SEA – LONG ROAD TO THE HEALTHY BALTIC SEA

EVALUATING IMPLEMENTATION OF the BALTIC SEA ACTION PLAN 2007-2021 – ACHIEVEMENTS and FAILURES

**Place of Meeting:** EXPOFORUM Convention-and-exhibition centre, Peterburgskoye sh. 64/1 (tbc)

<b>23 MARCH 2021, MONDAY</b>	
<b>9.00 – 10.00</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<b>10.00 – 11.00</b>	<b>Plenary session. <i>Formal greetings (welcome addresses)</i></b>  <i>Award ceremony for contributions to the development of cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region and Baltic Sea Day Forum by Non-governmental V.I. Vernadskiy Ecological Fund</i>
<b>11.00 – 11.50</b>	<b>Panel discussion: Implementation of BSAP 2007 – views of various stakeholders</b>  <i>Moderator: Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky, HELCOM</i> <i>Panelists will be clarified</i>
<b>12.00 – 13.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
	Experts seminar, discussions, round tables and working meetings
	<b>1. Hazardous Substances – updating HELCOM framework.</b> <i>HELCOM's work on regional policy document, joint action on micropollutants in wastewater sector, emerging pollutants and etc. Possible contributors: <a href="#">BSR Water</a> (platform cooperation projects for sustainable management of water resources), HAZLESS (hazardous chemicals in the eastern Gulf of Finland) and etc.</i>
	<b>2. Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)</b> <i>In the frame of bilateral Russian-Swedish cooperation and Project Platform "<a href="#">Capacity 4MSP</a> - Strengthening the Capacity of MSP Stakeholders and Decision Makers". Discussion on tool for ecosystem-based marine spatial planning – <a href="#">Symphony</a> and MSP Roadmap for Russia, new Regional MSP Roadmap for the next period 2021-2027</i>
	<b>3. River Basin Management plans and BSAP targets. Effectiveness and Sufficiency of measures to reduce nutrient loads and achieve BSAP targets.</b> <i>To discuss tools to establish continuous dialog between HELCOM and river basin management authorities to coordinate effort to reduce input of nutrient to the Baltic Sea. Specifically, the round table will discuss harmonization of reduction requirements for individual river basins to achieve the BSAP targets, improvement of data flow, transboundary cooperation and effectiveness of measures to reduce nutrient loads. Possible contributors: HELCOM <a href="#">ACTION</a>, <a href="#">NarvaWatMan (Narva river)</a>, <a href="#">SEVIRA</a> (Seleznevka river) and etc.</i>
	<b>4. Increasing resilience of the Baltic Sea to climate change</b> <i>Impacts of changing climate parameters on the environment and human activities and share best practices to improve climate resilience.</i>
	<b>5. Environmental practices during infrastructure project development. Nord Stream 2 Pipeline Project</b> <i>Technologies and environmental practices deployed in construction of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline, as well as the company's monitoring/inspection work and environmental and community initiatives strategy.</i>

	<p><b>6. <a href="#">Baltic Industrial Symbiosis</a> project for SDG implementation in Baltic Sea region</b></p> <p><i>With support of the project "<a href="#">Baltic Industrial Symbiosis</a>". The project promotes industrial symbiosis, a concept for sustainable regional development, across the Baltic Sea region. Industrial symbiosis means to connect companies from different industries in order to use one company's waste, in the form of e.g. energy, ingredients or materials, as a resource for the next company. The project establishes peer-to-peer exchange for industrial symbiosis practitioners. It develops new business and finance models and sets up the BSR Industrial Symbiosis Council as a platform for dialogue and policy learning. Participants will be invited to attend Russian Living Lab.</i></p>
<b>16.00 – 16.30</b>	<b>Coffee-break</b>
	<p><b>7. Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC) Working meeting, tbc.</b></p> <p><i>With extended attendance (by invitation) to discuss water management issues and cooperation in the context of environmental protection for the Baltic Cities.</i></p> <p><b>8. Russian-Swedish Working group on Water Resources and Marine Environment meeting, tbc.</b></p>
<b>24 MARCH 2020, TUESDAY</b>	
	<p><b>1. Ecotourism. <a href="#">Extending, strengthening the network and smart marketing of Via Hanseatica.</a></b></p> <p><i>Project supports the enhanced development of tourism and tourism SMEs along the expanded Via Hanseatica (VH) route due to smart marketing of Via Hanseatica and strong network of Via Hanseatica entrepreneurs.</i></p>
	<p><b>2. Towards environmentally friendly agriculture</b></p> <p><i>Effectiveness of measures to reduce nutrient loads from agriculture, including recycling, taking into account the results of the International project "MANURE STANDARDS"; BAT for livestock farms; development of resource-saving and organic agriculture</i></p>
<b>11.30 – 12.00</b>	<b>Coffee-break</b>
<b>13.00 – 14.00</b>	<p><b>Opened meeting of the Organizing Committee</b></p> <p><i>Outcome of the expert seminars and discussion of future plans</i></p>