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### Background

This document gives an overview on planned meetings and exercises within HELCOM and other fora (in grey) in 2021, as of today.

The Contracting Parties are kindly requested to check their possibility of hosting and propose venue/date for meetings that have not yet been confirmed.

### Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

## Upcoming meetings within HELCOM and other fora in 2021

Date and Place	Name of Meeting
<b>2020</b>	
30 November 2020, online	Fifth Meeting of the ad hoc Platform on sufficiency of measures (SOM Platform 4-2020)
30 November 2020, online	Intersessional meeting of the HELCOM-Baltic Earth expert network on climate change (EN CLIME 6C-2020)
4 December 2020, online	EU TG Noise thematic session on the assessment framework for the definition of threshold values for continuous noise
7 December 2020, online	MSFD Working Group on Data, Information and Knowledge Exchange (WG DIKE)
7-8 December 2020 online	59 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 59-2020)
8-9 December 2020, online	Annual meeting of the OSPAR Commission
9-10 December 2020, online	Fourth Meeting of EU Technical Group on seabed habitats and sea-floor integrity (TG Seabed)
14 December 2020, online	Meeting of the EU Technical Group on Litter
[Mid-December] online	Intersessional meeting of the Correspondence Group concerning a draft document on BAT/BEP descriptions for sustainable aquaculture in the Baltic Sea region (CG AQUACULTURE 3A-2020)
14-16 December 2020, online	2nd International Ocean Governance Forum
14-16 December 2020 online	Second Meeting of the Eighth Baltic Sea Pollution Load Compilation (PLC-8) Project Implementation Group (PLC-8 IG 2-2020)
<b>2021</b>	
January 2021	Eleventh Meeting of the Expert Network on Economic and Social Analyses (EN ESA 11-2021)
11-15 January 2021 online	Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC-16) of the Stockholm Convention
13 January 2021, online	Second Meeting of the Sea-based activities segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP SEA 2-2021)
Mid-January 2021	Intersessional Meeting of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 13G-2021)
18 January 2021, online	Seventh Meeting of the joint HELCOM/Baltic Earth Expert Network on Climate Change (EN CLIME 7-2021)
18-22 January 2021 online	Eleventh Meeting of the Expert Network on dredging/depositing operations at sea ( EN DREDS 11-2021)
20-22 January online	Meeting on the revision of the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAP ML)
19 January 2021, online	Second Meeting of the Hazardous substances and litter segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP HZ 2-2021)
January 2021 online	Second Meeting of the Biodiversity segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP BIO 2-2021)
19 January 2021,	EWG OWR seminar on euthanasia

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19 January 2021, online	Initial Planning Conference of HELCOM BALEX 2021
19 January 2021, online	HELCOM-ICES bilateral meeting
28 January 2021, online	Intersessional Meeting of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 13D-2021)
End of January 2021, online	Fifth Meeting of the Expert Coordination Network on Response on the Shore (SHORE Network 5-2021)
January/February/March 2021, online	Intersessional meeting of the HELCOM Expert Group on Marine Mammals (EG MAMA 14B-2021)
January/February 2021, online	Third Meeting of the Eutrophication segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP EUTRO 3-2021)
February 2021, online	Kick off for Correspondence Group on Food webs (CG FOODWEB) (ToRs pending approval by HOD 59-2020)
February 2021, online	Workshop on Pelagic Habitats (Pelagic WS1-2021) (ToRs pending approval by HOD 59-2020)
February 2021, online	19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Intersessional Network on Eutrophication (IN-EUTRO 19-2021)
February 2021, online	17 <sup>th</sup> Inter-Secretariat meeting between the Regional Agreement Secretariats, DG ECHO and EMSA
February 2021, online	Fifth Session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-5) first virtual segment
2-3 February 2021, online	BSR Water Project meeting
3 February 2021, online	Intersessional meeting of the Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 21A-2021)
9 February 2021, online	17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 17-2021)
9-10 February 2021, online	COMPLETE final conference
Mid-February	Fifth Meeting of the Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP 5-2020)
15 February 2021, online	Intersessional Meeting of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 13F-2021)
17 February 2021, online	RETROUT final conference “Blue growthy in practice – connecting sustainable fishing tourism and healthy environments”
17-19 February 2021, online	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Network on Hazardous Substances (and Biological Effects) (EN-HZ 14-2021)
Late February or early April	Intersessional Meeting of the Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 20A-2021)
February/March 2021, online	Intersessional meeting of the Group on Ecosystem-based sustainable fisheries (FISH 12A-2021)
February/March 2021, online	Fourth Meeting of the Correspondence Group concerning a draft document on BAT/BEP descriptions for sustainable aquaculture in the Baltic Sea region (CG AQUACULTURE 4-2021)

Spring 2021 online	Annual Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Aerial Surveillance (IWGAS 2021)
Spring 2021 Helsinki, Finland	Main Planning Conference of HELCOM BALEX 2021
March 2021, online	Fifth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Network on Benthic habitats (EN BENTHIC 5-2021)
March 2021, online	Workshop on Commercial Fish assessment (ComFish WS 1-2021) ((ToRs pending approval by HOD 59-2020)
March 2021, online	Extra Meeting of HELCOM Expert Group on Monitoring of Radioactive Substances in the Baltic Sea (MORS EG 10B-2021)
2 March 2021, online	Intersessional Meeting of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 13E-2021) on marine mammal indicator development
March 2021 (2 <sup>nd</sup> week, exact date tbc), online	FanPLESStic-Sea Project Meeting
[11 March 2021], online	HELCOM Stakeholder Conference
17-18 March 2021, Helsinki, Finland or online	42 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 42-2021)
22 to 26 March 2021	8 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 8)
23-24 March 2021 Hybrid	XXI International Environmental Forum "Baltic Sea Day"
23-25 March 2021, [online]	Third Meeting of the continuation of the project for Baltic-wide assessment of coastal fish communities in support of an ecosystem-based management (FISH-PRO III)
[25-26 March 2021], online	Intersessional Meeting of the Response Working Group (RESPONSE 28A-2021)
Week 13-16 April 2021 [Sweden]	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 14-2021)
20-21 April 2021, online	22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 22-2021)
27-28 April 2021, [online]	Eleventh Meeting of the Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (AGRI 11-2021)
May 2021 [Denmark]	Twelfth Meeting of the Group of Experts on Safety of Navigation (SAFE NAV 12-2021)
[May 2021 IAEA in Monaco]	Eleventh Meeting of Expert group on monitoring of radioactive substances in the Baltic Sea (MORS EG 11-2021)
3-7 May 2021 [Sweden]	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 14-2021)
9-14 May 2021 Copenhagen, Denmark	IWA World Water Conference
18-19 May 2021 (place TBD)	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 13-2021)
18-20 May 2021 (place TBD)	24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 24-2021)

Last week of May / first week of June 2021 [Norway or online]	32 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS & Data (AIS EWG 32-2021)
Summer/autumn 2021 Estonia	29 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Response Working Group (RESPONSE 29-2021)
June 2021 [Mariehamn, Finland]	Fifth Meeting of the Correspondence Group concerning a draft document on BAT/BEP descriptions for sustainable aquaculture in the Baltic Sea region (CG AQUACULTURE 5-2021)
1-2 June 2021, online	4 <sup>th</sup> BSR MSP Forum and Capacity4MSP project final conference
3-4 June 2021 [Germany]	60 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 60-2021)
14-18 June 2021	76 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 76)
Mid June 2021 (place TBD)	BSR Water project meeting
14-18 June 2021 Aarhus, Denmark	13 <sup>th</sup> Baltic Sea Science Congress
24-26 August 2021 Kotka, Finland	HELCOM BALEX 2021
25 June 2021 Portugal	OSPAR Ministerial 2021
Autumn 2021 Sweden	21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 21-2021)
Autumn 2021	Fifth Meeting of the Sub-group on Green Technology and Alternative Fuels for Shipping (GREEN TEAM 5-2021)
4-8 October 2021	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 15-2021)
19/20/21 October 2021, Germany	HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2021
[November 2021 San Sebastian, Spain]	Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC) and Biofouling (JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING 12-2021)
1-5 November 2021 (tbc)	77 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 77)
Week 1-5 November 2021	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 15-2021)
8-10 November 2021 (place TBD)	25 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 25-2021)
<b>2022</b>	
February 2022	Fifth Session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-5) face-to-face session
Week 28 February-5 March 2022 Germany	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 14-2022)
24-26 May 2022 (place TBD)	26 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 26-2022)