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## Background

Information on the outcomes of the following meetings of relevance for TG BALLAST within the framework of HELCOM held since TG BALLAST 11-2020 are available in the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#):

- 42nd Meeting of the Helsinki Commission ([HELCOM 42-2021](#)), online, 17-18 March 2021;
- 6th Meeting of the Ad hoc Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan ([DG BSAP 6-2021](#)), online, 22 April 2021;
- 4th Meeting of the Sea-based activities segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan, ([DG BSAP SEA 4-2021](#)), online, 29 April 2021;
- 6A Meeting of the Ad hoc Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan ([DG BSAP 6A-2021](#)), online, 5 May 2021;
- 60th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation ([HOD 60-2021](#)), online, 3-4 June 2021;
- Seventh Meeting of the Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan ([DG BSAP 7-2021](#)), online, 15 June 2021;
- Eighth Meeting of the Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan ([DG BSAP 8-2021](#)), online, 2 September 2021;
- Intersessional Meeting of the Heads of Delegation ([HOD 60A-2021](#)), online, 8-9 September 2021;
- Intersessional Meeting of the Heads of Delegation ([HOD 60B-2021](#)), Lübeck, Germany, 19 October 2021;
- 2021 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting ([HELCOM MINISTERIAL 2021](#)), Lübeck, Germany, 20 October 2021. The Ministerial Meeting adopted the [updated Baltic Sea Action Plan \(BSAP\)](#). The List of decisions of the Ministerial Meeting can be found in the HELCOM Meeting Portal through [this link](#). Additional information associated with the BSAP actions, which specifies further details about the implementation of the actions, can be found through [this link](#); and
- 21st Meeting of the Maritime Working Group ([MARITIME 21-2021](#)), online, 27-29 October 2021).

## Action required

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information and make use of it as appropriate.