



24 June 2019

To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation  
Observers of HELCOM  
Contact addresses of HELCOM MARITIME  
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Chairs and Vice-Chairs of HELCOM Groups

**Re. Invitation to the 19th Meeting of the Maritime Working Group (HELCOM MARITIME)  
Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 September 2019**

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to the Outcome of the 18th Meeting of HELCOM Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 18-2018, Paragraph 13.2) and the Outcome of the 55th Meeting of HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 55-2018, Paragraph 4.2), I have the honour to invite the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention and the Observer Organizations to the 19th Meeting of the Maritime Working Group, which will be hosted by the European Union on 23-26 September 2019 in Lisbon, Portugal, at the premises of the European Maritime Safety Agency ([EMSA](#)) (address: Praça Europa 4, Cais do Sodré, 1249-206 Lisbon).

The Meeting will be opened on Monday, 23 September 2019, at 10:00 and it is expected to terminate by 14:00 on Thursday, 26 September 2019. **The first day of the Meeting (23 September) will be reserved for a dedicated session on the update of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan.**

I have the honour to enclose the invitation by the European Commission and practical information for participants as well as the Provisional Agenda and Annotations to the Provisional Agenda. Documents for the Meeting will be made available in HELCOM Meeting Portal on the [MARITIME 19-2019 Meeting Site](#) (please see the [instructions](#) for *signing up* and *signing in*). Participants are kindly requested to *register to the Meeting* by answering the [Participation Survey](#) not later than **16 September 2019**.

The Delegations are requested to note that **basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision** by the Meeting should be submitted in electronic form to the Professional Secretary ([markus.helavuori@helcom.fi](mailto:markus.helavuori@helcom.fi)) by **1 September 2019**. Bulky documents should include abstracts embodying the essence of the proposals and action requested from the Meeting. **Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents** should be submitted by **16 September 2019**.

Yours sincerely,

Monika Stankiewicz  
Executive Secretary