



Baltic Marine Environment
Protection Commission

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To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation
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Re. Invitation to the intersessional Meeting of the Maritime Working Group (HELCOM MARITIME 19A-2020), Helsinki, Finland, 16-17 March 2020

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the Outcome of the 19th Meeting of HELCOM Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 19-2019, Paragraph 3.39), I have the pleasure to invite you to the Intersessional Meeting of the Maritime Working Group, on 16-17 March 2020 in Helsinki, Finland, at the premises of the HELCOM Secretariat (address: Katajanokanlaituri 6 B, FI-00160 Helsinki). The Meeting will focus on the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP), specifically by furthering the work on existing BSAP actions and undertaking a review of proposals for new actions.

The Meeting will be opened on Monday, 16 March 2020, at 10:00 and it is expected to terminate by 16:00 on Tuesday, 17 March 2020.

Enclosed please find practical information for participants as well as the Provisional Agenda. Documents for the Meeting will be made available in HELCOM Meeting Portal on the [MARITIME 19A-2020 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 **9 March 2020**.

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) by **24 February 2020**. 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 **9 March 2020**.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary