



---

<b>Document title</b>	Annotations to the Provisional Agenda
<b>Code</b>	1-2
<b>Category</b>	CMNT
<b>Agenda Item</b>	1 – Adoption of the Agenda
<b>Submission date</b>	22.9.2021
<b>Submitted by</b>	Secretariat
<b>Reference</b>	Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020, para. 13.2; Outcome of MARITIME 20A-2021, para. 5.2

---

## Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

### Introduction

The 21st Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Working Group will be opened on **Wednesday, 27 October 2021, at 10:00 EEST (9:00 CEST)** and it is expected to terminate by **14:00 EEST (13:00 CEST) on Friday, 29 October 2021**. The Meeting will be chaired by the Chair of HELCOM MARITIME, Ms. Susanne Heitmüller (Germany).

Meeting documents for MARITIME 21-2021 will be submitted by the Secretariat via the HELCOM [Meeting Portal](#) in the dedicated meeting document library on the [MARITIME 21-2021 Meeting Site](#). The Secretariat has prepared a document template, also available in the Meeting Portal, and recommends using the template when submitting documents to the Secretariat. The Secretariat kindly requests the Contracting Parties and Observer Organizations to observe the deadlines for submission of documents to MARITIME 21-2021. Basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision by the Meeting should be submitted in electronic form to the Professional Secretary, Mr. Markus Helavuori ([markus.helavuori@helcom.fi](mailto:markus.helavuori@helcom.fi)) by **6 October 2021**. 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 to the Secretariat by **20 October 2021**.

The participants are kindly requested to [register](#) to the Meeting by answering the online meeting registration ("[Participation Survey](#)") not later than **20 October 2021**. Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM Website](#).

### Agenda Item 1                      Adoption of the Agenda

The Annotations to the Provisional Agenda have been prepared on the basis of the following documents:

- a) Outcome of the 20th Meeting of the HELCOM Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 20-2020) and the Intersessional Meeting of the Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 20A-2021);
- b) Outcome of the 59th and 60th Meetings of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 59-2020 and HOD 60-2021, respectively); and
- c) Input from working groups and initiatives related to the Maritime Working Group.

and consultations between the Secretariat and the Chair, Ms. Susanne Heitmüller, and the Vice-Chairs, Mr. Jorma Kämäräinen (Finland) and Ms. Natalia Kutaeva (Russia), of the HELCOM Maritime Group.

The Meeting is invited to [adopt](#) the Provisional Agenda as contained in document 1-1.

The Meeting is invited to [note](#) that as a general rule and mindful of the limited time available, information documents will not be introduced at the Meeting but will be taken as read. Comments of particular interest related to such documents may, however, be considered by the Meeting. Participants are therefore invited to familiarize themselves with all submitted documents prior to the Meeting.

---

## Agenda Item 2                      Matters arising from HELCOM meetings

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of meetings within the framework of HELCOM held in the intersessional period, and to discuss issues of relevance to HELCOM MARITIME under the relevant Agenda Items.

### *Decisions at HELCOM annual meeting and HODs*

The Meeting is invited to recall that the outcome of the 59th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation ([HOD 59-2020](#)), was considered by MARITIME 20A-2021.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 60th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation ([HOD 60-2021](#)), held on 3-4 June 2021. An intersessional Meeting of the Heads of Delegation was held online on 8-9 September 2021 (HOD 60A-2021) and another is planned to be held in Lübeck, Germany on 19 October 2021 (HOD 60B-2021). The HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2021 will be held on 20 October 2021 in Lübeck, Germany.

### *Update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2021 (20 October 2021, Lübeck, Germany) and to make use of the updated BSAP in planning the future work of the Maritime Working Group. The Meeting is also invited to take note of the outcomes of the Seventh Meeting of the Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan ([DG BSAP 7-2021](#), 15 June 2021) and the Eighth Meeting of the Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan ([DG BSAP 8-2021](#), 2 September 2021).

### *HELCOM SAFE-NAV*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the Twelfth Meeting of the HELCOM Group of Experts on Safety of Navigation ([SAFE NAV 12-2021](#)) held on 9 June 2021.

### *HELCOM AIS EWG*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 32nd Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS & Data ([AIS EWG 32-2021](#)), held on 26-27 May 2021.

### *HELCOM-OSPAR TG BALLAST*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the Eleventh Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC) and Biofouling ([HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 11-2020](#)), held on 26-27 November 2020. In particular, the Meeting is invited to consider and approve the updated draft Work Plan Joint HELCOM/OSPAR TG Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC) and Biofouling Work Plan 2021-2022 agreed by TG BALLAST 11-2020 (document to be submitted), following decisions of approval of the Terms of Reference of the Joint Group by HELCOM HOD 57-2019 and OSPAR EIHA(1) 2020.

The Meeting is invited to take note that the First Meeting of the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC) and Biofouling will be held online on 2-3 December 2021.

### *HELCOM CP PRF*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the Ninth Meeting of the Cooperation Platform on Special Area According to MARPOL Annex IV ([CP PRF 92021](#)), held on 9 June 2021.

### *HELCOM GREEN TEAM*

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the outcome of the 5th Meeting of the HELCOM MARITIME Sub-group on Green Technology and Alternative Fuels for Shipping (GREEN TEAM 5-2021) to be held on 24 September 2021. In particular, the Meeting is invited to consider the results of the GREEN TEAM reporting mechanism survey together with related conclusions from GREEN TEAM 5-2021, and take action as appropriate (document to be submitted).

*HELCOM RESPONSE*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of the 28th Meeting of the HELCOM Response Working Group ([RESPONSE 20-2020](#)), held on 3-5 November 2020, as well as the Intersessional Meeting of the Response Working Group ([RESPONSE 28A-2021](#)), held on 25 March 2021.

*HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG*

The Meeting is invited to take note of the 21st Meeting of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group ([HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 21-2020](#)), held on 12-13 November 2020, the Intersessional Meeting of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group ([HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 21A-2021](#)), held on 3 February 2021, and the 22nd Meeting of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group ([HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 22-2021](#)), held on 20-21 April 2021.

*HELCOM EN CLIME*

The Meeting is invited to recall that MARITIME 18-2018 invited experts to consider participating in the HELCOM Expert Network on Climate Change (EN CLIME). In this context, the Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of [EN CLIME 6-2020](#), held on 22-23 September 2020, [EN CLIME 6B-2020](#), held on 29 October 2020, [EN CLIME 6C-2020](#), held on 30 November 2020, [EN CLIME 7-2021](#), held on 18 January 2021 and [EN CLIME 8-2021](#), held on 17 February 2021.

### Agenda Item 3                      Ballast water, biofouling and anti-fouling systems

The Meeting is invited to recall that MARITIME 19-2019 had noted that the list of surveyed ports contains ports surveyed following the JHP, while other types of surveys may also have been undertaken in other ports. The meeting had agreed that an expanded list of ports would be useful as well and consequently agreed to invite Contracting Parties to provide to the Secretariat information on all port surveys conducted in ports.

The Meeting is further invited to recall that MARITIME 20-2020 had noted that no additional information on port surveys conducted in ports has been received and instructed the Secretariat to request updates and data for new ports e.g. once per year, including for ports surveyed in accordance with other protocols than the survey protocol of the JHP, in order to ensure that sufficient and up to date data is available ([Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020](#), para. 4.11-4.12)

Contracting Parties may wish to provide updates on port surveys conducted to the Secretariat ([marta.ruiz@helcom.fi](mailto:marta.ruiz@helcom.fi)) by **13 October 2021**, so that an information document can be submitted to the Meeting for consideration.

#### Regionally harmonised A-4 exemptions and related risk assessments

The Meeting is invited to take note that HOD 59-2020 approved the revised Joint Harmonised Procedure on the granting of exemptions under International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (JHP) ([document 6-9](#) and [Outcome of HOD 59-2020](#), para. 6.25).

The Meeting is invited to share and discuss other issues related to regionally harmonised exemptions under regulation A-4 of the BWM Convention and related risk assessments.

#### Other BWM related activities

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information on the status of the project "Practical implementation of the COMPLETE project outputs and tools ([COMPLETE PLUS](#)), April-December 2021". In particular, the Meeting will be informed of the status of the development of the early warning system and be invited to take action as needed (document to be submitted). The Meeting will be informed of the process of the establishment of a Joint OSPAR HELCOM Expert Group on Non-Indigenous Species (JEGNIS) (document to be submitted).

The Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to inform on any other activities to facilitate the implementation of the BWM Convention.

### Biofouling

The Meeting is invited to recall that MARITIME 20-2020 had agreed to the draft Regional Baltic Biofouling Management Roadmap in principle and mandated TG BALLAST 11-2020 (26-27 November 2020) to finalize and agree to it, followed by direct submission by TG BALLAST 11-2020 to HOD 59-2020 for approval and subsequent adoption by HELCOM 42-2021. TG BALLAST 11-2020, however agreed that the proposed Roadmap should not be approved as an official HELCOM instrument but should instead serve as a basis for future work on harmonizing biofouling management in the Baltic Sea and contributing to the review of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines. HOD 59-2020 invited the DG BSAP Segment Team for sea-based activities to take this into account when considering proposed new BSAP actions, making reference to the proposed Biofouling Roadmap ([Outcome of HOD 59-2020](#), para. 6.22-6.23).

The Meeting is invited to provide input to the drafting process of the biofouling guidance developed in the frame of the COMPLETE PLUS project (document to be submitted).

### Anti-fouling systems

The Meeting is invited to recall ongoing discussions in the Pressure Working Group regarding the update of HELCOM Recommendation 20/4 on *Antifouling paints containing organotin compounds*. In this context, the Meeting is invited to note that a related action is expected to be adopted by the 2021 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting, as part of the update BSAP.

The Meeting is invited to take note that MEPC 76 adopted Resolution MEPC.331(76) amending Annex I of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships (AFS Convention) concerning controls on cybutryne.

Contracting Parties are invited to submit information on any new issues regarding anti-fouling systems.

## Agenda Item 4 Airborne emissions from ships and related measures

### Airborne emissions from ships

Contracting Parties are invited to submit information on any new issues regarding airborne emissions from ships.

Finland may wish to provide information on airborne emissions from shipping in the Baltic Sea in 2020.

The Meeting is invited to consider and provide input to the ongoing work on cost-efficient methods for mitigating emissions and their impacts conducted in the frame of the [EMERGE project](#) – “Evaluation, control and Mitigation of the EnviRonmental impacts of shippinG Emissions” (document to be submitted).

### Alternative Fuels and Green Technology

Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to share information on the use of alternative fuels (including electric engines with batteries) on board ferries or other vessels in the Baltic Sea as well as any other relevant developments in the use of alternative fuels for ships in the Baltic Sea region, including the development of port infrastructure.

The EU may wish to provide information on the status of the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Directive (2014/94/EU) and its measures ([Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020](#), para. 5.4.).

The EU may also wish to provide information on the status of the preparation process of the Fuel EU Maritime initiative ([Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020](#), para. 5.5.)

### Other activities related to airborne emissions

Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to inform on any other activities related to airborne emissions.

---

## Agenda Item 5 Sewage discharges from ships and port reception facilities

Following the request by MARITIME 20-2020 ([Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020](#), para. 6.4), CP PRF 9-2021 discussed how to further update the HELCOM Overview on Port Reception Facilities (PRF) and agreed that a 2021 PRF Overview should not be developed, and that focus should be on developing a new template for agreement by MARITIME 21-2021.

The Meeting is invited to consider and approve a new reporting template for the PRF Overview, so that data using the new template is collected as soon as possible after MARITIME 21-2021 with the view to approving the next PRF Overview by correspondence for publication in spring 2022 (document to be submitted).

CP PRF 9-2021 discussed how to update the information contained in Figures 3.3-3.6 for each port in previous PRF Overviews, which is based on information from a survey which CLIA Europe together with HELCOM conducted in 2014 and which is therefore outdated. The Meeting noted that figure 3.4 on comments from cruise ships is not possible to update in 2021 or 2022 due to the lack of cruise calls during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Meeting noted that data for the other figures could be updated, although a number of outstanding questions needs to be considered regarding the best approach to take and the resources needed. The Meeting agreed that CLIA Europe together with the Secretariat will consider the way forward to update the data for figures 3.3-3.6 of the PRF Overview in the context of the overall work in updating the PRF Overview requesting the Port of Helsinki to also provide input to this work.

The Meeting is invited to consider a proposed way forward in updating the data for figures 3.3-3.6 of the PRF Overview.

The Meeting is invited to consider and approve the revised Work Plan of the CP PRF for 2021-2023, including also the proposal to change the full name to Cooperation Platform on Port Reception Facilities. The Meeting is further invited to make any necessary adjustments to the Work Plan as well as include deadlines based on the target years associated with the actions in the updated BSAP (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to take note that CP PRF 9-2021 agreed that the next meeting of CP PRF should be organized as an online meeting in January or February 2022. The Meeting is invited to agree on the exact dates.

## Agenda Item 6 Other ship-generated wastes and port reception facilities (including marine litter)

### Overall PRF developments

The Meeting is invited to share any relevant information related to the revision and implementation of the Port Reception Facilities Directive (2000/59/EC).

The EU is invited to share any information related to follow up on the revision of the Port Reception Facilities Directive (2000/59/EC) in relation to sewage, recalling the discussions at MARITIME 20-2020 ([Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020, para. 6.6](#)).

The Meeting is invited to share updates on the implementation of the "no-special-fee" system in the Baltic Sea including national, or sub-national, interpretations in practical applications.

### Bulk cargo including fertilizers

The Contracting Parties are invited to submit information on any new issues regarding bulk cargo including fertilizers.

## Marine Litter and MARPOL Annex V

The Meeting is invited to take note of the actions in the revised Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter endorsed by HOD 59-2020 with subsequent adoption at the 2021 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting ([Outcome of HOD 60-2021](#), para. 5.19) which may be of relevance for the work of the Maritime Working Group.

Other activities related to other ship-generated wastes

The Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to inform on any activities related to other ship-generated wastes.

## Agenda Item 7                      Detection, investigation and prosecution of offenders of anti-pollution regulations

The Meeting is invited to take note that the annual HELCOM report on discharges observed during aerial surveillance in the Baltic Sea 2019 is available on the [HELCOM website](#). The Meeting is invited to note that the report for 2020 is expected to be approved by RESPONSE 29-2021.

The EU may wish to provide information on the status of the revision of the EU Directive 2005/35 on ship source pollution ([Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020](#), para. 8.2).

## Agenda Item 8                      Safety of navigation and related matters

Baltic Sea accident data

The Meeting is invited to consider and approve the HELCOM reports on shipping accidents during 2019 and 2020 in the Baltic Sea region (documents to be submitted).

Re-surveys

The Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to inform on any activities related to re-Surveys.

E-navigation

Contracting Parties are invited to submit information on any new issues regarding E-navigation.

HELCOM AIS data

The Meeting is invited to take note of an update of shipping density maps in the Baltic Sea (document to be submitted).

Following the discussions at AIS EWG 32-2021 on the possible update of the form for a standard agreement on access to and use of HELCOM AIS data (Appendix 3 of the HELCOM Recommendation 33/1) ([Outcome of AIS EWG 32-2021](#), para. 5.8-5.14) the Meeting is invited to take action as needed (document to be submitted).

Contracting Parties are invited to submit information on any new issues regarding HELCOM AIS data.

## Agenda Item 9                      HELCOM publications, implementation and reporting

The Meeting is invited to note that HELCOM 42-2021 adopted the revised HELCOM Recommendation 31E/6 on integrated wildlife response planning in the Baltic Sea area ([Outcome of HELCOM 42-2021](#), para. 5.48 and Annex 4).

The Meeting is invited to note that HELCOM 42-2021 withdrew HELCOM Recommendation 17/12 on measures to abate pollution by oil and other harmful substances in cases of grounding, collision, sinking of a ship or other maritime casualty ([Outcome of HELCOM 42-2021](#), para. 5.49).



The Meeting is invited to note that HELCOM 42-2021 adopted the revised HELCOM Response Manual as contained in document 5-12, which will replace the current Volumes 1 and 3 of the Manual ([Outcome of HELCOM 42-2021](#), para. 5.51).

The Meeting is invited to note that HELCOM 42-2021 adopted the draft Multi-regional Marine HNS Response Manual as contained in document 5-13, which will replace the current HELCOM Response Manual Volume 2 ([Outcome of HELCOM 42-2021](#), para. 5.53).

## Agenda Item 10                      Activities within other organizations and initiatives

### Global processes

The Meeting is invited to discuss any other matters related to discussions in international fora such as IMO, IHO and IALA.

### EU & EUSBSR activities

The European Commission is invited to inform on EU activities and co-operation within the field of clean shipping including work within the ESSF.

The coordinators of EUSBSR Policy Areas Ship & Safe are invited to present an update of recent and upcoming activities.

### Leisure boating

The Meeting is invited to inform on any recent developments on leisure boat recycling and disposal.

### Other issues

The Meeting is invited to consider and update a preliminary list of HELCOM and other meetings in 2021-2022 of relevance to HELCOM MARITIME (document to be submitted).

## Agenda Item 11                      Any other business

### List of Contacts

The Delegations and Observers are invited to update the list of contact addresses and observers of HELCOM MARITIME (document to be submitted).

### Underwater noise

The Meeting is invited to note that the draft HELCOM Recommendation on the Regional Action Plan on Underwater Noise was adopted in general by HOD 60-2021 pending clarification of the Russian position ([Outcome of HOD 60-2021](#), para. 5.13 and Annex 2) and later adopted by correspondence. The Meeting is invited to take note that the final version of the Recommendation on the Regional Action Plan on Underwater Noise is available in the [HELCOM website](#).

The Meeting is invited to recall that MARITIME 18-2018 took note of information by the Secretariat on a project on anthropogenic underwater acoustic pollution from maritime transport ([document 12-3](#)). In this context, the Meeting agreed on the circulation of the quantitative survey to contacts and observers of the Maritime Working Group for their contribution on a voluntary basis ([Outcome of MARITIME 18-2018](#), para. 12-7). The survey was circulated to contacts and observers in March 2019.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the working paper *“How can ports act to reduce underwater noise from shipping? Identifying effective management frameworks”* as output of the above-mentioned survey (document to be submitted).

Finland may wish to provide information on modelled underwater noise emissions from Baltic Sea shipping in 2006 - 2020.

The Meeting is invited to discuss other matters related to underwater noise and mitigation measures.

#### Other issues

Finland may wish to provide information on discharges to the sea from Baltic Sea shipping in 2006-2020.

The Meeting might wish to consider any other matters raised by the delegations and observers at the Meeting.

#### Agenda Item 12                      Future work and meetings

The Meeting is invited to take note that HOD 59-2020 approved the Work Plan for the Maritime Working Group for 2021-2022 as contained in Annex 3 of the Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020, noting a general comment that future updates of the Work Plans of all HELCOM Working Groups should, whenever possible, include specific target dates for work items in order to facilitate the planning of work by Contracting Parties and the Secretariat ([Outcome of HOD 59-2020](#), para. 6.19-6.20).

The Meeting is invited to plan its work ahead for the coming years, taking the Work Plan as well as the updated BSAP into account. In particular, the Meeting is invited to plan the implementation of joint actions in the updated BSAP with early target years (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to agree on the dates and venue of venue of MARITIME 22-2022, recalling that Denmark has offered to consider hosting the meeting.

#### Agenda Item 13                      Outcome of the Meeting

The Meeting will be provided with draft Outcome of the Meeting for adoption. The final Outcome, incorporating corrections by the Meeting, will be prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Meeting and made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal.