



24 August 2021

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

Re. Invitation to the 21st Meeting of the Maritime Working Group (HELCOM MARITIME), online, 27-29 October 2021

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to the Outcome of the Intersessional 20th Meeting of HELCOM Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 20A-2021, Paragraph 5.2) and the Outcome of the 59th Meeting of HELCOM Heads of Delegation (HOD 59-2020, Paragraph 6.24), I have the pleasure to invite the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention and the Observer Organizations to the 21st Meeting of the Maritime Working Group, which will be held online on 27-29 October 2021.

The Meeting 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.

I have the pleasure to enclose the Provisional Agenda to the Meeting. Documents for the Meeting will be made available in HELCOM Meeting Portal on the [MARITIME 21-2021 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 **20 October 2021**. An invitation to participate online through Zoom will be sent to registered participants.

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 **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 by **20 October 2021**.

Yours sincerely,

Rüdiger Stempel
Executive Secretary