

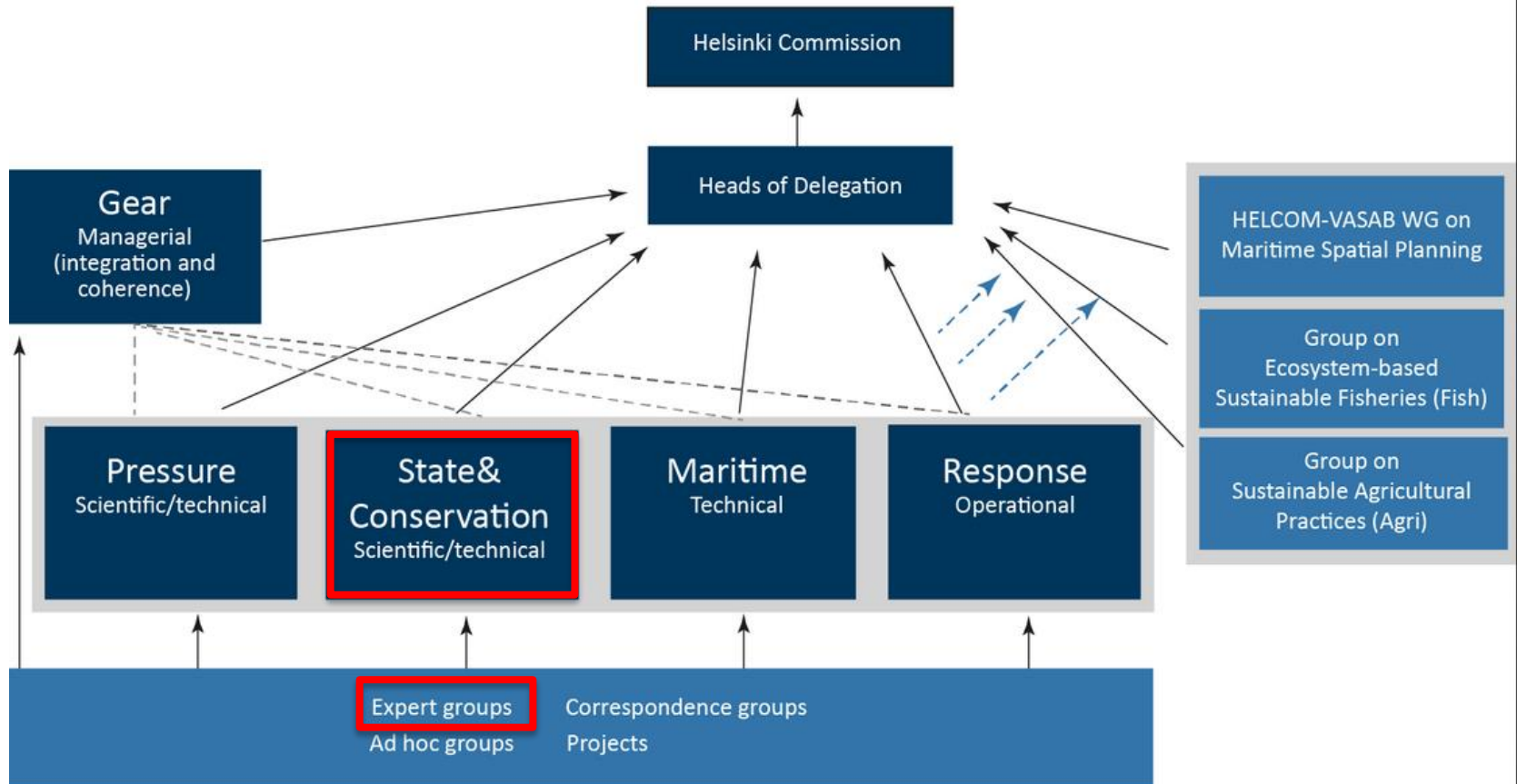
Information from the secretariat

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Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky
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New HELCOM Structure

Renewed HELCOM working structure

September 2014



Full names of the permanent working groups

Gear = Group on the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach

Pressure = Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area*

State & Conservation = Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation*

Maritime Working Group

Response Working Group

Permanent
 Time-limited / adhoc
 WG Working group

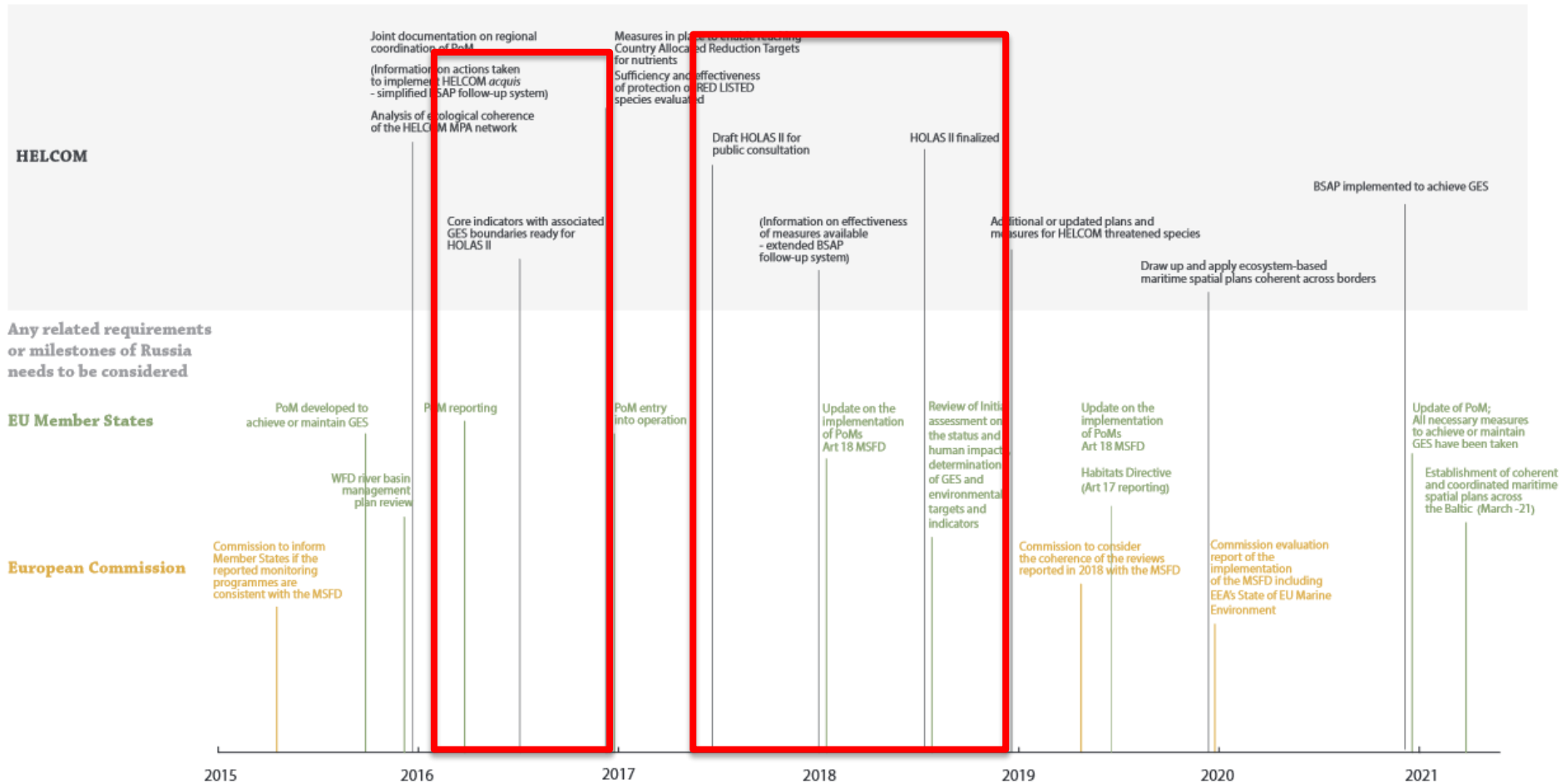
HELCOM Roadmap

Roadmap of HELCOM activities on ecosystem approach



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HELCOM Roadmap - timeline



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MONITORING	HELCOM WORKING GROUP (Work plan task)	CONTRIBUTING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF	IN COOPERATION/STREAMLINING ACTIVITIES WITH	STATUS	READY BY
1. Coordinated monitoring network and monitoring programmes	State & Conservation (2.1 a and b)	HELCOM Monitoring and Assessment Strategy: revision of environmental monitoring MSFD: Article 11		Partly ongoing (e.g. BALSAM) Plan for implementation: WG lead with contribution from HELCOM projects and expert groups for basic analyses. To carry out an analysis of coherence and adequacy of HELCOM monitoring the need for project/activity has been identified (proposed start in 2016).	end 2015
2. Further development of monitoring guidelines	State & Conservation (1.1)	HELCOM Monitoring and Assessment Strategy: revision of environmental monitoring MSFD: Article 11		Partly ongoing (e.g. BALSAM and HELCOM projects). Plan for implementation: WG lead with contribution from projects and expert groups.	mid-2016
3. Review of HELCOM recommendation 19/3 on monitoring	State & Conservation (1.2)	Update of HELCOM Recommendations: revision of environmental monitoring MSFD: Article 8		Not started; will start when new monitoring guidelines are ready.	end 2016
4. Operationalization of core indicator-based assessment system	State & Conservation (2.1)	HELCOM Monitoring and Assessment Strategy: indicators, assessment tools MSFD: Article 8	ICES, EEA	Ongoing: CORESET II	mid-2016
21. Pollution Load Compilation 6 (PLC 6) - Essential data by the end of 2016	Pressure(3)	HELCOM Monitoring and Assessment Strategy: pollution compilations MSFD: Article 8		Ongoing: PLC 6-project	mid-2017
22. Thematic assessment on radioactivity - period 2011-2015 (MORS EG)	State & Conservation (4.4)	HELCOM Monitoring and Assessment Strategy: assessments		Planned: MORS EG	end 2016

Monitoring manual

- Existing guidelines transferred to monitoring manual "fact sheet" pages following MSFD terminology
- Can be used by CPs in MSFD Article 11 reporting
- Radioactivity under Contaminants programmes
- <http://www.helcom.fi/action-areas/monitoring-and-assessment/monitoring-manual/>

Outcomes of relevant HELCOM meetings

• STATE & CONSERVATION 2:

3MA.1 The Meeting took note of the summary of existing data flow arrangement in support of the HELCOM core indicators (document 3MA-1, **Presentation 1**), as presented by the Secretariat. To improve data flow arrangements for status indicators in HELCOM the Meeting agreed to the following, with responsibilities in brackets:

- systematize and improve, where needed, existing reporting routines (Secretariat and relevant EGs/projects)
- define the parameters and format for new needed reporting to support HELCOM indicators (indicator experts+Secretariat+ICES)
- develop databases/datahost arrangements for parameters required for core indicators where they are missing (seal, birds, coastal fish, etc.), when possible by mid-2016 (Secretariat with support of relevant projects and in collaboration with relevant EGs)
- document the “manual” QA of data carried out by EGs and projects (relevant EGs and projects)
- explore use of EUTRO-OPER system for the production of data products and QA of data products for other indicators/thematic assessments (Secretariat)
- use existing EGs and expert projects in the production and quality check of data products e.g. SEAL EG, FISH-PRO II, JWG Birds, PEG, MORS, ZEN.

Outcomes of relevant HELCOM meetings

- STATE & CONSERVATION 2:

4J.12 Based on the technical review of the indicators, the Meeting agreed on the GES-boundaries and publication of the following core-indicator reports, with the following comments and exceptions in addition to the general study reservations by Denmark and Germany (paragraphs 4J-4 and 4J-5):

4J.5 The Meeting took note of the statement by Germany that all comments and votes given on the indicators do not reflect a consolidated German view but a view on the expert level which still needs to be discussed and confirmed officially. Germany will try to lift their study reservation by HOD 48-2015. The Meeting further noted the statement by Germany that for many indicators a testing phase of about 2 years will be necessary.

19. Radioactive substances

The Meeting agreed to the proposed GES boundary and publication of the core indicator report, noting that Germany still needs to consult on the GES-boundary nationally.

Outcomes of relevant HELCOM meetings

- HOLAS II:
 - Holistic assessment timeline
 - Radioactivity: Based on new thematic assessment 2011-2015

The Meeting discussed the assessment period for the 2nd holistic assessment and recalled the proposal from STATE 1-2014 to use a 6-year assessment period from the years 2011-2016 and found it appropriate to aim for this period, with the understanding that data from all years will not necessarily be available. The Meeting noted the concern of the gap between the 1st and 2nd holistic assessment and proposed to cover the gap by assessing trends, using as long data series as possible. A longer assessment period was not considered appropriate and starting earlier than 2011 would mean double reporting for several Contracting Parties also being EU Member States that used data later than 2007 in the reporting of the initial MSFD assessment.