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Background

A HELCOM Stakeholder Conference focusing on the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) will be held on 3 March 2020 at the Marina Congress Center in Helsinki, Finland, back-to-back with 41st Meeting of the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 41-2020, 4-5 March 2020).

The invitation to the Conference was sent to all HELCOM groups and networks, HELCOM observers and relevant international projects, research institutions and international organizations on 22 January 2020, as attached to this document. The HELCOM Stakeholder Conference 2020 will be an opportunity to collect views from a broader group of stakeholders on key issues for the updated BSAP.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information on the HELCOM Stakeholder Conference 2020.

Invitation

Hello!

The Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP), HELCOM's strategic programme of actions and measures for a healthier Baltic Sea, is due to be updated by 2021.

As a HELCOM stakeholder, we want you to be part of this process.

We are therefore inviting you to attend the 2020 HELCOM Stakeholder Conference "For a sustainable Baltic Sea: The Baltic Sea Action Plan beyond 2021" to be held in Helsinki on **3 March 2020**, where the Baltic Sea Action Plan will take centre stage. The Conference will be the opportunity to share your views on the update of the BSAP.

The outcomes of the 2020 HELCOM Stakeholder Conference will be brought forward to the 41st Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 41-2020) from 4 to 5 March 2020.

Parallel sessions

Besides the opening and closing plenary sessions, the 2020 HELCOM Stakeholder Conference will also feature four parallel sessions on the main segments of the Baltic Sea Action Plan:

1. Biodiversity
2. Sea-based activities
3. Eutrophication
4. Hazardous substances and litter

Each session will start with setting-the-scene presentations, followed by discussions where you will be able to voice your ideas and recommendations. The main outcomes of the parallel sessions will be presented and further discussed during the final plenary session.

Call for presentations

We are looking for short, engaging and inspiring presentations to provide food for thought for each parallel session. The presentations should be related to the topic of the session and could contain concrete proposals and recommendations or any other content relevant to the updated BSAP.

Several presentations are planned per parallel session, in a "pecha kucha" style (20 slides à 20 seconds each). The submission of proposals is open to all. The HELCOM Secretariat reserves the right to select the most relevant presentations.

Please submit your presentation proposal including a brief summary to the HELCOM Secretariat: laura.meski@helcom.fi and dominik.littfass@helcom.fi

2020 HELCOM Stakeholder Conference

Helsinki • 3 March 2020

For a sustainable Baltic Sea:
The Baltic Sea Action Plan beyond 2021

Programme 3 March 2020

08:30–09:30	Registration and breakfast
09:30–11:15	Opening plenary session
11:15–11:45	Coffee break
11:45–13:00	Parallel sessions on four themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Biodiversity– Sea-based activities– Eutrophication– Hazardous substances and litter
13:00–14:00	Lunch break
14:00–15:15	Parallel sessions (continued)
15:15–16:00	Coffee break
16:00–17:00	Closing plenary session

Venue

Marina Congress Center
Katajanokanlaituri 6
00160 Helsinki, Finland

Registration

Register here for the Conference:
<https://forms.gle/ZBbrYb2chrtN8UhX9>

Register by the end of Friday, 14 February 2020.

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