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## Background

This document contains a preliminary list of upcoming meetings within HELCOM as well as, based on easily available information, other relevant /major meetings in 2020-2021 to facilitate scheduling of activities of the

HELCOM Response Working Group:

- Orange highlight: meetings which might be of relevance for Response Contacts and Observers.
- Yellow highlight: HODs and the annual Commission meeting
- Non-shaded meetings: other HELCOM meetings from the general HELCOM calendar
- Grey highlight: other meetings which might be of relevance for the HELCOM community

Please note that the table has been compiled based on information easily available to the Secretariat and the participants are strongly encouraged to highlight any missing meetings which should be included in order to minimize overlaps during meeting scheduling.

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note, complete and make use of the preliminary list of upcoming HELCOM and other meetings when scheduling the next meeting of the Response working group as well as other activities.

## List of meetings in the framework of HELCOM as well as other meetings in 2020-2021

Date and Place	Name of Meeting
<b>2020</b>	
21-22 October 2020, Istanbul, Turkey	39th Regular Black Sea Commission Meeting
27-29 October 2020, [Split, Croatia]	Annual Meeting of the EU Technical Group on Marine Litter
27-29 October 2020, online	Regional Workshop to enhance Marine Oil and HNS regional cooperation in the Mediterranean (MEDEXPOL 2020)
29 October 2020, online	EU TG Noise meeting
[November 2020, online]	EU Technical Expert Group on Data for MSP
3 November 2020, online	Meeting of the Group to draft the regional principles and risk assessment framework for management of internal nutrient reserves (ad hoc Group MINUTS) (MINUTS 9-2020)
3 November 2020, online	Technical Workshop on Cumulative Impact Assessment (Technical CIA WS 1-2020)
3 November 2020, online	First Meeting of the Hazardous substances and litter segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP HZ 1-2020)
3-5 November 2020, online	28 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Response Working Group (RESPONSE 28-2020)
4-5 November 2020, online	Tenth Meeting of the Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (AGRI 10-2020)
5 November 2020, online	18 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Intersessional Network on Eutrophication (IN Eutrophication 18-2020)
6 November 2020, online	Intersessional Meeting of State and Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 13B-2020)
9 -10 November 2020, online	26 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EU Marine Strategy Coordination Group (MSCG)
9-11 November 2020, online	23 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 23-2020)
11-12 November 2020, online	12th Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 12-2020)
11-13 November 2020, online	Fourth Meeting of the Expert network on benthic habitats (EN BENTHIC 4-2020)
12 November 2020, online	9th meeting of the MSFD Technical Group on Marine Data and IT (TG Data)
12-13 November 2020, online	21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 21-2020)
16-17 November 2020, online	IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) – 75th session

26-27 November 2020, online	Eleventh Meeting of the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention Exemptions (TG BALLAST 11-2020)
30 November 2020, online	Fifth Meeting of the ad hoc Platform on sufficiency of measures (SOM Platform 4-2020)
7-8 December 2020 Helsinki, Finland	59 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 59-2020)
8-9 December 2020,	Annual meeting of the OSPAR Commission
9-11 December 2020, Brussels, Belgium	First EU International Ocean Governance Forum (IOG Forum) Conference
<b>2021</b>	
11-15 January 2021 tbc	Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC-16) of the Stockholm Convention
18 January 2020, online	Seventh Meeting of the joint HELCOM/Baltic Earth Expert Network on Climate Change (EN CLIME 7-2021)
19 January 2021, online	EWG OWR seminar on euthanasia
End of January 2021, Helsinki, Finland	Main Planning Conference of HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2021
End of January 2021, Helsinki, Finland	Fifth Meeting of the Expert Coordination Network on Response on the Shore (SHORE Network 5-2021)
2-3 February 2021, Gdansk, Poland	BSR Water Project meeting and Final event
9 February 2021, online	17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 17-2021)
15 February 2021, online	State and Conservation intersessional meeting on review and approval of the key messages for the Climate Change Fact Sheet (STATE & CONSERVATION 13F-2020)
17-18 February 2021 online	RETROUT project final conference
February 2021, online	17 <sup>th</sup> Inter-Secretariat meeting between the Regional Agreement Secretariats, DG ECHO and EMSA
Early March 2021	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 13-2021)
17-18 March 2021, Helsinki, Finland	42 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 42-2021)
23-24 March 2021 St Petersburg, Russia	XXI International Environmental Forum "Baltic Sea Day"
23-25 March 2021, online	Third Meeting of the continuation of the project for Baltic-wide assessment of coastal fish communities in support of an ecosystem-based management (FISH-PRO III 3-2021)
Spring 2021, Estonia	Annual Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Aerial Surveillance (IWGAS 2021)

Week 13-16 April 2021, [Sweden]	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 14-2021)
3-7 May 2021 [Sweden]	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 14-2021)
9-14 May 2021 Copenhagen, Denmark	IWA World Water Conference
18-20 May 2021 (place TBD)	24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 24-2021)
25-27 May 2020	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)
May 2021 [Denmark]	12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Group of Experts on Safety of Navigation (SAFE NAV 12-2021)
[May 2021 IAEA in Monaco]	11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Expert group on monitoring of radioactive substances in the Baltic Sea (MORS EG 11-2021)
3-4 June 2021 [Germany]	60 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 60-2021)
14-18 June 2021 Aarhus, Denmark	13 <sup>th</sup> Baltic Sea Science Congress
[21-25 June 2021] Portugal	OSPAR Ministerial 2021
Week 23-29 August 2021 Kotka, Finland	HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2021
Autumn 2021 Sweden	21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 21-2021)
4-8 October 2021	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 15-2021)
October 2021, Germany	HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2021
Week 1-5 November 2021	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 15-2021)
8-10 November 2021 (place TBD)	25 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 25-2021)