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## Background

To support the selection of new measures and actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan, an invitation to submit synopses on potential new HELCOM actions was put forward in spring 2019 to the Contracting Parties, HELCOM subsidiary bodies, international projects and HELCOM Observers. As a first step, the HELCOM Working Groups conducted a technical review on the proposals for new actions, and as a second step, they were evaluated at the HELCOM BSAP UP workshops. The evaluation of the new actions in the workshops focused on the effectiveness of the measures and whether the actions are supported for the updated BSAP. The synopses that were evaluated are available in the dedicated [workspace](#) where they can be sorted according to the workshop and breakout session.

The HELCOM BSAP UP Workshop on maritime activities, including underwater noise, non-indigenous species and response actions (BSAP UP WS-SEA) held online on 2-4 September 2020 evaluated a synopsis relevant for the Response Working Group in the breakout session “response issues”. The evaluation of the proposed actions in the workshop took place in the breakout sessions and focused on the effectiveness of the measures and whether or not the actions are supported for the updated BSAP. A summary of the general discussion in the workshop can be found in the workshop Notes and the evaluation of the synopses in the breakout groups is included in the Annexes to the Notes (see link to the workshop site [here](#)).

The BSAP UP workshop on hazardous substances and litter for the consideration of proposed new actions, held on 24-25 August 2020, also evaluated a synopsis relevant for the Response Working Group. A summary of the general discussion in the workshop can be found in the workshop Notes and the evaluation of the synopses in the two breakout sessions is included in the Annexes to the Notes (see link to the workshop site [here](#)).

The evaluation of the synopses of relevance for Response WG in the two workshops is summarized in the separate Excel attachment to this document “3-6-Att.1 Proposed new actions for the updated BSAP”.

This document contains a list that includes both the existing actions of relevance for the Response Working Group that were in principle agreed by HOD 58-2020 to be transferred to the updated BSAP, as well as the proposed new actions discussed at the BSAP UP workshops.

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- consider the outcomes of the BSAP UP WS-SEA and BSAP UP WS-HZ;

- further elaborate and endorse for submission to HOD 59-2020 the proposed new actions taking into account the outcomes of the BSAP UP Workshops;
- identify possible gaps in the set of measures for the updated BSAP and propose measures to fill the gaps, as well as agree on a process for assessing the proposed measures in a similar manner to those submitted through the synopses; and
- take note that further work on the proposed new actions will take place in DG BSAP and HOD meetings, in line with the BSAP updated workplan.

## Existing and proposed new actions

The following list includes the existing (rephrased) actions that were in principle agreed by HOD 58-2020 to be transferred to the updated BSAP and the proposed new actions submitted as synopses. The evaluation of the new actions by the BSAP UP Workshops is contained in the Excel table in attachment 3-x-Att.1

The actions have been divided under provisional sub-themes.

<b>Theme: Response</b>
<i>Existing actions (rephrased)</i>
Further develop regional preparedness and response related services including SeaTrackWeb to have integrated live feed from online devices such as sea current monitoring buoys, radars etc. no later than (by 2027)
Have a full integration between satellite based spill detection and drift modelling by SeaTrackWeb (by 2027)
Keep the HELCOM thematic assessment on hazardous submerged objects covering warfare materials and contaminated wrecks updated as a living document to be updated when more information on submerged hazardous objects in the Baltic Sea is received
Keep information on submerged hazardous objects in the HELCOM Map and Data System up to date
Implement the Marine HNS Response Manual in operational response to spills involving hazardous or noxious substances as well as exercises by 2025
Commit to testing the procedures of the Marine HNS manual at BALEX DELTA 2022
<i>Proposed new actions</i>
Framework for holistic/integrated management of marine pollution incidents
Development of Best Environmental Practice (BEP) and control of threats posed by munitions, wrecks and other hazardous submerged objects in the Baltic Sea, including the preparation for the remediation of areas contaminated with munitions