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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
2021	
27 September-1 October 2021 online	12 th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
27 September – 1 October 2021, Cascais, Portugal	OSPAR Commission/Ministerial Meeting
28-30 September 2021, online	29 th Meeting of the Response Working Group (RESPONSE 29-2021)
30 September 2021	2021 World Maritime Day
4-8 October 2021, online	15 th Meeting the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 15-2021)
5-7 October 2021	FanPLESStic-Sea Partner Meeting
18-22 October 2021 Aarhus, Denmark	13 th Baltic Sea Science Congress
19 October 2021 Lübeck, Germany	Intersessional meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 60B-2021)
20 October 2021, Lübeck, Germany	HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2021
21-22 October 2021, Kunming, China	15 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 15)
26 October 2021, online	19 th Meeting of the TG Noise
27-29 October 2021, online	21 st Meeting of the Maritime Working Group (MARITIME 21-2021)
22-26 November 2021	77 th Session of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 77)
2-4 November 2021, online	15 th Meeting of the Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 15-2021)
[8 November 2021, online]	Informal meeting Expert Coordination Network on Response on the Shore (SHORE Network)
8-10 November 2021, online	25 th Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 25-2021)
10-11 November 2021, online	Twelfth Meeting of the Group on Sustainable Agricultural Practices (AGRI 12-2021)
16-17 November 2021, online	23 rd Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 23-2021)
17-18 November 2021, online	HELCOM Workshop on Blue Carbon in the Baltic Sea region

29 November 2021, online	Seventh European Regional Seas Coordination Meeting on the Progress Achieved in the Implementation of the Regional Action Plans on Marine Litter
30 November 2021, online	FanpLESStic-Sea Final Conference
2-3 December 2021, online	First Meeting of the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC) and Biofouling (JTG BALLAST&BIOFOULING 1-2021)
8-9 December 2021, online	61st Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 61-2021)
2022	
Early 2022	Sixth Meeting of the Expert Coordination Network on Response on the Shore (SHORE Network 5-2021)
Early 2022	30 th Meeting of the Response Working Group (RESPONSE 30-2022)
February 2022	18th Inter-Secretariat meeting between the Regional Agreement Secretariats, DG ECHO and EMSA
February 2022	Fifth Session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-5) face-to-face session
[15-17 February 2022, Poland]	Fourth 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 4-2022)
23-24 February 2022, Isle of Vilm, Germany	14th Meeting of the Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 14-2022)
9-10 March 2022, online	HELCOM Stakeholder Conference 2022 on HELCOM Conference on climate change in the Baltic Sea region
16-17 March 2022, Helsinki, Finland	43rd Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 43-2022)
29-30 March 2022, Helsinki, Finland	Annual Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Aerial Surveillance (IWGAS 2022)
4-8 April 2022	9th session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 9)
9-13 May 2022, [Germany]	16 th Meeting the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 16-2022)
24-26 May 2022 Gothenburg, Sweden (TBD)	26 th Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 26-2022)
30 May-3 June 2022 Jastarnia, Hel Peninsula, Poland	4th Baltic Earth Conference
14-15 June 2022, Helsinki, Finland	62 nd Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 62-2022)
2-3 June 2022, Sweden	Stockholm +50
29-30 August 2022 Ghent, Belgium	2022 Meeting of the Heads of the Secretariats of European Water Commissions
23-25 August 2022 Germany	HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2022 response exercise
Autumn 2022	31 st Meeting of the Response Working Group (RESPONSE 31-2022)

10-14 October 2022, [Sweden]	17 th Meeting the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 17-2022)
8-10 November 2022, (place TBD)	27 th Meeting of the Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 27-2022)
30 November-1 December 2022, online	63 rd Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 63-2022)
2023	
15-16 March 2023, Helsinki, Finland	44th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 44-2023)
[August 2023] Helsinki, Finland	2023 Meeting of the Heads of the Secretariats of European Water Commissions