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Background

The Fifth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Coordination Network on Response on the Shore (SHORE Network) was held on 27 January 2021 as an online meeting. The Meeting was attended by Estonia, Germany, EU, Latvia, Poland, Russia and Sweden. This document contains the Outcome of SHORE Network 5-2021.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- take note of the Outcome of SHORE Network 5-2021 and consider it as appropriate;
- consider and approve the Work Plan for 2022-2023 for the SHORE Network as contained in Annex 2 to the Outcome of SHORE Network 5-2021;
- take note that Mr. Jens Rautenberg, Germany, was elected as the Chair for SHORE Network ;
- take note that an informal online meeting of the SHORE Network is planned to be organized tentatively on 8 November 2021 to plan the future work in accordance with the updated Work Plan.
- take note that SHORE Network 6-2022 is planned to be held in early 2022, the exact date to be confirmed at a later stage by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair.



Outcome of the Fifth Meeting of the Expert Coordination Network on Response on the Shore (SHORE Network 5-2021)

Introduction

0.1 The Fifth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Coordination Network on Response on the Shore (SHORE Network 5-2021) was held on 27 January 2020 as an online meeting in line with HELCOM policy on COVID-19.

0.2 The Meeting was attended by representatives of Estonia, Germany, EU, Latvia, Poland, Russia and Sweden, an observer from Sea Alarm and an invited guest from the Royal Danish Naval Command. The list of participants is set out in **Annex 1**.

0.3 The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Marit Mätik, Estonia, Chair of SHORE Network.

0.4 Mr. Markus Helavuori, HELCOM Professional Secretary, and Ms. Laura Meski, Associate Professional Secretary, acted as Secretaries of the Meeting

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

1.1 The Meeting adopted the Agenda of the Meeting as contained in document 1-1.

Agenda Item 2 Matters arising from other HELCOM activities

2.1 The Meeting took note of the outcome of the 28th Meeting of the HELCOM Response Working Group (RESPONSE 28-2020) held on 3-5 November 2020 as an online meeting (document 2-1), particularly of the matters of specific interest to the SHORE Network.

2.2 The Meeting took note of the outcomes of the 41st Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 41-2020), the 58th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 58-2020) and the 59th Meeting of the HELCOM heads of Delegation (HOD 59-2020) (document 2-2), particularly of the matters of specific interest to the SHORE Network.

2.3 In noting the approval of the revised HELCOM Response Manual, the Meeting took note that HOD 59-2020 had encouraged Lithuania and Russia to provide the missing national information to the Secretariat (markus.helavuori@helcom.fi) at their earliest convenience for inclusion in the final draft submitted for adoption by HELCOM 42-2021.

Agenda Item 3 Recent developments regarding on-shore response

3.1 The Meeting recalled that Contracting Parties had been invited to provide information on recent national and regional developments of relevance for SHORE Network, national response capabilities as well as national exercises that are being organized in the Baltic Sea using the template in document 3-1.

3.2 The Meeting took note of information provided by Sweden (document 3-3), Germany (document 3-4), Estonia (document 3-5) and Latvia (document 3-6) prior to the meeting.

3.3 The Meeting took note of the following additional information on recent national and regional developments of relevance for SHORE Network as provided by:

Poland: The COVID-19 pandemic has caused challenges and most exercises in 2020 were cancelled or postponed and only some small scale pollution incidents took place. Through organizational changes the responsibility of response issues at sea is now under the Ministry of Infrastructure and no longer the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation. Plans for a new response vessel are not going forward at the moment and instead existing response vessels will be renovated.

Russia: The Meeting was informed that Russia will provide information using the template in document 3-1 at a later stage.

3.4 The Meeting noted the lack of information from Denmark, Finland and Lithuania and encouraged all Contracting Parties to attend future meetings of the SHORE Network and to nominate contacts for the group. The Meeting invited the Response Working Group to further consider this matter.

3.5 The Meeting took note of the updated national risk assessment for shipping accidents and oil spills in Sweden (document 3-2 and **Presentation 1**). The Meeting noted that the related publication, which identifies important trends that are relevant and should be considered for the Baltic Sea as a whole, is currently only available in Swedish.

Agenda Item 4 Exercises

4.1 The Meeting took note of the results of the HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2020 exercise conducted by Estonia on 26 August 2020 off the coast of Tallinn. The Meeting noted that the exercise was affected by the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting e.g. in a lower number of participants and foreign ships not being allowed to call into port. A BALEX BRAVO exercise was conducted in parallel with BALEX DELTA. The Meeting noted that a movie has been prepared by Estonia, providing a nice overview of the exercise.

4.2 The Meeting took note that HELCOM BALEX 2021 exercise will take place near Kotka, Finland, during week 34 of 2021. The initial planning conference was held online on 19 January 2021 and the main planning conference will be held on 17-18 March 2021.

4.3 The Meeting took note that RESPONSE 28-2020 had approved the HELCOM Response Exercise Plan and had agreed that implementation of it should start for BALEX 2021 to be hosted by Finland. The Meeting also noted that the Exercise Evaluation Team (EET) will be replaced by the Response Exercise Development and Monitoring Team (HEDMOT) and that the HREP will remain as a continuous task in the Work Plan of the Response Working Group.

Agenda Item 5 HELCOM Response Manual and Recommendations

5.1 The Meeting took note that the draft revised HELCOM Response Manual was approved by HOD 59-2020 (cf. document 6-19 of HOD 59-2020) with a view to adoption by HELCOM 42-2021 in March 2021. The revised Response Manual will replace the current Volume 1 and Volume 3.

5.2 The Meeting invited Contracting Parties to provide any corrections and updates regarding contact information in the draft revised HELCOM Response Manual.

5.3 The Meeting took note that the draft Joint Inter-Regional Marine HNS Response Manual was approved by HOD 59-2020 (cf. document 6-11 of HOD 59-2020) with a view to its adoption by HELCOM 42-2021 to replace the current HELCOM Response Manual Volume 2.

Agenda Item 6**Future work**

6.1 The Meeting took note of a presentation provided by the EU (**Presentation x**) including inter alia an inject for discussions related to the Work Plan of the SHORE Network, taking into account also the updated BSAP and its proposed action to develop a framework for holistic/integrated management of marine pollution incidents to enable coordinated response operation at sea and on shore.

6.2 In this context, the Meeting considered the opportunity to develop a Modules field and table-top exercises (MODEX) marine pollution exercise and to identify potential EU Member States willing to be involved. The Meeting also discussed the need for identifying strategic priorities as well as priority needs for external funding, both on the national, regional and inter-regional levels. Furthermore, the Meeting discussed the need for identifying and registering national information related to response equipment in the CECIS Marine database.

6.3 The Meeting considered and updated the Work Plan for the SHORE Network (document 6-1) and agreed on a new work plan for 2022-2023 (**Annex 2**) with the view to have it submitted to RESPONSE 29-2021 for approval.

6.4 The Meeting noted that a shared workspace for the SHORE Network would be useful and invited the Secretariat to create such a workspace. The Meeting invited the Contracting Parties and observers to provide relevant documents to be included in the workspace.

6.5 The Contracting Parties confirmed and updated the list of contacts for SHORE Network as contained in document 6-2-Rev.1.

6.6 The Meeting noted that the Terms of Reference of the SHORE Network state that the group should elect a lead country for two-year terms who will in turn nominate a Chair. The Meeting recalled that Denmark had in 2018 considered taking the next lead of the group but noted, however, that Denmark was not in a position to do so at this stage. The Meeting elected Germany as the lead country, starting immediately after SHORE Network 5-2021, noting that Mr. Jens Rauterberg will act as Chair. The Meeting expressed appreciation to Germany and congratulated Mr. Rauterberg for the upcoming Chairmanship.

6.7 The Meeting thanked Estonia for leading the work of the SHORE Network and Ms. Marit Mätik for successfully chairing the group since 2017.

6.8 The Meeting agreed that an informal online meeting of the SHORE Network should be organized tentatively on 8 November 2021 to plan the future work in accordance with the updated Work Plan. The Meeting further agreed that SHORE Network 6-2022 should be organized in early 2022, the exact date to be confirmed at a later stage by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair.

Agenda Item 7**Any other business**

7.1 The Meeting did not discuss any other business.

Agenda Item 8**Outcome of the Meeting**

8.1 The Meeting adopted the draft Outcome of the Meeting (document 8-1).

8.2 The Meeting agreed that the Outcome of the Meeting will be finalized by the Secretariat and the Chair and made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal together with the documents and the presentation given during the Meeting.

Annex 1. List of participants

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Annex 2 Draft updated Work Plan for the HELCOM Expert Coordination Network on Response on the Shore (SHORE Network), 2022-2023

Action	Responsible	Milestone
1. Share knowledge and experiences regarding national developments	SHORE Network	Continuous Meetings of SHORE Network Meetings of Response Working Group
1.1 Use the agreed template for compiling information on national developments	Contacts of SHORE Network	Meetings of SHORE Network
1.2 Invite experts to present relevant information and experiences related to on- shore response	Contacts of SHORE Network	Meetings of SHORE Network
2. Proposals for updating of the relevant parts of the HELCOM Response Manual	Contacts of SHORE Network	Continuous
2.1 Update contact information in the HELCOM Response Manual	Contacts of SHORE Network	Meetings of SHORE Network
2.2 Regularly review the HELCOM Response Manual in meetings of the SHORE Network to ensure that it is up to date	SHORE Network Secretariat	Meetings of SHORE Network
3. Other proposals concerning expertise and best/good practices regarding at sea and on shore response	SHORE Network	Continuous
3.1 Identify best/good practices, as well as lessons learned and their follow up, related to response on shore	SHORE Network Invited guests	Continuous
3.2 Create and update a list of links to relevant internationally published material in HELCOM Meeting Portal	Lead country Germany SHORE Network	Continuous
3.3 Contribute to the implementation of the updated BSAP in relation e.g. to the development of a framework for holistic/integrated management of marine pollution incidents to enable coordinated response operation at sea and on shore, as well as risk analysis for oil and HNS pollution of	SHORE Network and Response Working Group	Timeline to be determined by the updated BSAP.

the marine environment in the Baltic Sea area.		
3.4 Propose common visions and prioritizations regarding development of on-shore response in the Baltic Sea region.	Contracting Parties and observers SHORE Network	Meetings of SHORE Network
3.5 Map and identify shoreline expert functions with a view to identifying potential gaps.	SHORE Network	Meetings of SHORE Network
4. Proposals for prioritization of on shore exercise themes	SHORE network	International exercises Meetings of the Response Working Group
4.1 Expert exchange	Contacts of SHORE Network	International exercises
4.2 Make proposals to the Response Working Group and the exercise planning team for the use of identified best/good practices in upcoming exercises (e.g. in topics such as use of drones for shoreline mapping, use of volunteers, use of satellite images). Make proposals to the HEDMOT regarding issues to consider with regard to on-shore exercises.	SHORE Network (in consultation with EWG OWR if necessary) HEDMOT	BALEX and other international exercises