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Introduction

The Twelfth Meeting of SAFE NAV will be held online on 9 June 2021. The Meeting will be opened **at 10:00 EEST (9:00 CEST)** and it is expected to terminate **by 16:00 EEST (15:00 CEST)** on the same day.

Documents for the Meeting will be made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal on the [SAFE NAV 12-2021 Meeting Site](#) (please see the [instructions](#) for *signing up* and *signing in*).

The Contracting Parties and Observers are requested to submit documents which require a decision or action, no later than **19 May 2021** and other documents no later than **2 June 2021** in electronic form to the Professional Secretary (markus.helavuori@helcom.fi).

Please note that HELCOM will conduct its online meetings using [Zoom](#). You are kindly invited to familiarize yourself with the [meeting guide for participants](#) and the [instructions](#) to participate in online meetings using this tool. The participants are kindly requested to *register to the Meeting* by answering the [Participation Survey](#) no later than **2 June 2021**. After this deadline, registered participants to the Meeting will be forwarded an invitation for their online participation.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda (document 1-1), developed by the Secretariat.

2. Matters arising from HELCOM meetings

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcome of SAFE NAV 11-2020 (document 2-1) and make use of the information as appropriate.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of HELCOM meetings, especially concerning safety of navigation and the work of the Group (document to be submitted at a later stage).

3. Accidents and ship traffic in the Baltic Sea

The Meeting is invited to note that the [HELCOM report on shipping accidents during 2018](#) in the Baltic Sea region has been published in the HELCOM website.

The Meeting is invited to recall that MARITIME 19-2019 had noted the discussion by SAFE NAV 10-2019 regarding the lack of reporting of drug or alcohol abuse as the cause of accidents. The meeting had noted that due to the recent decision to use EMCIP data, starting with accidents that occurred in 2019, HELCOM is not in a position to mandate the reporting of drug or alcohol abuse as the cause of accidents. The meeting noted that changes to the EMCIP dataset would have to be considered by EMSA and its Permanent Cooperation Framework (PCF) for the Investigation of Accidents in the Maritime Transport Sector. SAFE NAV 11-2020 discussed the matter and encouraged Contracting Parties that attend the PCF to raise the matter there, as appropriate ([Outcome of SAFE NAV 11-2020](#), para.3.4-3.5). The Meeting is invited to share their experience from the latest outcomes of the PCF.

The Meeting is invited to note that, as requested by MARITIME 18-2020, the Secretariat has been in contact with EMSA to get the shipping accidents data for 2019 through the EMCIP Database (for EU Member States). A MoU has been signed between EMSA and HELCOM for this purpose, but due to the related administrative tasks and COVID-19, it had not been possible for the Secretariat to finalize the draft accidents report for approval by MARITIME 20-2020.

The Meeting is invited to note that MARITIME 20-2020 invited the Secretariat to, once available, circulate the draft report on shipping accidents during 2019 in the Baltic Sea region to Contracting Parties for approval by correspondence, noting that due to resource constraints at the Secretariat, it was not possible to indicate exactly when the draft report could be circulated for approval.

The Meeting will be informed on the status of the drafting of the HELCOM report on shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea area in 2019.

4. Sea Traffic Management

SAFE NAV 11-2020 agreed in general with a proposal by Sweden for an action in the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) to recommend sharing of voyage plans on a voluntary basis in the Baltic Sea region in order to increase maritime safety. The Meeting invited Sweden to prepare a synopsis on the matter at their earliest convenience, and the Secretariat to forward it for consideration to the relevant HELCOM groups and meetings ([Outcome of SAFE NAV 11-2020](#), para.4.4). The Meeting is invited to note that while such a synopsis was not provided, there are other proposed actions related to maritime safety currently being considered for inclusion in the updated BSAP.

The Meeting is invited to discuss any further matters related to Sea Traffic Management.

5. New and existing routing measures in the Baltic Sea

The Meeting is invited to recall that SAFE NAV 10-2019 took note of the information by Germany on Routing in southwest of the Baltic Sea - Update 2019 to HELCOM Maritime/SAFE NAV ([document 5-1](#), [Presentation](#)

[1](#)) as well as comments by Poland ([Presentation 2](#)), expressing concern with regard to the proposed routing measures as they would have an impact on some of the established and commonly used routes to Polish ports. The meeting had noted that no decisions were to be made at that stage, but had agreed that further discussion and consideration of the proposals in document 5-1 is needed, and that the overall objective is to improve safety of navigation in the concerned area. The meeting invited Germany, Poland, Sweden and Denmark to discuss intersessionally, and agreed to revisit the matter at SAFE NAV 11-2020 ([Outcome of SAFE NAV 10-2019](#), para. 5.1-5.2).

SAFE NAV 11-2020 took note that intersessional discussions with Denmark, Germany and Poland have taken place ([Outcome of SAFE NAV 11-2020](#), para. 5.3). Germany may wish to provide further information on the matter. The Meeting is invited to continue the discussion based on the updated provided.

The Meeting is invited to share and discuss existing and planned routing measures in the Baltic Sea.

6. Charts and bathymetry

The Meeting is invited to recall that SAFE NAV 10-2019 had taken note of the information on defining and updating HELCOM Cat. I & II shipping routes in the Baltic Sea submitted by Sweden ([document 6-1](#) and [Presentation 4](#)), noting also that the matter will be raised at MARITIME 19-2019 (documents [10-3](#) and [10-4](#)), including a proposal to updating the Re-survey Scheme to include also Category III areas, with a view for approval at MARITIME 20-2020 ([Outcome of SAFE NAV 10-2019](#), para. 6.1).

The Meeting is invited to take note that MARITIME 20-2020 took note of the HELCOM-BSHC Harmonized Re-survey Scheme update and assessment report ([document 9-1](#), Presentation 6), and approved the updated HELCOM Harmonized Re-Survey Scheme, as set out in Annex 1 of document 9-1 ([Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020](#), para. 9.5-9.6).

The Meeting is invited to take note that MARITIME 20-2020 endorsed the updated Re-Survey Scheme for inclusion into the updated BSAP ([Outcome of MARITIME 20-2020](#), para. 3.19 and [Excel attachment](#) to the Outcome).

7. Any other business

The Meeting is invited to discuss any other issues as may be raised by the Contracting Parties or the Secretariat.

8. Next meetings and contacts

The Delegations and Observers are invited to take note of and update, if needed, the list of contact addresses and observers of HELCOM SAFE NAV (document 8-1).

The Meeting is invited to agree on the date and venue of the next meeting. The Contracting Parties are invited to consider organizing future meetings of the Group.

SAFE NAV 11-2020 discussed the possible need to revise the Terms of Reference of the Group, in particular with respect to meetings being hosted by all Contracting Parties in alphabetical order instead of the current arrangement where only Denmark and Sweden host and chair the meetings in turn and invited the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, to prepare and submit draft revised Terms of Reference for consideration by this Meeting ([Outcome of SAFE NAV 11-2020](#), para. 8.3).

The Meeting is invited to discuss and agree on draft revised Terms of Reference for the Group (document to be submitted at a later stage).

9. Outcome of the Meeting

The Meeting will be provided with draft Outcome of the Meeting for adoption. The final Outcome, incorporating corrections by the Meeting, will be prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Meeting and made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal.