

THIRD HELCOM HOLISTIC ASSESSMENTS OF THE BALTIC SEA ENVIRONMENT (HOLAS III)

- **Planning and process**

Take home messages from HOLAS II

- Input from the *Lessons learned* survey.
- Regional consultation.
- Input provided by experts and staff who worked on producing the second assessment.
- Input from HELCOM Expert Groups received in the interrim after HOLAS II.
- Discussion in HELCOM Working Groups on identifying aspects which might be missing, needing further development or benefitting from a different approach based on the work done under HOLAS II.

Planning for HOLAS III

- **Early planning** is imperative.
- **Only one iteration of the assessment** to be done.
- Wherever possible **avoid overlap between development, data collection and assessments.**
- Set up as many **frequent and regular data flows** as possible prior to the start of HOLAS III, **minimize ad hoc data calls.**
- Ensure **clear structure and timelines for approval processes.**
- Consider the **timeline for MSFD article 8 reporting.**
- Consider the **need for national consultations** for CPs who are also EU member states.

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Preparatory phase: Indicators

- Review of existing indicators (mid 2018-2019)
 - Where are we with our existing indicators?
 - How well do they match the policy requirements?
 - Policy prioritization for inclusion in HOLAS III and beyond
 - Technical input, what is feasible by 2021 and what would it take to get there?
 - Plan for what indicators to consolidate and develop for HOLAS III
- Further developments and consolidation (2020-2021)
 - Focus on finalizing ongoing work.
 - Focus on prioritized indicators.
 - Clear workplan for each indicator process.
 - **If not ready by the end of 2021 they will not be included in HOLAS III**

Preparatory phase: Data flows

- Based on gap analysis for existing assessment dataflows
- Need to even and spread out the reporting to ease the load on national and regional data hosts at times of peak activity (e.g. for MSFD reporting)
- more frequent, more regular reporting facilitates communication between the data host and the reporter, the identification and solving of issues, better governance and control over data quality.
- Establish data handling and data storage infrastructure.

Preparatory phase: Assessment and Methodology Developments

- Integrated assessment tools
- Further refine BSPI/BSII, both regarding spatial representation, method and underlying assumptions (e.g. sensitivity and confidence)
- Expand and better link economic and social analysis into the state assessments.

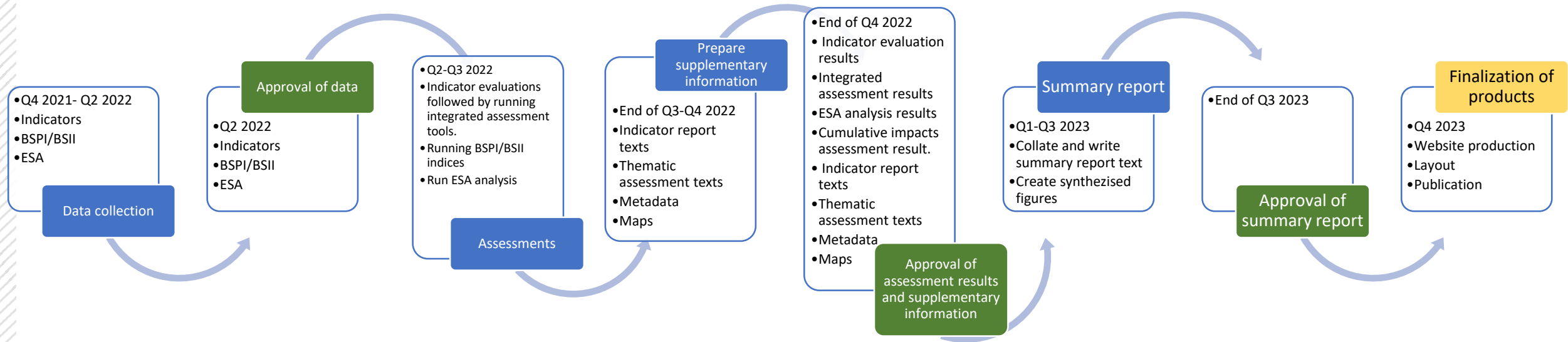
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HOLAS III assessment phase



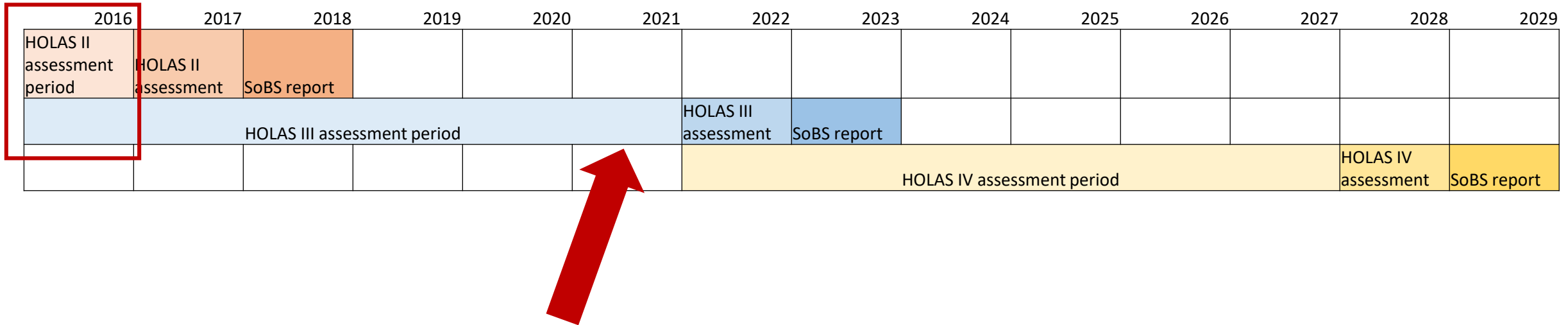
HOLAS III assessment period overview

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Open questions regarding HOLAS II

- Overall, what was the most challenging aspect of developing the State of the Baltic Sea report?
- Overall, what was the most rewarding aspect of developing the State of the Baltic Sea report?

Open questions on HOLAS III

- Aspects which might be missing from HOLAS II?
- Aspects needing further development compared to HOLAS II?
- Aspects which would benefit from a different approach compared to the work done under HOLAS II?

Thank you for your
attention!

