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Background

According to the [Mandate](#), participation in the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG) is open to representatives from relevant ministries or government agencies in all VASAB and HELCOM Member Countries/Contracting Parties as well as for experts delegated by them. The members should be nominated by the Member Countries/Contracting Parties. A representation of all VASAB and HELCOM countries with sea coast is envisaged.

VASAB and HELCOM Observers can participate. Other guests, organisations and initiatives from around the Baltic Sea and from other parts of Europe with a substantial maritime spatial planning interest can be invited to attend the meetings.

Action required

The Contracting Parties/Member Countries and Observers are invited to check and update the list of nominated experts for the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG.

Note by the HELCOM Secretariat:

The contact persons of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG in the Contracting Parties and Observer Organizations are kindly invited sign up to the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#) at their earliest convenience, if they have not yet done so, to ensure access to relevant restricted documents and to be included in the email distributions. Please follow the [instructions](#) for signing up.

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