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Background

The HELCOM Heads of Delegation approved in HOD 58-2020 the [detailed plan for drafting of the updated BSAP](#). HOD 58-2020 also approved the preliminary timetable and division of tasks for drafting of BSAP which is attached to this document.

HOD 58-2020 agreed on the year 2030 as the target year for implementing the BSAP. With regard to the target year for achieving good environmental status for the Baltic Sea, the Meeting further agreed to include in the updated BSAP a reference to the 2007 BSAP and the HELCOM assessments.

The Heads of Delegation reiterated that the updated BSAP should be short and concise, the information easily accessible and the content written in clear, simple language, while ensuring that the Plan retains political interest. HOD 58-2020 highlighted that the lowest suggested number of pages for each section as proposed in the detailed plan for drafting should not be exceeded.

A time-limited ad-hoc group, Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP), was established to support the Heads of Delegations in the drafting of the updated BSAP and function as a platform to support the political negotiations associated with the approval of the final text of the 2021 Baltic Sea Action Plan.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the detailed plan for drafting of the updated BSAP and the preliminary timetable.

Preliminary timeline and division of tasks for drafting of BSAP

BSAP Section	2020							2021			
	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January-May	June	June-October	October
BSAP Preamble	BSAP Drafting Group, assisted by Secretariat					GEAR 23-2020	HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval		Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Segment preamble	Secretariat				WG meetings	Secretariat/BSAP Drafting Group lead country	HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval		Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Operative section: current state	Secretariat				WG meetings	Secretariat/BSAP Drafting Group lead country	HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval		Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Operative section: desired state	Secretariat				WG meetings	Secretariat/BSAP Drafting Group lead country	HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval		Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Operative section actions	HOD 58-2020	Working Groups, assisted by Secretariat					HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval		Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Annex Segment supplementary information	HOD 58-2020	Working Groups, assisted by Secretariat					HOD 59-2020, comments	Working Groups, assisted by Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval		Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption