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The Excel attachment to this document has been revised by including processes related to VASAB based on the proposal by the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group.

Background

In the approved workplan for WG GEAR it states that by the end of 2023 an overview should be available outlining what main international processes and/or frameworks HELCOM is engaged with. The joint session of WG GEAR and working group chairs in IC WG GEAR 4-2024 took note of the first version of the timeline of HELCOM processes and projects as well as relevant international processes and found it useful. The timeline was subsequently submitted to other HELCOM working groups.

The attached Excel document 2-1-Att.1 provides an updated overview of draft timelines of ongoing, planned and foreseen HELCOM processes, projects with HELCOM involvement across working groups, as well as major international processes. Updates have been received from WG Response and WG Source to sea and the document has been submitted also to other working groups for review. The processes are provisionally categorized according to the BSAP segment they are most relevant for, alternatively if they are relevant for multiple segments.

Please note that, as the Gantt chart is arranged by year, the temporal resolution is not precise. This means that for some processes the chart may indicate a longer duration than is planned in reality. It is however not deemed realistic to increase the temporal resolution as this would result in the chart becoming challenging to use.

The aim is to set up the overview as a living document to be updated regularly and used to support horizontal coordination and planning of HELCOM work.

Action requested

The Session is invited to review the list of processes prepared for IC WG GEAR 4-2023 and subsequently submitted to other WGs for consideration and consider adding any missing ones.