
Document title	Proposed timetable and plan for reporting on BSAP actions
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Background

IC WG GEAR 4-2023 considered the self-evaluation of the workplans of the HELCOM working groups as part of the horizontal review of the BSAP implementation, supported organizing the self-evaluation as proposed with some changes, noted that the working groups will do the reporting in autumn 2024 and invited the Secretariat to draft a timetable considering also the national reporting done in 2025, as well as how the different documents work together to avoid double work and facilitate horizontal coordination.

IC WG GEAR 5-2023 considered the timeline for reporting on BSAP actions and how various planning and overview documentation could be used and brought together efficiently to facilitate an overview and the tracking of implementation of BSAP actions. The session recommended the suggested approach proposing to add to any guidance documents submitted to working groups information on what type of help WG GEAR could provide in supporting the implementation. The session highlighted the need for analyzing the possible barriers for implementation after the reporting and noted that it will be decided later how the barriers are reported as part of the national reporting.

The following timetable for reporting on BSAP actions and utilizing the different documents is hereby proposed for recommendation and subsequent approval by correspondence:

- Autumn 2024: Self-evaluation of workplans of the working groups
 - o Implementation status for joint BSAP actions or the joint part of actions that are joint/national, barriers for implementation and possible need for help from WG GEAR
- Spring 2025: Consideration of the self-evaluation results by WG GEAR
 - o Analysis of the results, messages for HOD
 - o Updating the overview of target years of BSAP actions (document 5-3 and [5-3-Att.1](#) for IC WG GEAR 4-2023) with the implementation status of joint actions, to obtain an overview of overall progress
- Spring 2025: Review of the draft guidance for reporting on national BSAP actions by WG GEAR
- Autumn 2025: Reporting on the implementation status of national BSAP actions by Contracting Parties
 - o Possibly also reporting on implementation barriers (tbd by WG GEAR in spring 2025)
- Autumn 2025: Checking of possible upgrades in implementation status of joint actions by working groups
 - o Implementation status only
- Spring 2026: Consideration of the results of the reporting on national implementation by WG GEAR
 - o Analysis of the results, messages for HOD
- Spring-summer 2026: Drafting a brochure/report of BSAP implementation for the 2026 Ministerial Meeting
 - o Utilizing both the reporting and the overview of the target years of BSAP actions
- Autumn 2026: Consideration of 2021 BSAP implementation at the 2026 Ministerial Meeting

Action requested

The Session is invited to consider and recommend the proposed timetable and plan for the upcoming reporting on BSAP actions.