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## Expert groups under RESPONSE

- Aerial surveillance (IWGAS)
- On shore response (SHORE Network)
- CG HNS Manual
- Submerged hazardous objects and wrecks
- EWG Oiled wildlife response



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The Baltic Sea Action Plan was originally adopted by the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting in 2007.

It is currently being updated by 2021 and in this respect consideration is also given to actions related to response issues.



”...achieve a Baltic Sea in  
**good environmental status** by 2021”



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## Manual renewal

- HELCOM Response Manual Volume I (Oil and general cooperation outline) and III (On shore response) have been revised during 2019-2020.
- Aim to make the manual shorter, clearer and up to date.
- Also better taking into account the on the shore response in description of the operational cooperation
- Volume II is renewed in the West MoPoCo project



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## Update on regional response capacities

- New response vessels will be build to DK, DE, LT and PL. RU received new vessel in 2019.
- EMSA EAS depot has been setup in Porvoo/FI, southern Baltic EAS depot will be moved from Poland to Denmark.



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## Recent incidents involving oil & chemical (HNS) spills

- Finland had an exceptionally large (up to 39 m3) illegal spill in June 2019, criminal investigation still on going.
- We have been reported on cases where surveillance aircraft has detected large (several m3) oil spills which have vanished before response equipment has arrived to area. We are trying to collect data on these and try to find an explanation for these cases



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## Regional exercises

- Balex Delta 2019 was held in DK, in 2020 Balex Delta will be in Estonia.
- The process of developing HELCOM RESPONSE Exercise Plan (HREP) will be discussed and decided upon in our annual meeting at the end of February
  - Strategic capability development goals
  - Exercise plan: how to meet the strategic goals by enhanced exercising
  - Exercise planning and evaluation tool



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## Surveillance, detection and monitoring operations

- Several Baltic Sea states participated in the 2019 Super CECPO arranged by Germany
- EMSA surveillance trainings are highly appreciated



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## Regional priorities that may require EU funding

- RESPONSE will discuss on the possible update the BRISK risk analysis. On the other hand there is project proposal for "OpenRisk 2" which we need to get more information on before we can decide on a "new BRISK"
- New substances that are transported might not be recoverable with existing equipment, require studies
- Project to develop the HREP concept?



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