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**Revision of the German maritime spatial plan in accordance with § 17 of the Spatial Planning Act (ROG) for the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the North Sea and Baltic Sea and the strategic environmental assessment according to § 8 ROG**

- **Notification according to § 9 para. 4 ROG in conjunction with §§ 60 para. 1, 54 Environmental Impact Assessment Act (UVPG), Art. 10 SEA-Protocol (ESPOO), Art. 7 Directive 2001/42/EC and bilateral agreements if applicable**
- **Concept for the revision of the maritime spatial plans with maps on the planning options**
- **Draft scope of the environmental assessment**

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Dear Sir or Madam,

With the approval of the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community (BMI), the BSH carries out the preparatory procedural steps for preparing the maritime spatial plans for the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Federal Republic of Germany. According to § 17 para. 1 ROG, the maritime spatial plans for the German EEZ have to include provisions to ensure the safety and ease of navigation, further economic uses, scientific uses and the protection and improvement of the marine environment, while taking into account any interactions between land and sea and safety aspects.

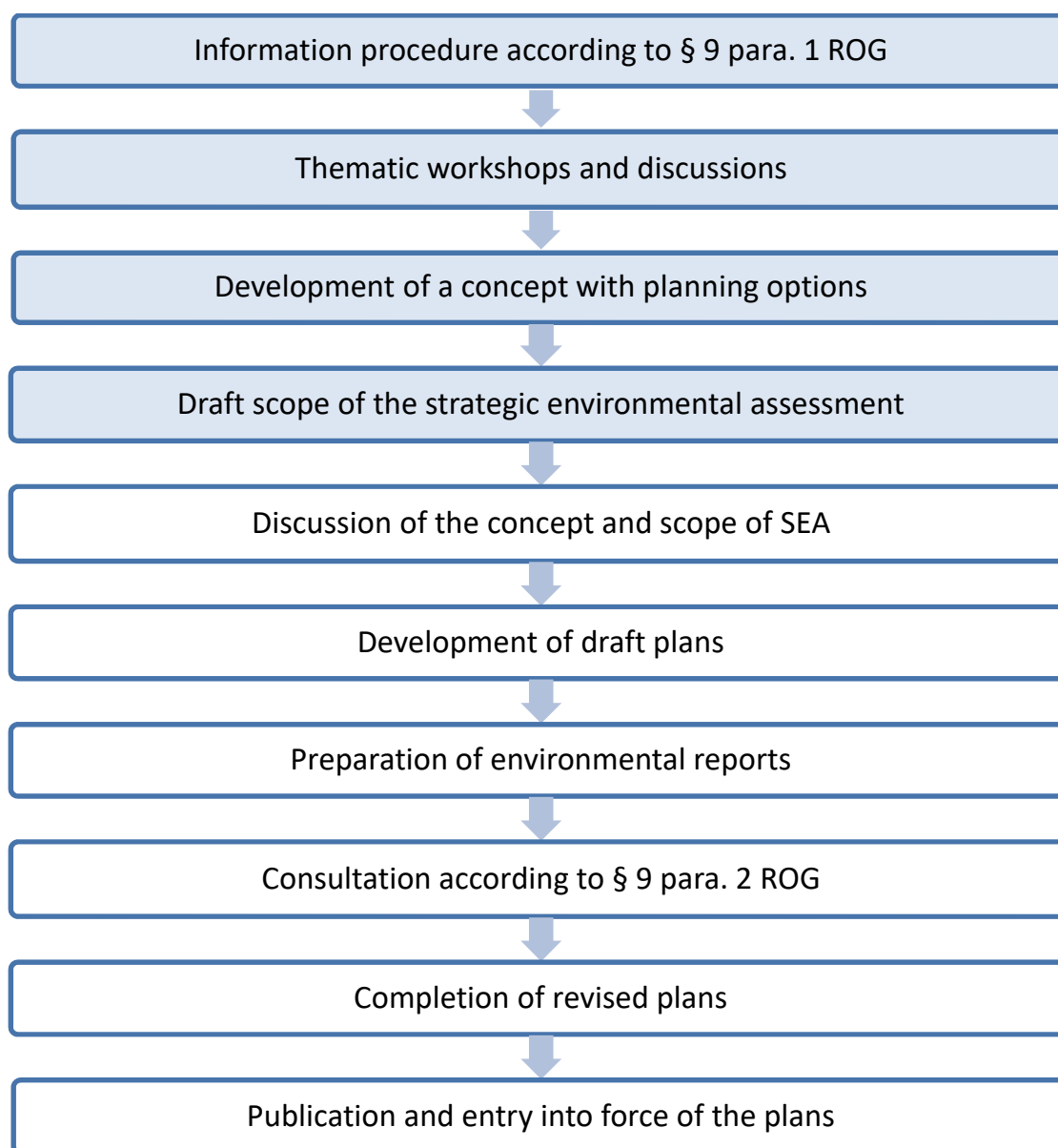
In addition to guiding principles for the spatial development of the EEZ, the current maritime spatial plans (Ordinance on Spatial Planning in the German Exclusive Economic Zone in the North Sea (AWZ Nordsee-ROV) of September 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 and Ordinance on Spatial Planning in the German Exclusive Economic Zone in the Baltic Sea (AWZ Nordsee-ROV) of December 10<sup>st</sup> 2009) provides for spatial and textual provisions for the objectives and principles of spatial planning. As part of the **preparation for the revision of the plan**, the BSH has produced a concept with three planning options.

According to § 8 ROG, a strategic environmental assessment (SEA) of the maritime spatial plan is required. This involves preparing an environmental report that describes and assesses the likely significant impacts of

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implementing the maritime spatial plan on the marine environment. At the beginning of the SEA process, the content, scope and level of detail of the environmental report are defined within the scope of the assessment (see § 8 para. 1 sentence 2 ROG). The draft of the scoping document will be presented at a scoping meeting. The authorities whose environmental and health responsibilities are affected by the plan or programme will be invited to give their opinion in defining the scope of the assessment.

Overview of the planning process for the revision of Maritime Spatial Plans for the German EEZ:



The above-mentioned documents (concept with three planning options, scoping document) are available in German and English on the BSH website [www.bsh.de](http://www.bsh.de).

Please inform us under the above mentioned address or under [EingangOdM@bsh.de](mailto:EingangOdM@bsh.de) by **07.04.2020**, if you wish to take part in the consultation procedures.

If you wish to be consulted, you are kindly asked to inform us whether a translation into English of the relevant information of the draft maritime spatial plan and the environmental report is sufficient or if you require a translation into your official language.

For your information:

As part of the early, informal participation process, authorities, organisations and the general public have the opportunity to comment on the documents until 03.04.2020. Statements should be sent to:

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or by e-mail to [EingangOdM@bsh.de](mailto:EingangOdM@bsh.de)

Submitted comments will be published on the BSH website. If your full comment cannot be published, please include a redacted version of your comment for publication.

Within the national process, a public hearing to discuss the concept and scope of the environmental assessment will be held on

Wednesday, **18 March 2020** (1:00 pm) and Thursday **19 March 2020** (9:30 am) at

**Katholische Akademie  
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The hearing will be held in German.

In addition, the BSH will host an online meeting on **23 April 2020** (app. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.) to discuss the concept and the scope of the environmental assessment in English. If you are interested in participating, please let us know by e-mail to [EingangOdM@bsh.de](mailto:EingangOdM@bsh.de) until 3 April 2020. You will then receive further information.

Yours faithfully  
For the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency

