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FOCUS GROUP CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

Virtual meeting via Teams

Tuesday 20 October 2020

09:30 – 11:00 CET

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair Jacopo Pasquero opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Apologies were received by Despina, Stavroula, Jasmine and Lucile.

The Secretariat proposed to add point on new EU consultation on Maritime sector – a green post-COVID future. The agenda was adopted including this suggestion.

Action points from last meeting (09 October 2020):

1	Members who couldn't examine the carbon border adjustment mechanism consultation prior to today's meeting should let the Secretariat know by Monday 12 October if they wish to work on a reply to this consultation.
	No email was received. Action point closed.
2	Lucile to have a look at the consultation questionnaire and identify the relevant questions which she should communicate to the rest of the group prior to the next FG meeting.
	See point 3 below.
3	Secretariat to send out a doodle next week for setting up a meeting to reply to Ocean Energy consultation in the week 19-23 October.
	Closed
4	Members to come back to Secretariat with suggestions on experts to be considered for this workshop by Friday 16 October. In the meantime, the Secretariat can already get in touch with COM, ICES and Ernesto Pena (IUCN Fisheries expert group).
	See point 2 below.
5	Secretariat to send a "save the date" notification as soon as confirmation of availability is received by a sufficient number of experts.
	Closed, notification sent on Monday 18 October.
6	Secretariat to finalise the workshop Terms of Reference with input from this meeting. The ToR should be send out for ExCom approval by Monday 19 October.
	Closed, ToR was sent to ExCom and no comments were received.



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2. Update on workshop organisation

The Secretariat provided an update on the contacts made with experts to present at the workshop. While a number of experts already confirmed their availability, a few presentation slots still need to be filled.

For the third session of presentations, Jerome proposed a project analysing the French fleet CO2 emissions, as an alternative to the Dutch vessel Metanoia.

ACTION: Jerome to come back to the group with a summary on this study. The Secretariat will ask the NSAC as well for more information.

After the French study is reviewed, members will decide who to contact first between this project, the Austral Fisheries to see if they wish to participate, and the Metanoia/Dutch representative.

Members agreed to include Rebecca Hubbard's presentation on how fisheries can mitigate climate change.

Jerome also proposed another project, in relation to the second presentation session, with a case study on the Channel and North Sea: <http://sombec.org/>

ACTION: Jerome to contact Sombee project to invite for participation, Mo to forward introductory email to Jerome.

ACTION: Mo to contact Michel Kaiser again and cc Jacopo and Despina.

Members agreed that the Chair Jacopo Pasquero should moderate the workshop.

3. Ocean energy public consultation

Members agreed to reply on the part asking for views on the Ocean Energy Strategy Roadmap and Commission Communication, since in this case there is the possibility to submit a position paper.

Members will review these documents to be able to provide more detailed responses and will reconvey again next week.

ACTION: Secretariat to set another meeting next week on Ocean Energy.

4. Roadmap Initiative Maritime sector – a green post-COVID future

This initiative will identify ways to make the EU's 'blue economy' more sustainable, in line with the European Green Deal. The goal is to aid economic recovery and tackle climate change, by promoting sustainable products and services – e.g. marine renewable energy – that preserve the marine environment and maintain ocean health.



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Feedback is currently open on the Roadmap for this initiative. The Secretariat proposed to share this consultation with the AC membership and look for expressions of interest for a short term ADG to develop a response/ position paper. If no interest is shown, then this could be taken by the FG Climate & Environment.

ACTION: Secretariat to contact other ACs to see if they are responding and if a joint advice would be suitable.

5. Planning and next meetings

Next meeting to be held next week on Ocean Energy consultation.

6. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

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2	Jerome to contact Sombee project to invite for participation, Mo to forward introductory email to Jerome.
3	Mo to contact Michel Kaiser again and cc Jacopo and Despina.
4	Secretariat to set another meeting next week on Ocean Energy.
5	Secretariat to contact other ACs to see if they are responding and if a joint advice would be suitable.