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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

RESOURCES

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NOTICE OF MEETING

I am pleased to invite you to attend the next **Meeting with RAC secretariats**, which will be held on:

**21 February 2012
from 9.00 to 15.30**

in the Albert Borschette Conference Centre,

Rue Froissart, 36, 1049 Brussels

(the meeting room will be indicated at the entrance to the building)

The agenda of the meeting is hereby enclosed (Annex 1).

Interpretation has been requested from FR – EN – ES – IT- PT to FR – EN – ES – IT- PT.

Please note that travel and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed to **3 participants per RAC and 2 speakers invited by the Commission** under the conditions indicated in the Annex 2.

Mark Johnston
Acting Director
(signed)

ANNEX I – AGENDA

- 8.45** **Coffee and welcome**
- 9.00** **Presentation of the main conclusions of Mrs Pascale Baelde's evaluation on the work of the SWW RAC, followed by an exchange of views on the functioning of the RACs and possible areas for improvement**
- 10.15** **Presentation and discussion on "regionalisation" with Ms Rikke Nielsen, MARE A2**
- 11.30** **Presentation and discussion on EMFF, with Ms Flaminia Tacconi, MARE A3**
- 12.15- 13.00** **Presentation on the new EU Multi-Annual Programme 2014-2020 for data collection by Ms Amélie Knapp, MARE C3**
- Lunch break --**
- 14.30** **(TBC)- Presentation of MarineTT project, Mr Gill Marmelstein, AquaTT**
- 15.20** **AOB**
- 15.30** **End of the meeting**

PARTICIPANTS

- * **North Sea RAC:** Mr Niels Wichmann, Mr Martin Brebner, Ms Christine Absil
- * **Pelagic RAC:** Mr Christian Olesen, Ms Aukje Coers
- * **North Western Waters RAC:** Mr Bertie Armstrong, Mr Iwan Ball, Mr Alexandre Rodríguez
- * **Baltic Sea RAC:** Mr Reine J. Johansson, Mr Niki Sporrang, Ms Sally Clink
- * **South Western Waters RAC:** Mr Benoît Guerin, Mr Yohan Weiller, Mr Yves Foëzon
- * **Mediterranean RAC:** Mr Mourad Kahoul, Ms Rosa Caggiano, Ms Erika Monnati
- * **Long Distance Fleet RAC:** Mr Antonio Cabral, Mr Raúl García, Mr Carlos Aldereguía

Speakers invited by the Commission:

- * Ms Pascale Baelde (independent consultant)
- * Mr Gill Marmelstein (AquaTT)

Observers:

- * Mr Hugo González, Mr Conor Nolan, Ms Joanna McGrath (North Western Waters RAC)
- * Mr Federico Cardona Pons (AquaTT), Mr Telmo Carvahlo (EurOcean),
- * European Parliament: (TBC)
- * European fisheries Control Agency: Mr Pascal Savouret, Mrs Clara Fernández

ANNEXE II – Reimbursement rules

Travel cost :

All experts shall be entitled to the reimbursement of their travel expenses from the place specified in their invitation (work or home address) to the place of the meeting, by the most appropriate means of transport given the distance involved. In general, for journeys of less than 400 km (one way, according to official distance by rail) this shall be first-class rail travel, and for distances of more than 400 km economy class air travel.

If the journey by air involves a flight of 4 hours or more without stopovers the cost of a business class ticket shall be reimbursed.

- (1) The authorising officers for commitments shall specifically try to ensure that meetings are organised in such a way as to enable experts to benefit from the most economical travel rates.

The authorising officers for payments shall scrutinise particularly closely any requests for reimbursement involving abnormally expensive flights. They shall have the right to carry out any checks that might be needed and to request any proof from the expert required for this purpose. They shall also have the right, where it appears to be justified, to restrict reimbursement to the rates normally applied to the usual journey from the expert's place of work or residence to the meeting place.

- (2) Travel expenses shall be reimbursed on presentation of original supporting documents: tickets and invoices or, in the case of online bookings, the printout of the electronic reservation and boarding cards for the outward journey. The documents supplied must show the class of travel used, the time of travel and the amount paid.
- (3) The cost of travel by private car shall be reimbursed at the same rate as the first-class rail ticket.
- (4) If the route is not served by a train the cost of travel by private car shall be reimbursed at the rate of EUR 0.22 per km.
- (5) Taxi fares shall not be reimbursed.

The Commission shall not be liable for any material, non-material or physical damage suffered by invited experts or those responsible for accompanying a disabled expert in the course of their journey to or stay in the place where the meeting is held, unless such harm is directly attributable to the Commission.

In particular, invited experts who use their own means of transport for travelling to such meetings shall be entirely liable for any accidents that they might cause.

Subsistence allowance :

The daily allowance paid for each day of the meeting is a flat rate to cover all expenditure at the place where the meeting is held, including for example meals and local transport (bus, tram, metro, taxi, parking, motorway tolls, etc.), as well as travel and accident insurance.

The daily allowance shall be EUR 92.00.

If the place of departure cited in the invitation is 100 km or less from the place where the meeting is held, the daily allowance shall be reduced by 50%.

Experts who have to spend one or more nights at the place where the meeting is held because the times of meetings are incompatible with the times of flights or trains¹, shall also be entitled to an accommodation allowance. This allowance shall be EUR 100.00 per night. The number of nights may not exceed the number of meeting days + 1.

An additional accommodation allowance and/or daily allowance may, exceptionally, be paid if prolonging the stay would enable the expert to obtain a reduction in the cost of transport worth more than the amount of these allowances.

The daily allowance and/or accommodation allowance may be increased by 50% by reasoned decision of the responsible authorising officer by delegation for very high-level experts, with a minimum of EUR 300 when the increase applies to both the daily allowance and the accommodation allowance.

¹ As a general rule, experts cannot be required:

- to leave their place of work or residence or the place where the meeting is held before 07.00 (station or other means of transport) or 08.00 (airport);
- to arrive at the place where the meeting is held after 21.00 (airport) or 22.00 (station or other means of transport);
- to arrive at their place of work or residence after 23.00 (airport, station or other means of transport).

ANNEX III - SPECIFIC PRIVACY STATEMENT

Description: Personal data related to this invitation will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) n° 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

Purpose: The purpose of the processing of personal data for the meeting is: Management of the meeting, including management of: lists for contacts, invitations, participants, reports, distribution of reports, feedback on reports, meeting follow-up, follow-up meetings, follow-up actions, information sharing.

Personal data collected and further processed are:

- data necessary for the organisation and management of the meeting, such as Gender (needed for the right title)/name/surname/profession/ postal & e-mail addresses/ phone number/fax number...
- identity/passport n°/date of birth (for access control purpose by security guards to the Commission's premises)
- information about the form of transport used & hotel, and banking information (for purpose of reimbursement of travel expenses/allowances)
- if you are invited as a member/observer of a Commission Experts Group, some of your personal data will be made publicly available in the Commission's Register of Expert Groups for as long as the membership upholds and/or until removal from the public site is requested, in view of the transparency policy of the European Institutions² and the need to inform the public of the identity and qualifications of the experts advising the Institution.

Controller: Head of Unit "Human resources, IT and document management", DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Recipients: The access to all personal data as well as all information collected in the context of this meeting, and the organisation thereof, is only granted through UserId/Password to a defined population of users, without prejudice to a possible transmission to the bodies in charge of a monitoring or inspection task in accordance with Community legislation. These users typically are: The chairman and the secretary of the meeting, both supported by a team in the operational services inside DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

Data retention: Your personal data will be part of a list of contact details shared internally amongst the Commission services for the purpose of contacting data subjects in the future in the context of the Commission's activities. If you do not agree with this, please contact the Controller by using the Contact Information mentioned in the invitation letter and by explicitly specifying your request.

Contact: Please use the contact information mentioned in the invitation letter.

² See also 'COM(2007)127 final' and http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/eti/index_en.htm

Recourse: Complaints, in case of conflict, can be addressed to the European Data Protection Supervisor³

³ See the link : <http://www.edps.europa.eu/EDPSWEB/>