



# MINUTES

## Focus Group CFP package

### Virtual meeting

**Friday 13 October 2023, 11:00 – 12:00 CET**

#### **1. Welcome and introductions**

The Chair Alexandra Philippe and Vicechair Manu Kelberine welcomed participants to the meeting. Apologies were received from Irene Prieto and Olivier Lepretre in advance of the meeting. The agenda was adopted as drafted.

The only action point from the last meeting in June related to the preparation of advice on the Action Plan, which was delivered to the Commission on 31 August.

The Chair felt that the advice on the Action Plan was really balanced and with real propositions. She thanked all members for their contributions. She mentioned the meeting of the Special Group on the Action Plan on 6 October where she presented the general remarks in the advice. Stakeholders were invited to participate and intervene, but no priority was given to ACs, which was disappointing.

Matilde Vallerani added that following that meeting and the Inter-AC meeting, ACs are working on a joint letter to the Commission addressing the need to give ACs more visibility in these occasions.

#### **2. Organisation of work on advice on CFP Communication and first inputs from members**

The Chair suggested to adopt the same approach taken in the preparation of advice on the Marine Action Plan.

She propose to have an exchange of views on general messages to put forward in the advice. She asked whether the Communication is enough in terms of all the challenges that the fisheries sector and the marine resources are encountering. Philippe felt that members should reflect on whether a reform of the CFP is needed or if only some measures should be reconsidered. In her opinion, socio-economic considerations and climate change are important topics missing in the CFP.

Then, she also felt it appropriate to comment on specific measures mentioned in the Communication, including work requested to ACs which in many cases needs further clarification.

Manu Kelberine took the floor and pointed out that previous NWWAC advice on the CFP reporting exercise from 24 October 2022 is still very valid material to build this advice on.

Emiel Brouckaert agreed with him that there is already sufficient basis to start drafting. He recalled that the AC didn't ask for a reform, but a question was put forward on what the next steps of the Communications are going to be.

Vallerani confirmed that in previous advice, the AC was not advocating for an entire reform of the CFP, but highlighted aspects that needed to be reconsidered in terms of implementation or to be strengthened.

Kelberine pointed out that, as mentioned during the last Inter-AC meeting, it is important that the Commission considers the CFP gaps and reviews key principles, such as the landing obligation. The Commission also has significant work to do in this regard and it should be reflected in our advice.

John Lynch thought that it is also important to consider the different topics in the communication and address them one by one. He felt the AC needs to consider the Commission's commitments to undertake certain investigations/studies on the different topics and results would certainly be of interest, such as the work to be carried out on the landing obligation. Lynch also added that it is essential to highlight the cumulative effects of all the actions envisaged in the Communication that will impact the sector and its profitability.

Kenatea Chavez-Hey pointed out that the advice should also mention the Communication on Energy Transition, which is going to greatly impact the sector.

Philippe agreed to mention it, but that Communication will be addressed in detail by the FG Climate and Environment.

Kelberine added that the issue of capacity, which is an important topic in relation to the energy transition, is well described in the previous AC advice from October 2022.

### 3. Action points & closing of the meeting

**ACTION:** The Secretariat will share with members an overview file including all relevant topics and measures included in the CFP Communication. Members will have until October 24 to fill the file with their input. The Secretariat will then share a draft advice for discussion via email.

### 4. Participants

Name	Organisation
Emiel Brouckaert	Rederscentrale
Manu Kelberine	CRPMEM de Bretagne
Jerome Jourdain	UAPF
John Lynch	ISEFPO
Aodh O'Donnell	IFPO
Alexandra Philippe	EBCD
Matilde Vallerani	NWWAC Secretariat
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