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Virtual meeting via Teams

Monday 23 May 2022

14:00 – 15:30 CET

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair Jacopo Pasquero welcomed all the participants to the meeting. Apologies were received from Jerome Jourdain and Norah Parke. The agenda was adopted as drafted.

2. Public consultation “Sustainable food system – setting up an EU framework”

Pasquero introduced the consultation, explaining that it contained a questionnaire and also gave the possibility to submit a position paper. He pointed out that the group should focus on preparing a short position paper to express the AC’s point of view, which is more difficult to do with the questionnaire.

Members agreed to run through the questionnaire, using it as a basis for raising items for the position paper. The Secretariat shared the questionnaire on screen and members discussed several aspects of food sustainability, such as:

After this exercise, members agreed that no further meetings were needed to prepare the position paper but work could be done via email. The Secretariat offered to send a first draft to the Chair by 1 June.

ACTION: Secretariat to prepare draft position paper to be reviewed by the Chair and then distributed by the Group.

3. Update on decarbonisation discussions at Inter-AC meeting with DG MARE on 29 April

The Secretariat quickly summarised the discussion, which was a first exchange with stakeholders on the topic for the Commission to get initial views and experiences and learn about any known practices which could be further built on.

There were two presentations from DG MOVE on the current relevant Fit for 55 policy framework and CINEA on relevant research activities for such decarbonisation (both presentations available on the NWWAC website).



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Inputs from participants reflected the concerns expressed by the NWWAC in its advice on climate change & fisheries in relation to technological, logistic and regulatory constraints affecting the decarbonisation of the sector.

The Secretariat then mentioned that the other ACs are willing to collaborate on a joint submission on the topic, but discussions on this will only start in September before the next Inter-ACs meeting to give ACs the opportunity to gather inputs internally from members.

The Chair asked whether the Commission presented a clear way forward to address the topic and actually progressing in the transition, and which DG was taking the lead. Also, he thought it could be useful to know what is expected from ACs on this issue.

ACTION: The Secretariat will send an email to DG MARE enquiring about the next steps planned by the Commission on the decarbonisation topic.

4. Participants

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Jasmine Vlietinck	Rederscentrale
Jacopo Pasquero	EBCD
Salomé Khatib	CNPMEM
Matilde Vallerani	Secretariat
Mo Mathies	Secretariat