

Work Programme Update Year 17

Executive Committee
16 March 2022



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Main areas of Work in Year 17

- **Landing Obligation**

- Focus Group established in Year 15
- Engagement with the NWW Member States Technical Group

- **Brexit**

- Inter-AC Focus Group set up between PelAC, NWWAC, NSAC, LDAC, MAC

- **Social Aspects**

- Draft Terms of Reference are being finalised and will be submitted to the Executive Committee as soon as possible

- **Climate & Environment**

- Focus Group established in Year 15

Main areas of Work in Year 17 (Contd)

- **Management of stocks**
 - Skates & Rays
 - Seabass, Scallops, Whelk

- **Collaboration with External Groups**
 - NWW Member States High Level Group
 - NWW Member States Technical Group
 - ICES (MIACO and MIAC)

NWWAC Meetings

Year 17 – March 2022

39 Meetings of the NWWAC

Members are informed of all meetings via the monthly update available online in the Members Area on www.nwwac.org.

Details of meetings can also be found in both the Members Area and under the Meetings tab.

Year 17 – NWWAC Meetings – September 2022

- **1 Executive Committee**

- Virtual March 2022

- **3 Sub-regional Working Groups**

- Virtual March 2022

- **1 Horizontal Working Groups**

- Virtual March 2022

Year 17 – NWWAC Meetings – March 2022

- **6 Meetings between the ExCom Chair, Vice-Chairs and the Secretariat**
 - Virtual (Oct, Nov, Dec 2021, Jan, Feb, Mar 2022)

- **Focus Groups / Advice Drafting Groups**
 - 1 Seabass virtual (Oct 2021)
 - 1 Landing Obligation virtual (Feb 2022)
 - 2 Skates and Rays virtual (Dec 2021, Feb 2022)
 - 6 MSFD virtual (Oct, Nov, Dec 2021, 2x Jan, Feb 2022)
 - 4 Social Aspects virtual (Nov 2021, Jan, Feb, Mar 2022)
 - 2 Climate & Environment virtual (2x Nov 2021)
 - 2 Whelk virtual (Oct, Dec 2022)
 - 1 ADG CFP review (Feb 2021)
 - 1 Brexit Inter-AC meeting with PelAC, NSAC, LDAC, MAC (February 2022)
 - 1 meeting with PelAC re. gentlemen's agreement (February 2022)
 - 1 ADG Eel (Mar 2022)

Year 17 – NWWAC Meetings (Contd)

■ 3 Inter-AC / COM-Secretariat

- ❑ Commission Inter-AC meeting virtual (November 2021)
- ❑ Commission Inter-AC meeting virtual (January 2021)
- ❑ Commission -Secretariats meeting virtual (February 2021)

■ 3 Workshops/webinars (co-) hosted by the NWWAC

- ❑ Blockchain in the Seafood Supply Chain (with MAC and NSAC), virtual (December 2021)
- ❑ NWWAC online fisheries management chart development (January 2022)
- ❑ SEAwise workshop (January 2022)

Year 17 – March 2022

External Meetings with NWWAC
participation

Year 17 - External Meetings – March 2022

- **North Western Waters Member States Group**

Meetings of the High Level Group and Technical Group
(2x October, 2x November 2021, February 2022)

- **EFCA**

Advisory Board meeting (October 2021)

- **CINEA**

2 workshops on on ecosystem-based approaches to fisheries management (EAFM) under the CFP (October 2021)

- **MRAG/ILVO**

Focus Group meeting on the SANoBA SC06/SC07 Regionalisation of the CFP project (November 2021)

Year 17 - External Meetings

General meetings

- EU Week of Cities and Regions (virtual, October 2021)
- EP Intergroup event on “Advancing progress towards the European Green Deal: OECMs’ implementation in the fisheries sector” (virtual, October 2021)

Year 17 - Upcoming meetings

- 22 March MS Technical Group
- 11 April NWWAC/NSAC FG Social Aspects
- 19 April MS Technical Group
- 26 April MS High Level Group
- 29 April Inter-AC with DG MARE
- 05 MAY “Inter-AC Brexit Forum”
- 10 May NWWAC/PelAC Workshop on the impacts of seismic and offshore wind energy developments
- 12 May DG MARE/Secretariats finance meeting
- 24 May MS Technical Group
- 22/23 June MIAC/MIACO
- 28 June Inter-AC with DG MARE
- 04 – 06 July NWWAC meetings Ghent

Year 17 - March 2022

Letters, Opinions and Advice

8 submissions

All NWWAC advice and correspondence is available in the publications section of the NWWAC website: www.nwwac.org

Letters, Opinions and Advice

Landing Obligation:

- NWWAC 2021 Advice on Addressing Choke Risk in NWW after exemptions (December 2021)

Advice on management strategies:

- NWWAC Recommendation on seine fishing activity in Eastern Channel (October 2021)
- NWWAC/NSAC recommendations on management measures for sea bass 2021 (November 2021)
- NWWAC/NSAC joint Advice on management of the whelk fishery in the Channel (ICES 7d and 7e) (December 2021)

Other:

- MAC-NSAC-NWWAC Joint Advice on Production and Marketing of Brown Crab in the EU (October 2021)
- NWWAC submission in reply to the public consultation on the review of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (October 2021)
- Joint LDAC/PELAC/NWWAC advice Deepsea Mining in International Waters (November 2021)
- NWWAC response to the targeted consultation on the Action Plan to conserve fisheries resources and protect marine ecosystems (December 2021)

Financial Report Year 17

01 October 2021 – 10 March 2022

Year 17 - Current Position

Income

| | Original Budget 01 October 2021 | Actual Income at 16 March 2022 | Outstanding |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Member States | € 22,000 | € 17,600 | € 4,400 |
| Commission | € 330,000 | € 264,000 | Balance EU-grant* € 66,000 |
| Member's Fees + interest on fees + misc. income | €33,200 | € 33,200 | |
| Total | € 385,200 | € 314,800 | € 70,400 |

* Commission income is dependant on the total, audited, eligible expenditure.

Year 17 - Current Position

Expenditure

| | Eligible Predicted Budget 01 October 2021 | Actual Expenditure up to 16 Mar 2022 | Estimated actual expenditure 30 September 2022 |
|---|--|---|---|
| Staff | €203,096.75 | €68,146.48 | €170,000.00 |
| Reimbursements | €62,786.00 | €0.00 | €54,000.00 |
| Interpretation & Translation | €56,970.00 | €21,195.82 | €57,200.00 |
| Meetings and Information | €3,397.25 | €350.55 | €4,000.00 |
| Operating costs | €22,950.00 | €3,545.24 | €25,000.00 |
| Chairman Fees | €15,000.00 | €2,500.00 | €15,000.00 |
| Other contracts | €21,000.00 | €10,815.97 | €60,000.00 |
| Total | €385,200.00 | €106,554.06 | €385,200.00 |

Year 17 – Financial Timeline:

- **30 September 2022**

End of Financial Year 17.

- **November 2022**

Company Audit on Year 17 Income and Expenditure.

- **End-November 2022**

Company Audit certificate, along with the final financial and substantive report, to be submitted to the Commission.

- **December 2022**

AGM to approve

- Director's report on the financial statement
- Continuation of the auditor's work

Any questions?



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Commission proposed lump sum approach

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- New 4-year approach proposed in 2021 for implementation in January 2022, start delayed until later in 2022
- Lump sum per AC based on current ceilings in place (NWWAC €330,000)
- Move from ex-post evaluation to ex-ante evaluation eliminating the annual assessment of actual expenditure and moving to balance payment based on deliverables achieved in the technical work programme (i.e., number of meetings, number of submissions)
- Continued payment of 80% of grant at start of financial year, balance payment following annual report
- Secretariats were required to submit draft budget proposals in January: NWWAC submitted four separate proposals covering financial years 18, 19, 20, 21
- NWWAC members were informed by email on 11 January

Estimated Income

| | Year 18 | Year 19 | Year 20 | Year 21 |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Member States | €22,000 | €22,000 | €22,000 | €22,000 |
| Commission | €330,000 | €336,600 | €343,322 | €350,199 |
| Membership Fees | €38,750 | €41,300 | €42,800 | €43,500 |
| Total | €390,750 | €399,900 | €408,132 | €415,699 |

Estimated Expenditure

| | Year 18 | Year 19 | Year 20 | Year 21 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Staff | €166,786 | €166,572 | €171,628 | €174,155 |
| Reimbursements | €101,368 | €112,109 | €115,288 | €121,944 |
| Interpretation & Translation | €59,090 | €59,090 | €59,090 | €59,090 |
| Meetings & Information | €8,234 | €7,024 | €7,024 | €7,024 |
| Operating costs | €23,272 | €23,105 | €23,101 | €23,086 |
| Chairman fees | €15,000 | €15,000 | €15,000 | €15,000 |
| Other contracts | €17,000 | €17,000 | €17,000 | €15,400 |
| Total | €390,750 | €399,900 | €408,131 | €415,699 |

- Commission update at February Inter-AC meeting: 4-year approach not possible as work programmes are submitted annually
- COM response to individual ACs expected soon with clarification if proposals are accepted fully or only partially (issue around meeting and travel costs)
- Continued annual submission of proposed budget and proposed work programme, annual reporting on technical work programme only
- Balance payment based on deliverables achieved -> change of work programme layout needed
- **TIMELINE:**
 - July 2022: GA approval of proposed budget and work programme for Year 18
 - July/August 2022: submission of grant application to the Commission
 - September 2022: COM approval of budget and work programme, signing of new Framework Agreement and Specific Agreement
 - October 2022: COM payment of 80% grant (€264,000)

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