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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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27 September 2023

Agenda

14:00 – 14:10	_____	1	Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome from the Chair (Emiel Brouckaert)• Apologies• Adoption of the agenda• Action points from the last meeting
14:10 – 14:30	_____	2	Update DG MARE D3 (Julia Rubeck)
14:30 – 15:00	_____	3	Annual report from the NWWAC Chair (Emiel Brouckaert) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work completed in Year 18• Work Programme and proposed submissions for Year 19
15:00 – 15:20	_____	4	Report on the budget (Secretariat) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of the income and expenditure for Year 18• Income and expenditure Year 19
15:20 – 15:25	_____	5	Report on membership (Secretariat) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of the changes in membership
15:25 – 15:30	_____	6	NWWAC Company update (Secretariat) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Directorship• Approval of financial statement
15:30 – 15:55	_____	7	NWWAC Performance Review 2022 – 2023 (Sara Vandamme)
15:55 – 16:00	_____	8	Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair



Action points from the last meeting

1. The Secretariat will continue to pursue the Commission's participation in NWWAC work and meetings and feedback to AC advice.
2. Secretariat to draft letter to DG MARE asking for support in promoting the role of ACs.
3. Secretariat to check validity of NWWAC logo following modifications proposed by MWC
4. Domain name and logo proposals should be put forward for approval to NWWAC members via written procedure.
5. Secretariat to share meeting proposal agreed by the ExCom with the General Assembly for approval via written procedure.



2 Update DG MARE D3 – Julia Rubeck, Policy Coordinator – CFP and stakeholders



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3. NWWAC annual report



NWWAC Work Programme Year 18

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- Commission report on the CFP
 - Landing Obligation
 - Technical Measures
 - Non-quota species
 - WW Multi-Annual Plan
 - TACs & quotas
 - Impact of the EU-UK TCA
 - Ecosystem based approach to fisheries management
 - Environment
 - Social Aspects
 - Control and Compliance
 - Overall follow-up of achievement of the CFP objectives





NWWAC meetings Year 18

- 63 meetings:
- 1 General Assembly
 - September (virtual)
- 3 Executive Committee
 - March (Santiago de Compostela), July (Ghent), September (virtual)
- 9 sub-regional Working Groups
 - March (Santiago de Compostela), July (Ghent), September (virtual)
- 3 Horizontal Working Group
 - March (Santiago de Compostela), July (Ghent), September (virtual)
- 12 Focus and Advice Drafting Groups
 - 33 virtual meetings
 - 1 in person workshop
 - 1 hybrid workshop
 - 1 virtual workshop
 - 2 virtual trainings

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 18 – NWWAC meetings – September 2023

- 12 Meetings between the ExCom Chair, Vice-Chairs and the Secretariat (virtual, Oct, 2x Nov 2022, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May 2x Jun, Aug 2023)
- 1 Management Team – Secretariat – Performance Review Team (virtual, 19 Oct 2022)
- 4 Landing Obligation (in person Nov 2022, virtual Feb, Mar, Jul 2023)
- 5 Skates and Rays (virtual, Oct, Dec 2022, 2x Mar, Sep 2023)
- 6 Social Aspects (virtual, Oct, Nov 2022, Feb, Mar, Jul, Sep 2023)
- 1 Whelk (virtual, Dec 2022)
- 5 Brown Crab (virtual, Oct, Nov 2022, Jan, Feb, Mar 2023)
- 1 Scallop (virtual, Jan 2023)
- 2 CFP (virtual, May, Jun 2023)
- 2 Control & Compliance (virtual, May, Jul 2023)
- 1 WebGIS (virtual, Oct 2022)
- 1 ACFishMap Training Workshop (virtual, Dec 2022)
- 5 Inter-AC Brexit Forum with PelAC, NSAC, LDAC, MAC (virtual, Oct, Dec 2022, Feb, May, Jun 2023)

External meetings with NWWAC participation – September 2023

Close to 70 in total

- 10 North Western Waters Member States Group (virtual, Oct 2022, 2x Feb, 3x Apr, May, Jun, 2x Sep 2023)
- 2 EFCA Advisory Board (hybrid, Oct 2022, in person Apr 2023)
- 3 EU Commission finance meetings (virtual Oct, Nov 2022, Apr 2023)
- 2 Inter-AC meetings (virtual Nov 2022, in person Mar 2023)
- WKEMBY (virtual, October 2022)
- EFCA Seminar on the Five-Year Independent External Evaluation of the European Fisheries Control Agency (Vigo, Oct 2022)
- WKRRCOD (Edinburgh, Nov 2022)
- SEAwise workshop (virtual, Nov 2022)
- DG ENV MSFD workshop (Brussels, Nov 2022)





- **MSE Optimizing sustainable fishing on rebuilt fish stocks** (virtual, Nov 2022)
- **'Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030": an Atlantic-Arctic lighthouse** (Cork, Nov 2022)
- **ICES ADGVME2** (virtual, Nov 2022)
- **Mesa de la Ciencia Pesquera** (Vigo, Dec 2022)
- **Roundtable discussion with Commissioner Sinkevičius to** (Brussels, Dec 2022)
- **AC Chairs & Secretariats meeting** (Copenhagen, Jan 2023)
- **MIAC / MIACO** (Copenhagen, Jan 2023)
- **Launch of EFCA's chartered patrol vessels** (Vigo, Jan 2023)
- **Seafish meeting on UK Fisheries Management Plans** (virtual, Jan 2023)
- **NMCI Seafarer's Conference 2023** (Limerick, Feb 2023)
- **Northern Fishing Alliance Spatial Squeeze WG** (London, Feb 2023)

External meetings with NWWAC participation – September 2023 (cntd.)

- ICES WGMIXFISH (virtual, Mar 2023)
- ICES ADGVME (virtual, Mar 2023)
- CABFISHMAN final symposium (Bilbao, 22 March 2023)
- OREDP II (Dundalk, 24 March 2023)
- EFARO Webinar: the future of the bottom trawl (virtual, 31 March 2023)
- Pre WGNSSK (virtual, 12 April 2023)
- Mesa Ciencia Pesquera (Vigo, 12 April 2023)
- ICES App training (virtual, 13 April)
- EFARO Webinar: WEBINAR on Offshore Wind Farms and how we monitor their impact in Europe (virtual, 14 April 2023)
- EFCA Advisory Board (virtual, 19 April 2023)
- Commission update on the review of the VME list (virtual, 25 April 2023)

External meetings with NWWAC participation – September 2023 (cntd.)

- DG ENV Marine Strategy Coordination Group (hybrid, 11 May 2023)
- ICES WKSTIMP (hybrid, 16–18 May 2023)
- ICES WKRRCOD (Edinburgh, 23 May 2023)
- European Maritime Day (Brest, 24 – 25 May 2023)
- Commission launch of the partnership on the Energy Transition in the EU fisheries and aquaculture sector, (Brussels, 16 June 2023)
- SEAwise workshop (virtual, 15 June 2023)
- Commission launch of the partnership on the Energy Transition in the EU fisheries and aquaculture sector, (Brussels, 16 June 2023)
- BIM Strategic Leadership Team (Dun Laoghaire, 19 June 2023)
- DHLGH Advisory Group Ecological sensitivity analysis of the western Irish Sea to inform potential future designation of MPAs (virtual 19 June 2023)



External meetings with NWWAC participation – September 2023 (cntd.)

- Commission Fishing Opportunities meeting (virtual, 19 July 2023)
- Mission Atlantic (virtual, 22–23 August 2023)
- Northern Fishing Alliance (Boulogne sur Mer, 22–23 August 2023)
- MMO English Offshore MPA Management Meeting: non-UK Fisheries Stakeholders (virtual, 06 September 2023)
- COM/DEFRA FMP meeting (hybrid, 06 September 2023)
- CIBBRiNA project kick-off meeting (Amsterdam, 06–08 August 2023)
- ICES Annual Science Conference (virtual, 11–14 September 2023)
- DECC DMAP (Youghal, 19 September 2023)
- TG Seabed (virtual, 21 September 2023)
- Blue Forum Workshop (virtual, 25 September 2023)
- Commission VME meeting (virtual, 26 September 2023)
- EBCD Understanding OECMs to achieve the 30 by 30 target (Brussels 29 September 2023)

Recommendations YR18

No	Issue/subject	Link with the CFP	WG/FG at the origin of the recommendation	Planned date of adoption (if available)	State of Play
1	Advice on Addressing Choke Risk in the NWW after exemptions	Article 2, 14, 15	WG1, WG2, WG3	December 2022	Delivered 09/12/2022
2	Advice following the finalisation of the Discard Plan 2021 – 2023	Article 2, 14, 15\	Focus Group Landing Obligation	May 2023	NWWAC advice on the 2023 Joint Recommendation Discard Plan delivered 17/04/2023
3	Advice following the Joint workshop on the Landing Obligation Compliance Evaluation in relation to CFP evaluation	Article 2, 14, 15	Focus Group Landing Obligation	March 2023	NWWAC advice on CFP reporting delivered 24/10/2022
4	Advice on the implementation of the EU Technical Measures Regulation, including directed fisheries definition	Article 2, 10	Horizontal Working Group	June 2023	Advice on hake management in the Celtic Sea in development NWWAC letter to DG MARE on climate change implications in the scientific assessment for cod stocks in the Celtic Seas ecoregion delivered 09/05/2023
5	Advice on Technical Measures as a topic in the execution of the TCA	Article 2	WG1, WG2, WG3, HWG	July 2023	n/a

Planned recommendations YR18 (continued)

No	Issue/subject	Link with the CFP	WG/FG at the origin of the recommendation	Planned date of adoption (if available)	State of Play
6	Advice on management measures for sea bass 2023	Article 2, 14, 15, 16	Focus Group Sea bass	November 2022	Cancelled NWWAC letter to DG MARE on catch reporting for commercial shore netting in relation to seabass management delivered 28/04/2023
7	Advice on the management of Brown Crab	Article 2	Focus Group Brown Crab	June 2023	Delivered 22/09/2023
8	Advice on the management of Scallops	Article 2	Focus Group Scallops	June 2023	In development
9	Advice on the management of Whelks	Article 2	Focus Group Whelks	April 2023	Delivered 02/02/2023
10	Advice on Fishing Opportunities 2024	Article 2, 14, 15, 16	WG1, WG2, WG3, Focus Group Landing Obligation	July 2023	Delivered 09/08/2023 Joint NWWAC-PelAC advice on sprat in the English Channel delivered 26/05/2023
11	Advice on the management of skates & rays	Article 2, 10, 14, 15, 16	Focus Group Skates & Rays	November 2022	Advice on the management of picked dogfish fishery in the NWW in 2023 delivered 09/03/2023 Joint NWWAC/NSAC letter on the prohibited species list delivered 06/04/2023 Joint NWWAC/NSAC advice on skates & rays management delivered 02/05/2023



Planned recommendations YR18 (continued)

No	Issue/subject	Link with the CFP	WG/FG at the origin of the recommendation	Planned date of adoption (if available)	State of Play
12	Advice relating to SCF issues: technical measures, non-quota species etc.	Article 2, 14, 15	Horizontal WG, WG3, Focus Group Whelk, Focus Group Scallop	December 2022	Advice on Whelk management submitted on 02/02/2023 Advice on Scallop management in progress Proposal for advice on red mullet
13	Advice related to climate & environment topics, e.g., EU Biodiversity Strategy, EU Green Deal, Farm to Fork Strategy	Article 2	Focus Group Climate & Environment	January 2023	NWWAC/PelAC advice on impact of underwater noise and offshore wind energy delivered 11/10/2022 Feedback on energy transition delivered 01/12/2022 Response to the consultation on the Energy Transition Partnership for EU fisheries and aquaculture delivered 15/09/2023
14	Advice on social aspects related to fisheries in the NWW	Article 2	Focus Group Social Aspects	February 2023	Delivered 20/12/2022 NSAC/NWWAC Advice on the Evaluation of Directive 97/70/EC on harmonised safety regime for fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and over delivered 11/05/2023



Additional recommendations (September 2023)

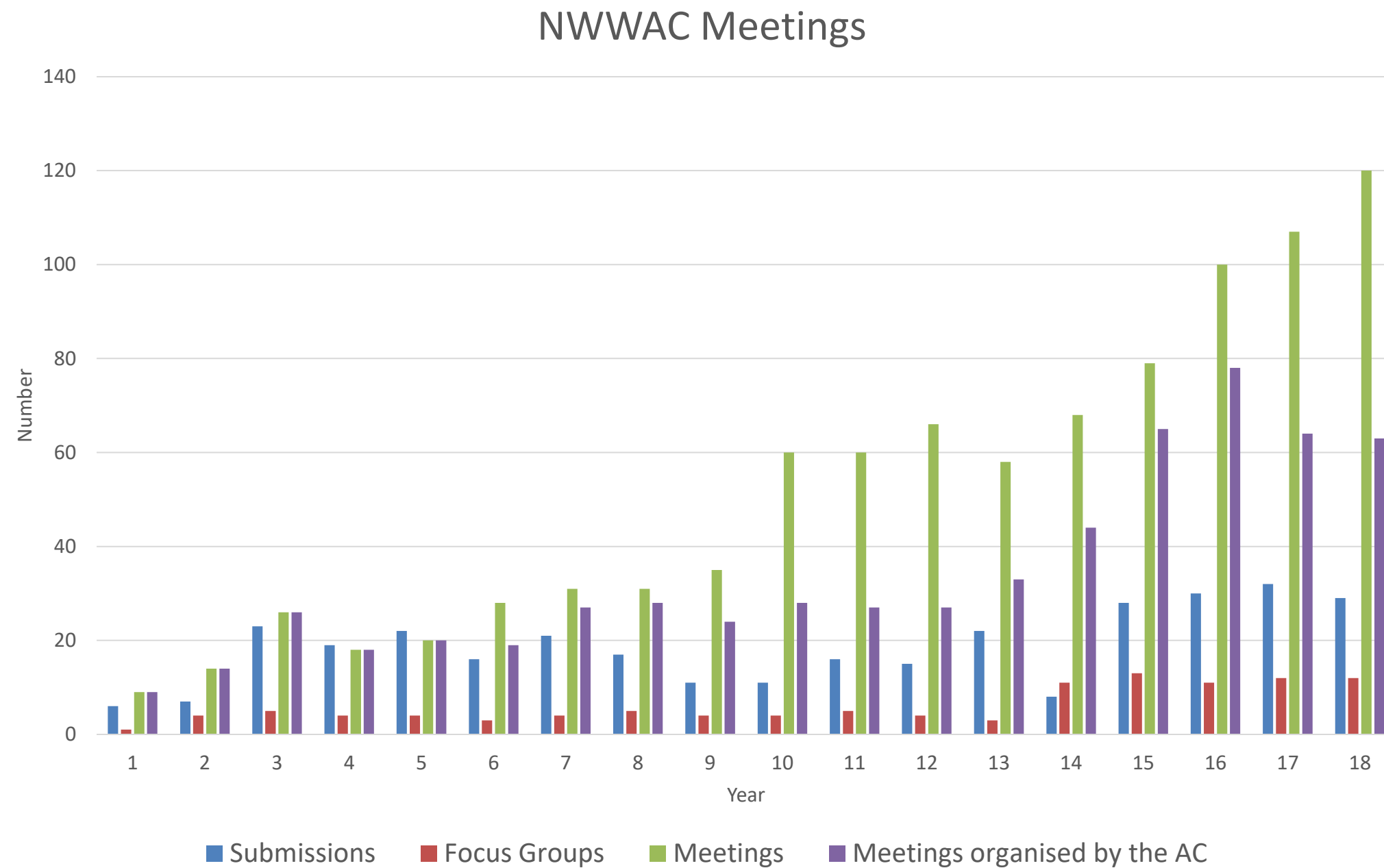
- Joint NWWAC/SWWAC letter on stakeholder engagement over the implementation of the Deep-sea Access Regulation (10 November 2022)
- NWWAC letter on the display of fisheries management related data (09 December 2022)
- Joint ACs letter to the Commission on promotion of Advisory Councils (03 February 2023)
- AC response on the targeted consultation on the Western Waters Multiannual Plan (09 March 2023)
- NWWAC letter on the joint special group on implementing the Marine Action Plan (06 June 2023)
- NWWAC letter to DG MARE on difficulties with the landing obligation (13 June 2023)
- NWWAC letter to EFCA on the report on evaluation of compliance with the landing obligation in the NWW (19 June 2023)
- NWWAC letter on EFCA-NWWAC cooperation (31 July 2023)
- NWWAC Advice on the Communication from the Commission “Sustainable fishing in the EU: State of play and orientations for 2024” COM(2023) 303 (09 August 2023)

Year 18 Workshop reports (September 2023)

- Report on the NWWAC/PelAC Briefing
- Report on the NWWAC/NSAC Workshop on the Management of Skates & Rays
- Report on the NWWAC/NSAC/MAC Workshop on Brown Crab
- Report on the NWWAC Hake Workshop



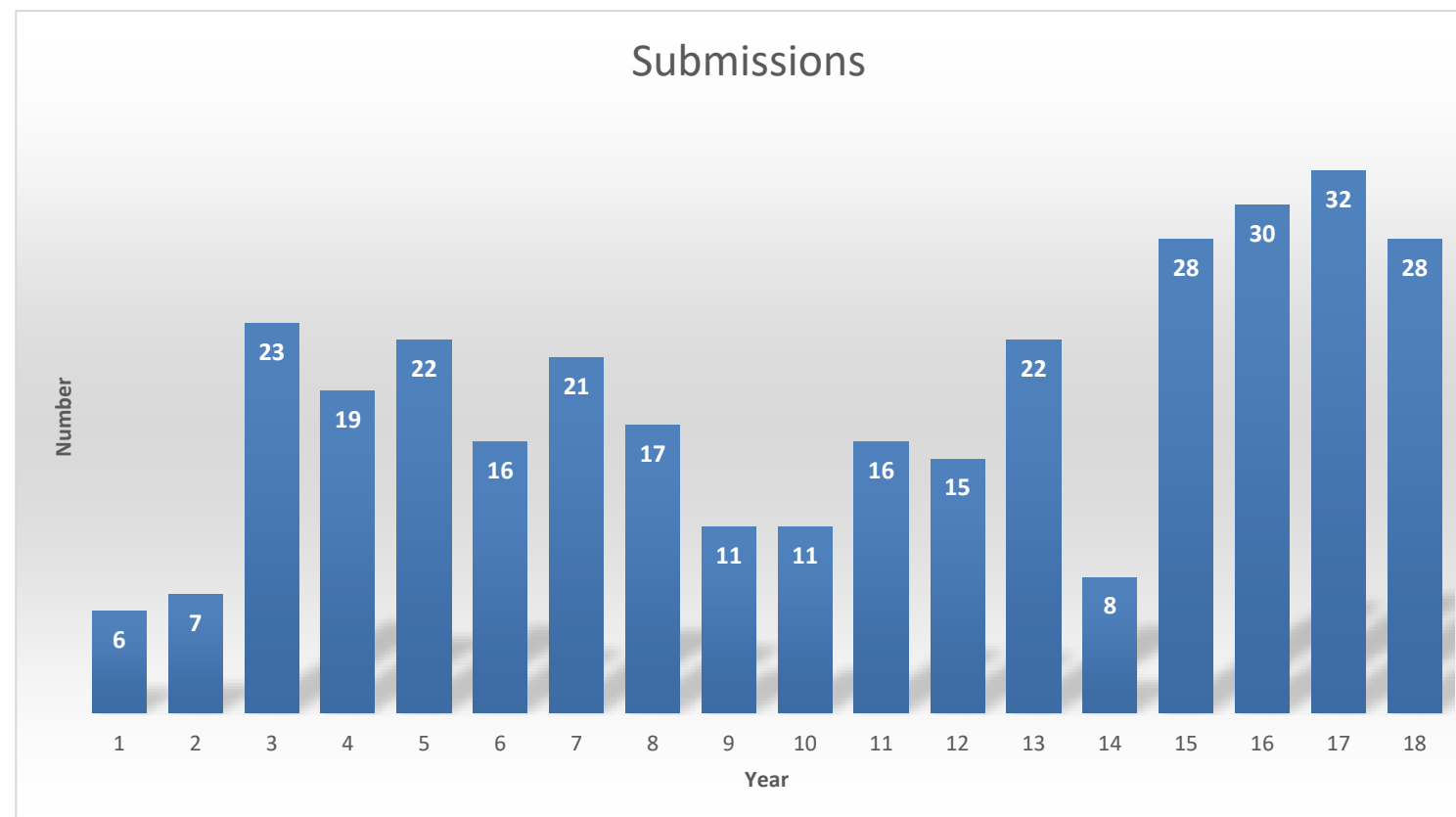
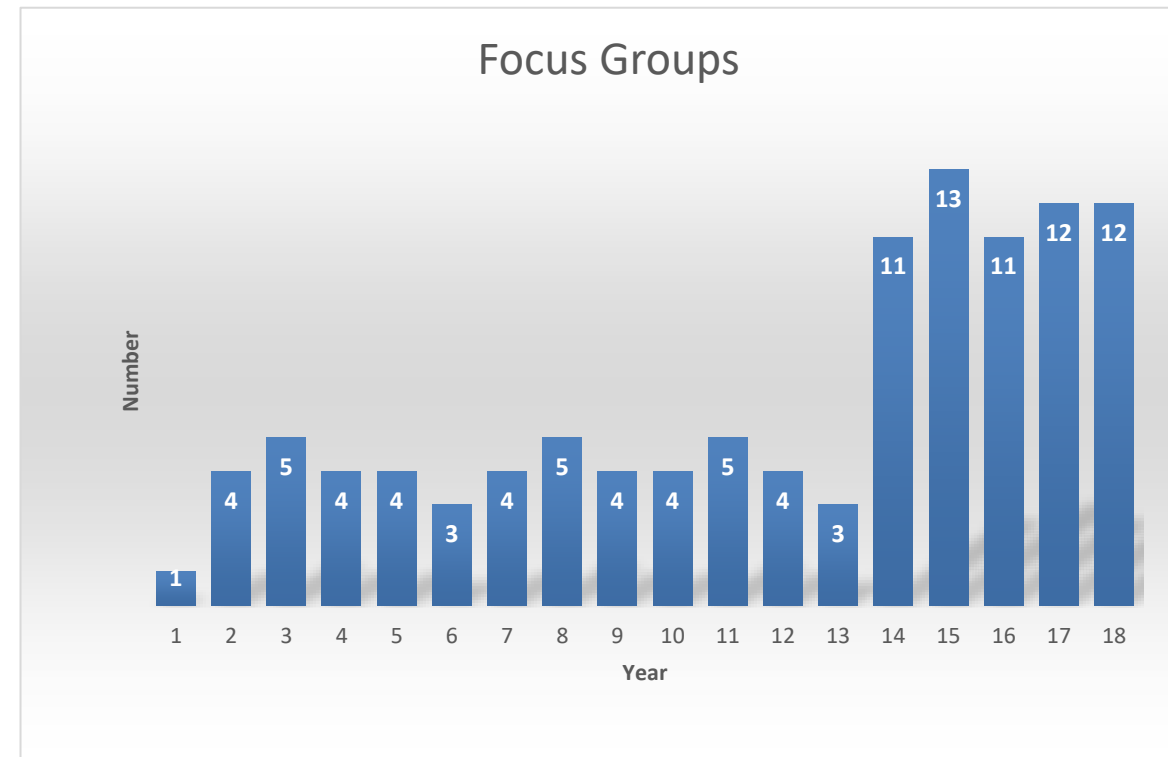
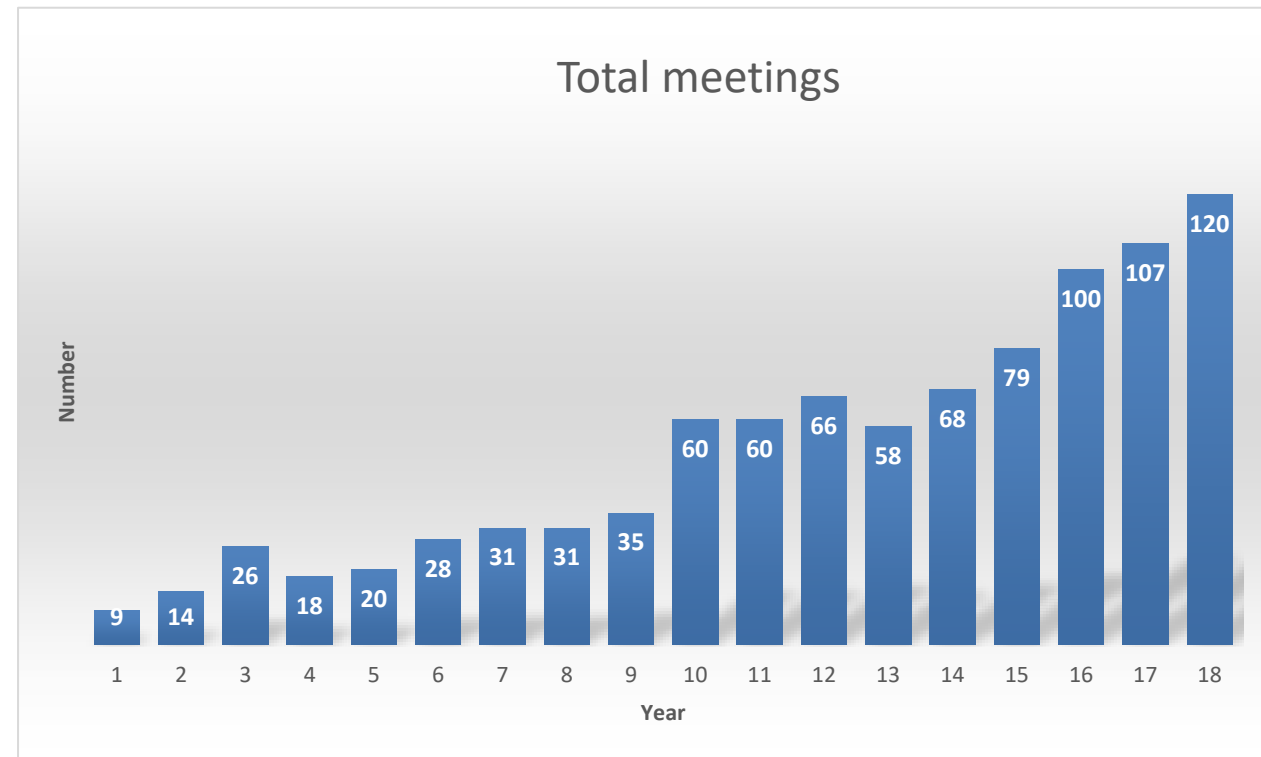
Year 18 WP Meetings (September 2023)



As part of the Work Package the NWWAC advised that 28 meetings would be organised in Year 18.

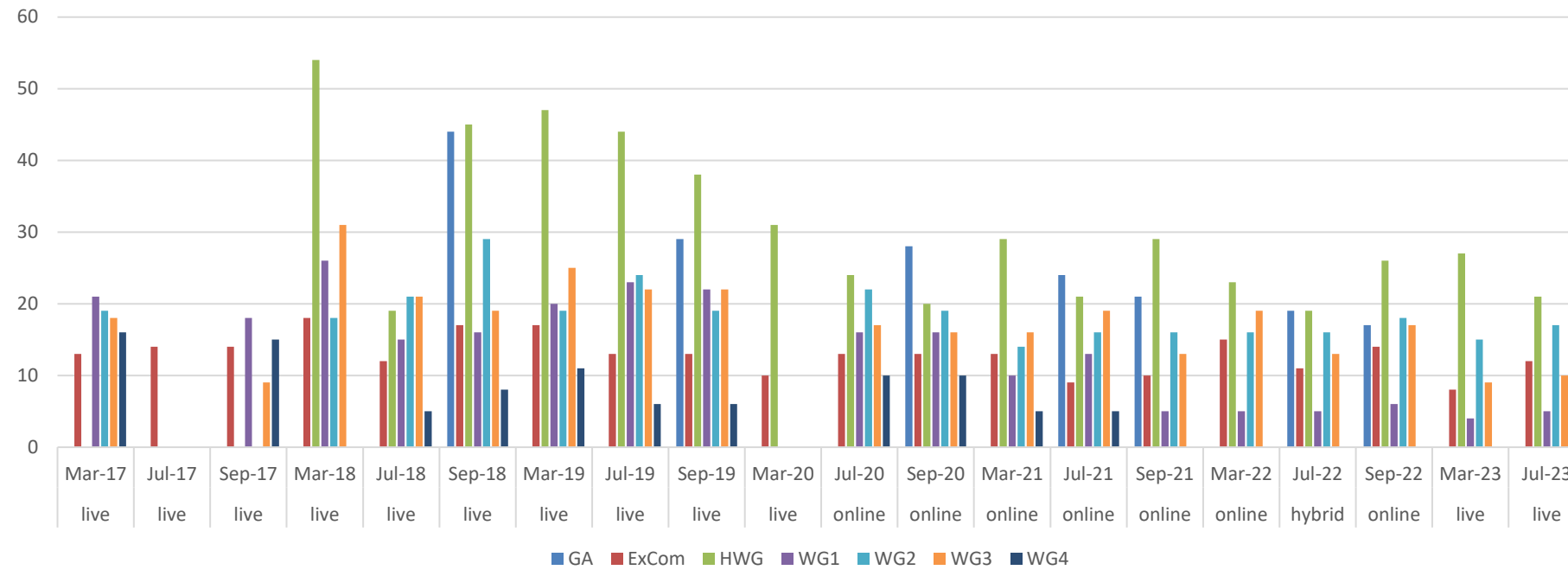
The total number of meetings organised by the AC is 63.

Activity Overview Year 18

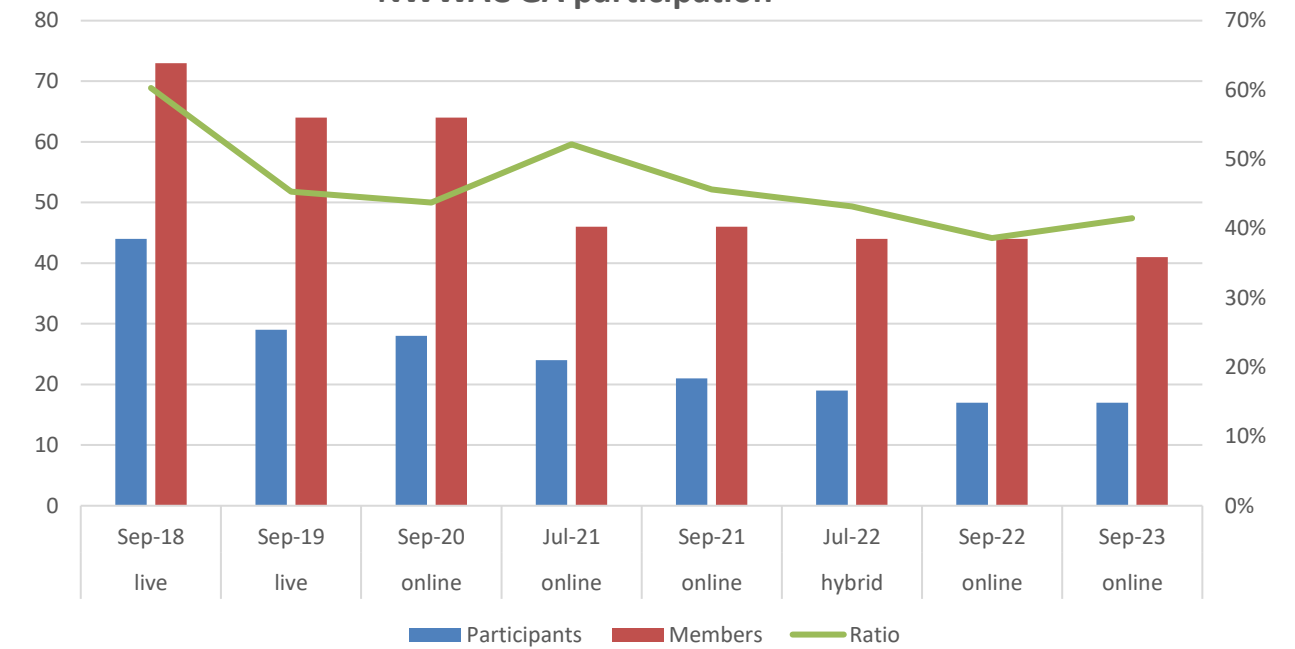


Activity Overview Year 18

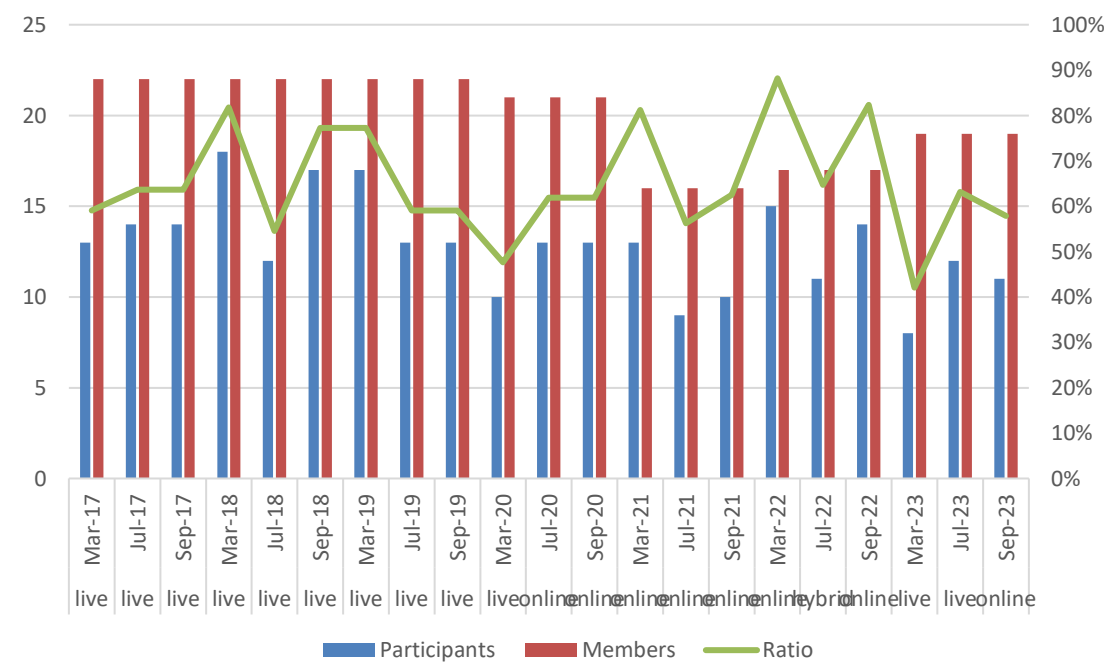
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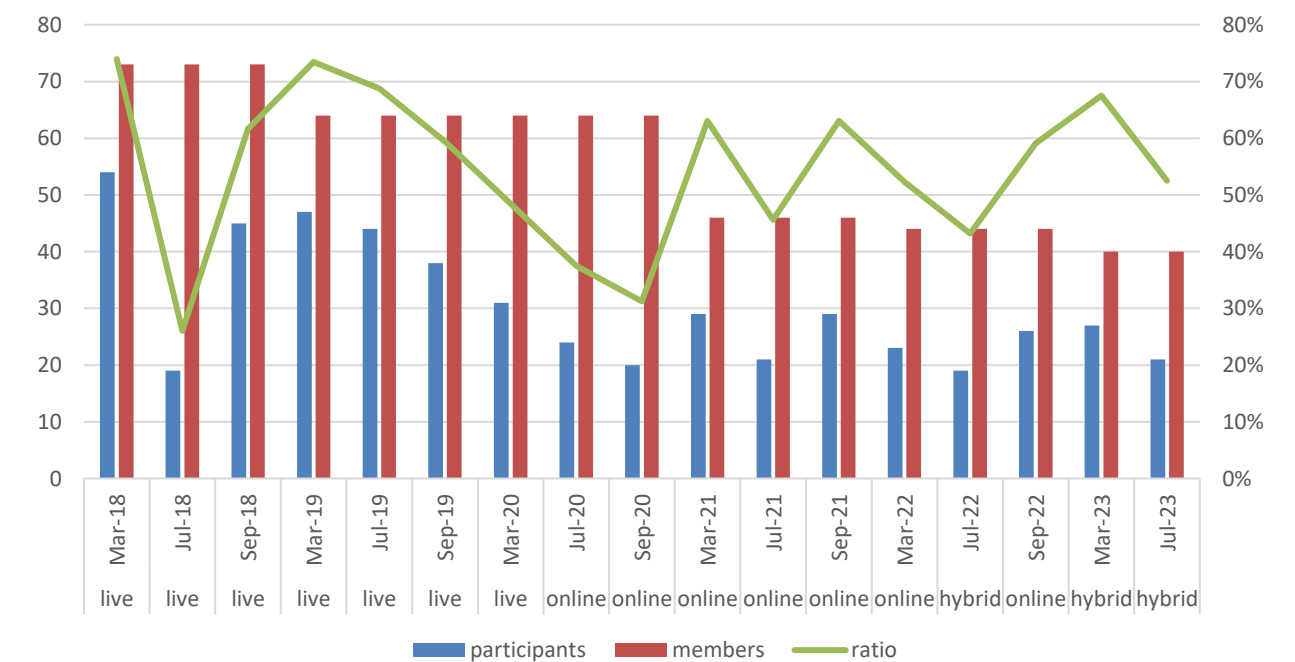
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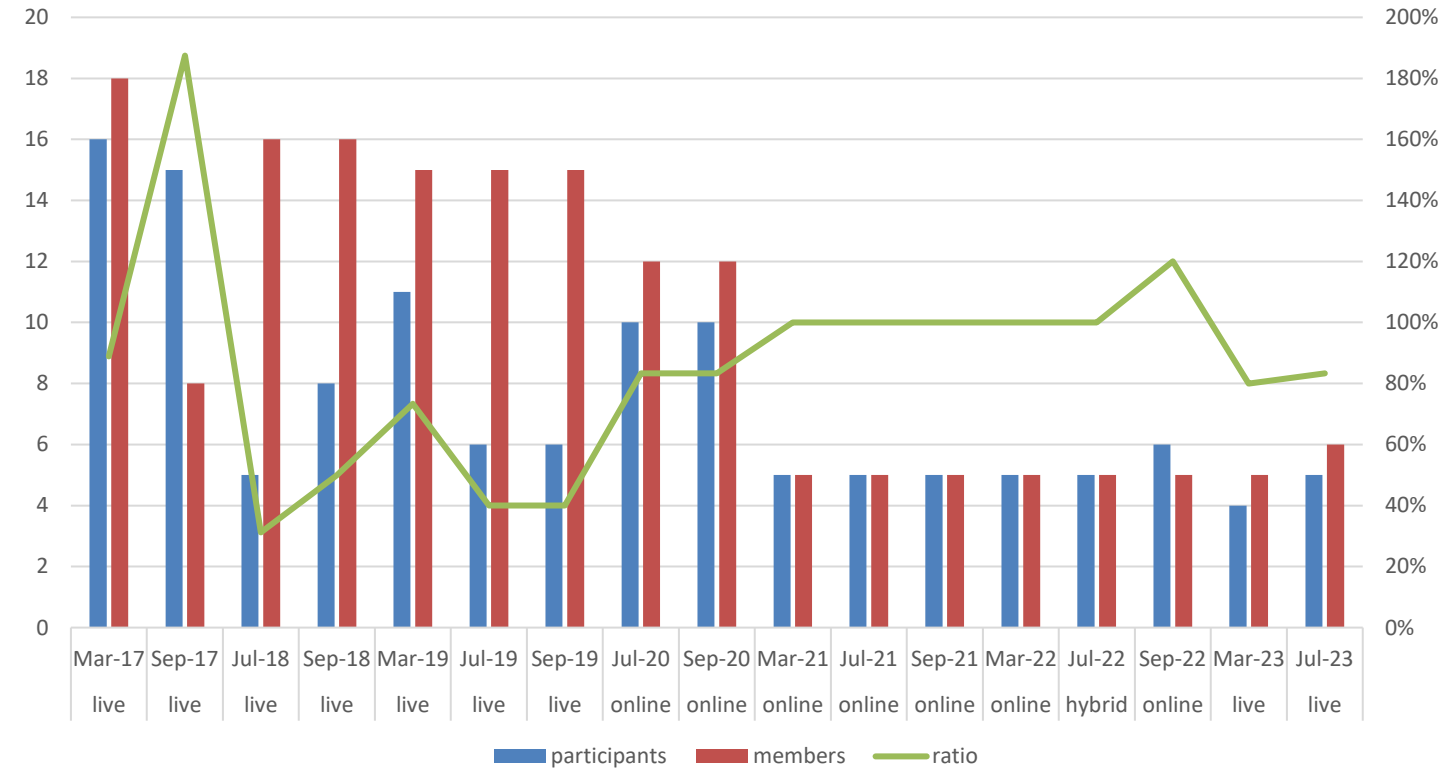


NWWAC HWG participation



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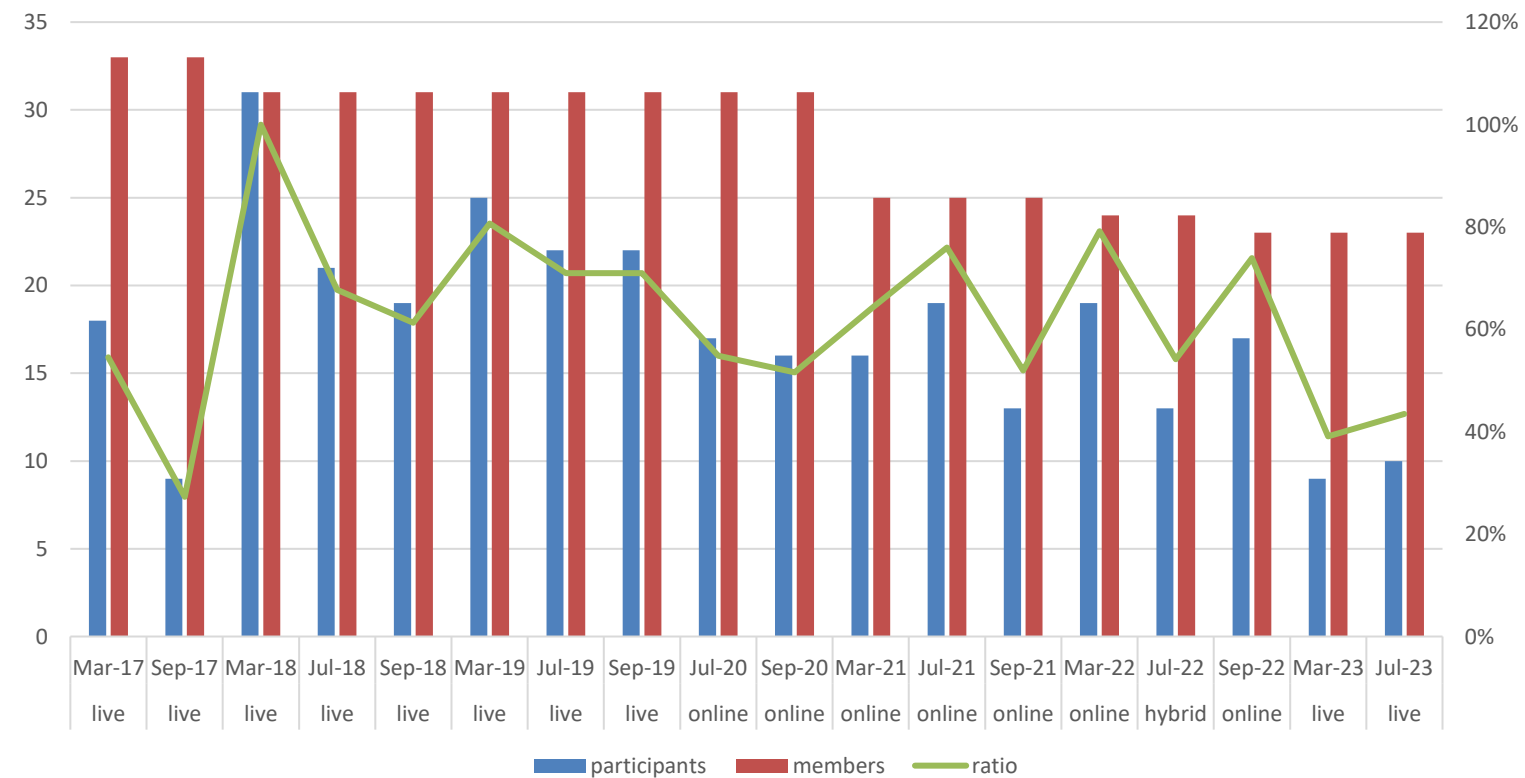
WG1 - Irish Sea participation



WG2 - CS & WoS participation



WG3 - Channel participation





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Work Programme Year 19

Planned recommendations YR19



No	Issue/subject	Link with the CFP	WG/FG at the origin of the recommendation	Planned date of adoption (if available)
1	Advice on Addressing Choke Risk in the NWW after exemptions	Article 2, 14, 15	WG1, WG2, WG3	December 2023
2	Advice following work around the evaluation of the Landing Obligation	Article 2, 14, 15	Focus Group Landing Obligation	March 2024
3	Advice on the implementation of the EU Technical Measures Regulation, including directed fisheries definition	Article 2, 10	Horizontal Working Group	June 2024
4	Advice on Technical Measures as a topic in the execution of the TCA if relevant proposals are put forward by the Commission	Article 2	WG1, WG2, WG3, HWG	July 2024
5	Advice on Fishing Opportunities 2024 & COM Policy Paper	Article 2, 14, 15, 16	WG1, WG2, WG3, HWG	July 2024
6	Advice on the management of skates & rays	Article 2, 10, 14, 15, 16	Focus Group Skates & Rays	May 2024
7	Advice relating to SCF issues: technical measures, non-quota species etc.	Article 2, 14, 15	Horizontal WG	December 2023
8	Advice related to climate & environment topics, e.g., EU Biodiversity Strategy, EU Green Deal, Farm to Fork Strategy	Article 2	Focus Group Climate & Environment	January 2024
9	Advice on social aspects related to fisheries in the NWW	Article 2	Focus Group Social Aspects	February 2024
10	Advice on aspects raised in the CFP Communication	Article 2	Focus Group CFP and other relevant FGs once identified	March 2024
11	Advice on aspects raised in the Action Plan	Article 2	Focus Group CFP and other relevant FGs once identified	March 2024
12	Advice on aspects raised in the Energy Transition Communication	Article 2	Relevant FG once identified	July 2024



Planned meetings Year 19

No	Date (for the first 6 months, please provide precise dates)	Topics /subjects of meeting	Type of meeting (physical/planned/hybrid)	European Commission participation requested (yes/no)	If Commission participation requested, specific issues to be dealt with	Priority for a Commission participation (from 1 to 4) (1= highest priority)
1	10 October 2023	Focus Group CFP	virtual	no		1
2	13 October 2023	Focus Group Climate & Environment	physical	no		
3	18 October 2023	Focus Group Social Aspects	virtual	no		
4	24 October 2023	Focus Group MSP/ORE	virtual	no		1
5	27 October 2023	Focus Group Brown Crab	virtual	no		1
6	02 November 2023	Focus Group Landing Obligation	virtual	no		
7	07 November 2023	Focus Group Scallop	virtual	yes	Discussion of Commission's Scallop Strategy	
8	15 November 2023	Focus Group Control & Compliance	Virtual	no		
9	24 November 2023	Focus Group Skates & Rays	physical	yes		1
10	30 November 2023	Focus Group CFP	virtual	no		
11	15 December 2023	Focus Group Social Aspects	virtual	no		
12	10 January 2024	Focus Group MSP/ORE	virtual	no		
13	31 January 2024	Focus Group Control & Compliance	virtual	no		



14	08 February 2024	Focus Group Climate & Environment	virtual	no		
15	22 February 2024	Focus Group Social Aspects	virtual	no		
16	13 March 2024	Working Group 1 Irish Sea	hybrid	yes	Technical measures, Discard Plan beyond 2023	1
17	13 March 2024	Working Group 3 English Channel	hybrid	yes	Technical measures, Discard Plan non-quota species	1
18	14 March 2024	Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland	hybrid	yes	Technical measures, Discard Plan	1
19	14 March 2024	Horizontal Working Group	hybrid	yes	TCA & SCF, UK Technical Measures, EU public consultation Protecting the seabed from bottom trawling by fishing vessels	1
20	15 March 2024	Executive Committee	hybrid	yes	Dialogue with DG MARE: Overview on ongoing dossiers and upcoming advice requests; EU-UK negotiations, fishing opportunities 2024,	1
21	03 July 2024	Working Group 1 Irish Sea	hybrid	yes	ICES advice, NWWAC choke tool update, Stock specific discussions with DG MARE experts	1
22	03 July 2024	Working Group 3 English Channel	hybrid	yes	ICES advice, NWWAC choke tool update, Stock specific discussions with DG MARE experts	1
23	04 July 2024	Horizontal Working Group	hybrid	yes	depending on the topics discussed a DG MARE expert will be requested	1
24	04 July 2024	General Assembly	Hybrid	no		
25	04 July 2024	Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland	hybrid	yes	ICES advice, NWWAC choke tool update, Stock specific discussions with DG MARE experts	1
26	05 July 2024	Executive Committee	hybrid	yes	Dialogue with the Commission and Member States; EU-UK negotiations, fishing opportunities 2025	1
27	23 September 2024	Horizontal Working Group	virtual	yes	depending on the topics discussed a DG MARE expert will be requested	1
28	23 September 2024	Working Group 1 Irish Sea	virtual	yes	Stock specific discussions relating to technical measures, landing obligation, discard plan, non-quota stocks etc with DG MARE experts	1
29	24 September 2024	Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland	virtual	yes	Stock specific discussions relating to technical measures, landing obligation, discard plan, non-quota stocks etc with DG MARE experts	1
30	24 September 2024	Working Group 3 English Channel	virtual	yes	Stock specific discussions relating to technical measures, landing obligation, discard plan, non-quota stocks etc with DG MARE experts	1
31	25 September 2024	Executive Committee	virtual	yes	Dialogue with DG MARE: Overview on ongoing dossiers and upcoming advice requests; EU-UK negotiations, fishing opportunities 2025	1
32	25 September 2024	General Assembly	virtual	no	Approval of Year 19 annual report and budget	

Upcoming NWWAC meetings – September 2023

- NWW MSG (05 October 2023)
- COM Special Group Marine Action Plan (06 October 2023)
- Inter-AC Brexit Forum (09 October 2023)
- DG MARE Inter-AC (10 October 2023)
- ICES WKAFPA Workshop on stakeholders' perceptions in ICES advice (virtual 10-12 September 2023)
- Blue Forum Workshop (16 October 2023)
- NWW MSG (01 November 2023)
- NWWAC-PelAC Anniversary event planning meeting (07 November 2023)
- NWW High Level Group (04 December 2023)
- MIAC/MIACO (Copenhagen, January 2024)
- NWWAC WGs and ExCom (Dublin, 13 – 15 March 2024)

NWWAC/PelAC Anniversary Event March 2024

- Joint NWWAC/PelAC event celebrating the 20th anniversary of Council Decision 2004/585/EC establishing the NWWAC & the PelAC
- 14 March 2024 – Dublin Castle The Printworks
 - 08:30 – 13:00 Joint NWWAC/PelAC Horizontal WG addressing overarching issues
 - 14:00 – 17:00 Celebratory event with panel discussion
 - 17:00 – 18:30 Reception
 - 19:00 – 23:00 Celebratory Dinner in Dublin Castle St Patrick's Hall
- Invitees: President Michael D. Higgins, Commissioner Sinkevičius, Director-General Vitcheva, Belgian Presidency of the Council of Fisheries Ministers, MS Ministers and administration, Ambassadors, Research Institutes
- Total estimated budget: €35,000 – €40,000
 - Technical aspects: approx. €15,000
 - Interpretation: approx. €3,000
 - Catering: approx. €15,000 (entire day)
 - Entertainment: approx. €4,000
 - Graphic Design: €2,200

Proposal for change to NWWAC meeting calendar

- Current meeting calendar
 - 01 October start of financial year
 - Six months into WP: first WGs and ExCom in March
 - Four months later: Second WGs and ExCom in July
 - Two months later: Final WGs and ExCom in September, ending financial year with GA
- Issues
 - WG discussions only start halfway through the WP
 - Second and third round of meetings too close together, also cover the summer break so little work can be carried out
- Proposal for new meeting calendar
 - First WGs and ExCom in October of financial year to review new WP and direct work
 - Second WGs and ExCom in March
 - Final WGs and ExCom in July
 - GA in September



- ExCom elections Year 19
 - Secretariat will follow the same procedure as established in Year 16
- Non-consensus procedure
 - Approved by ExCom
 - 1 comment received during GA procedure
- Printed fisheries management chart
 - Should this work be continued?





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4. Report on the budget

Year 18 – Income – Current Position

	Original Budget 01 October 2022	Actual Income at 26 September 2023	Outstanding
Member States	€ 22,000	€ 22,000	€ 0
Commission	€ 330,000	€ 264,000	Balance EU-grant* € 66,000
Member's Fees + interest on fees + misc. income	€38,750	€ 32,850	
Total	€ 390,750	€ 318,850	€ 66,000

Discrepancy between proposed total and actual total due to decrease in membership numbers and no new member applications following membership drive.

Total actual budget available:
€384,850

* Commission income agreed at €330,000 under new lumpsum approach. 100% grant once work programme is achieved.

Year 18 – Expenditure – Current Position

	Eligible Predicted Budget 01 October 2022	Actual Expenditure up to 26 September 2023	Estimated actual expenditure 30 September 2023
Staff	€ 170,466.85	€ 166,365.86	€ 175,520
Reimbursements	€ 82,002.50	€ 49,307.50	€ 49,307.50
Interpretation & Translation	€ 60,472.66	€ 58,562.52	€ 69,032.52
Meetings and Information	€ 8,234	€ 8,180.77	€ 8,180.77
Operating costs	€ 23,674.00	€ 23,762.05	€ 23,762.05
Chairman Fees / Audit	€ 20,000.00	€ 15,804.38	€ 15,804.38
Other contracts	€ 25,900.00	€ 38,410.66	€ 40,910.66
Total	€ 390,750	€ 360,393.74	€ 382,518.27

Total actual budget available:
€384,850



Year 18 – Financial timeline

- **30 September 2023**
End of Financial Year 18
- **October 2023**
Submission of final technical report to Commission with request for balance payment
- **November 2023**
Company Audit on Year 17 Income and Expenditure.
- **End-November 2023**
Company Audit certificate, no further submission to the Commission
- **December 2023**
AGM to approve
 - i. Director's report on the financial statement
 - ii. Continuation of the auditor's work





Year 19 accounts

Year 19 – Income – Current Position

	Budget Proposal June 2023	Actual Income 27 September 2023	Outstanding
Member States	€ 25,000	€ 5,000	€ 20,000
Commission	€ 336,600	€ 0	€ 336,600
Member's Fees + interest on fees + misc. income	€31,450	€ 30,150	€ 650
Total	€ 393,050	€ 35,150	€ 392,400

Discrepancy between proposed total and actual total due to decrease in membership numbers and no new member applications following membership drive.

* Commission income is agreed at €336,600 under the new lump sum approach.

Year 19 – Proposed expenditure

	Non-Eligible	Proposed Eligible (June 2023)	Proposed TOTAL (June 2023)
Staff	€26,380	€ 167,272	€193,652
Fees (Chairman, Audit)		€ 20,000	€20,000
Operating costs	€13,600	€ 23,167	€ 36,766
Meetings	€26,696	€11,705	€ 38,401
Interpretation and Translation		€ 80,947	€ 80,947
Reimbursements		€ 74,958	€ 74,958
Other contracts		€ 15,000	€ 15,000
Total	€ 67,076	€ 393,050	€ 459,726

Actual available budget reduced by €650 due to reduction in membership fees.

BIM – NWWAC agreement

- New agreement approved by BIM Board 18 September 2023
- BIM moving premises in 2023 / 2024
- New plans based on open plan office approach
- NWWAC will be provided with access to a
 - hot-desk office on an occasional basis
 - car parking for staff and visitors
 - meeting rooms; reception service
 - BIM business centre and all associated equipment and IT support for same
- BIM will cease providing Payroll for NWWAC from 01/01/2024 – this will be outsourced to a specialist agency
- Annual fee of € 15,000
- Signed 25 September 2023





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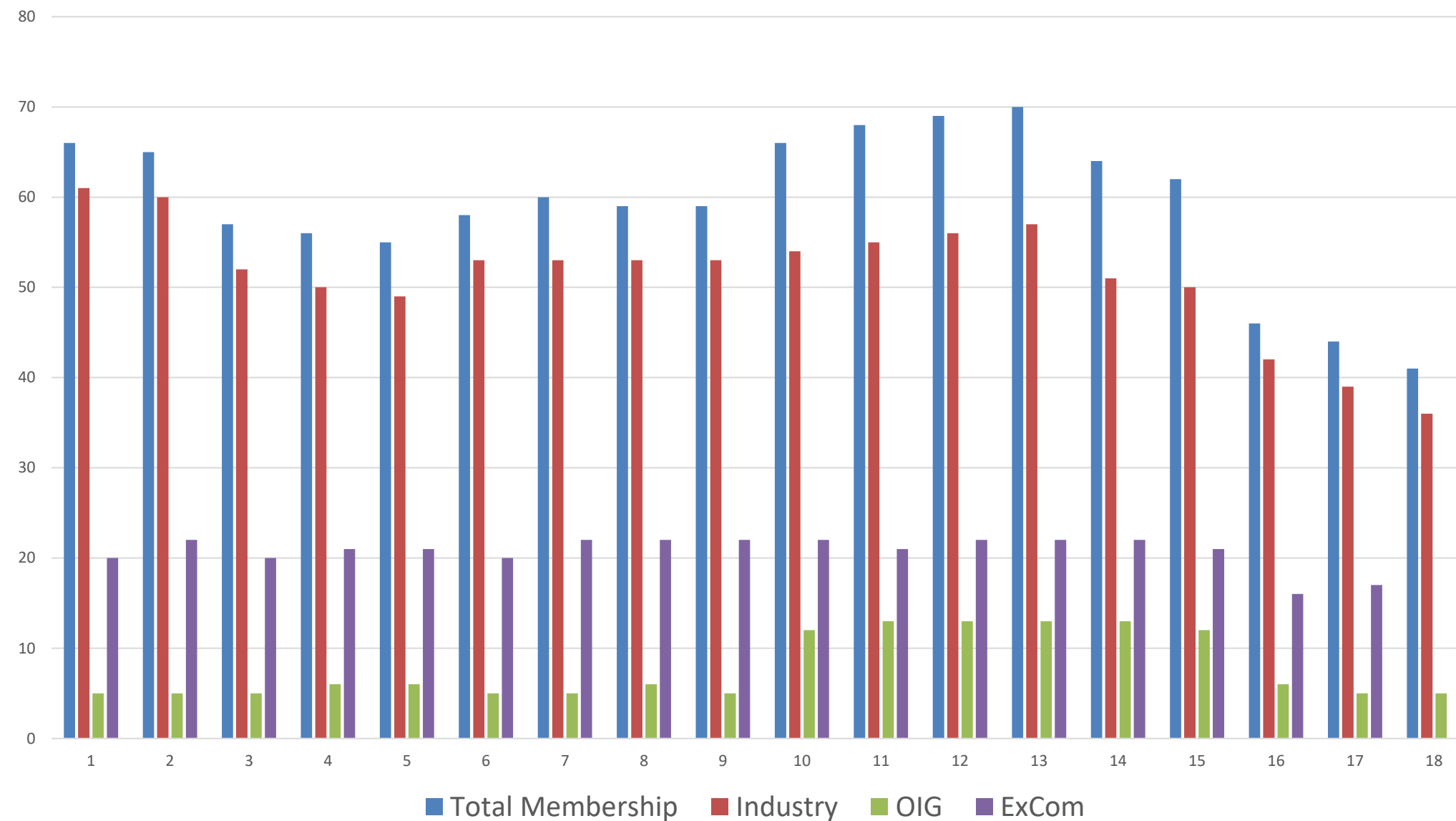
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5. NWWAC Membership Report

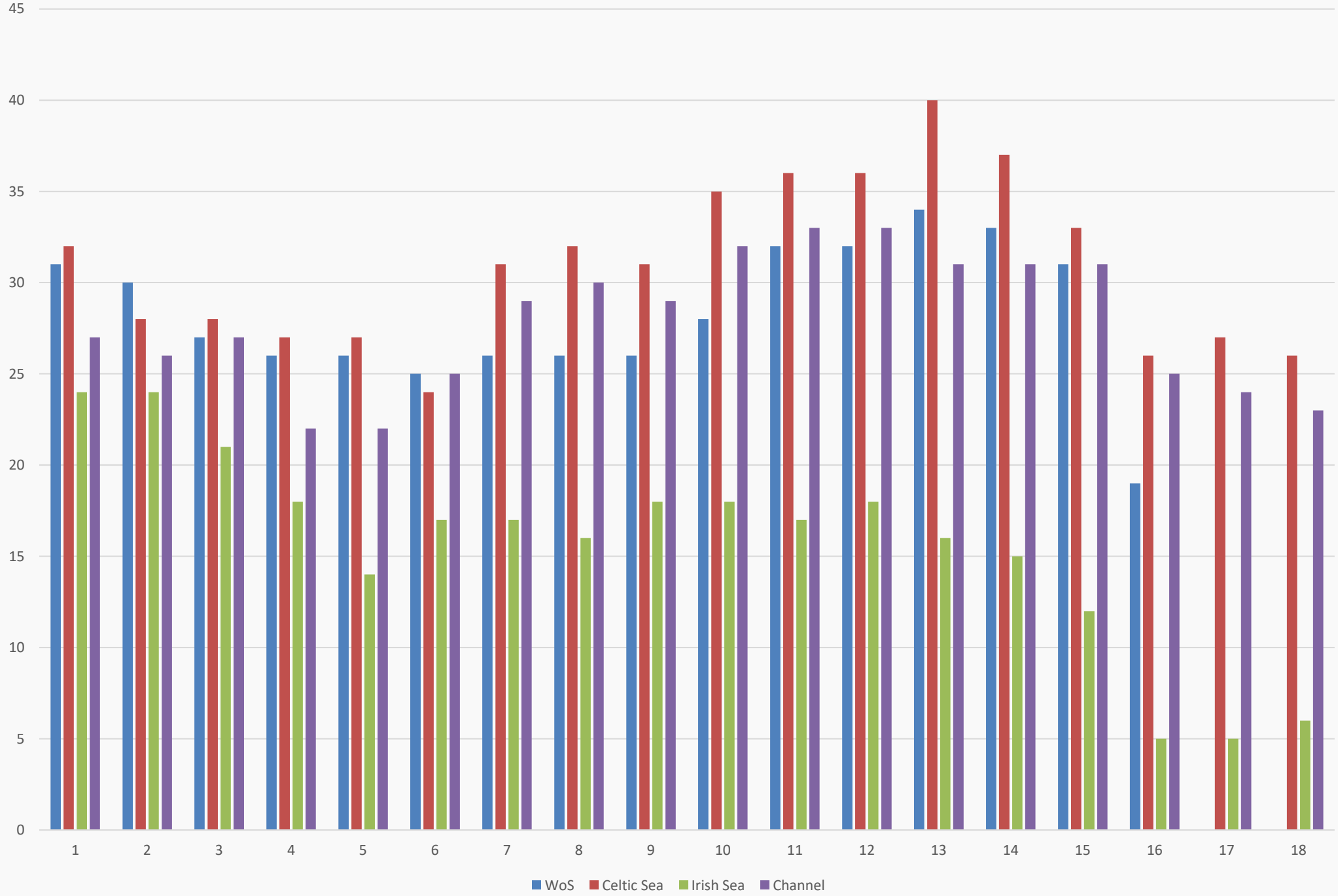
NWWAC Membership Report

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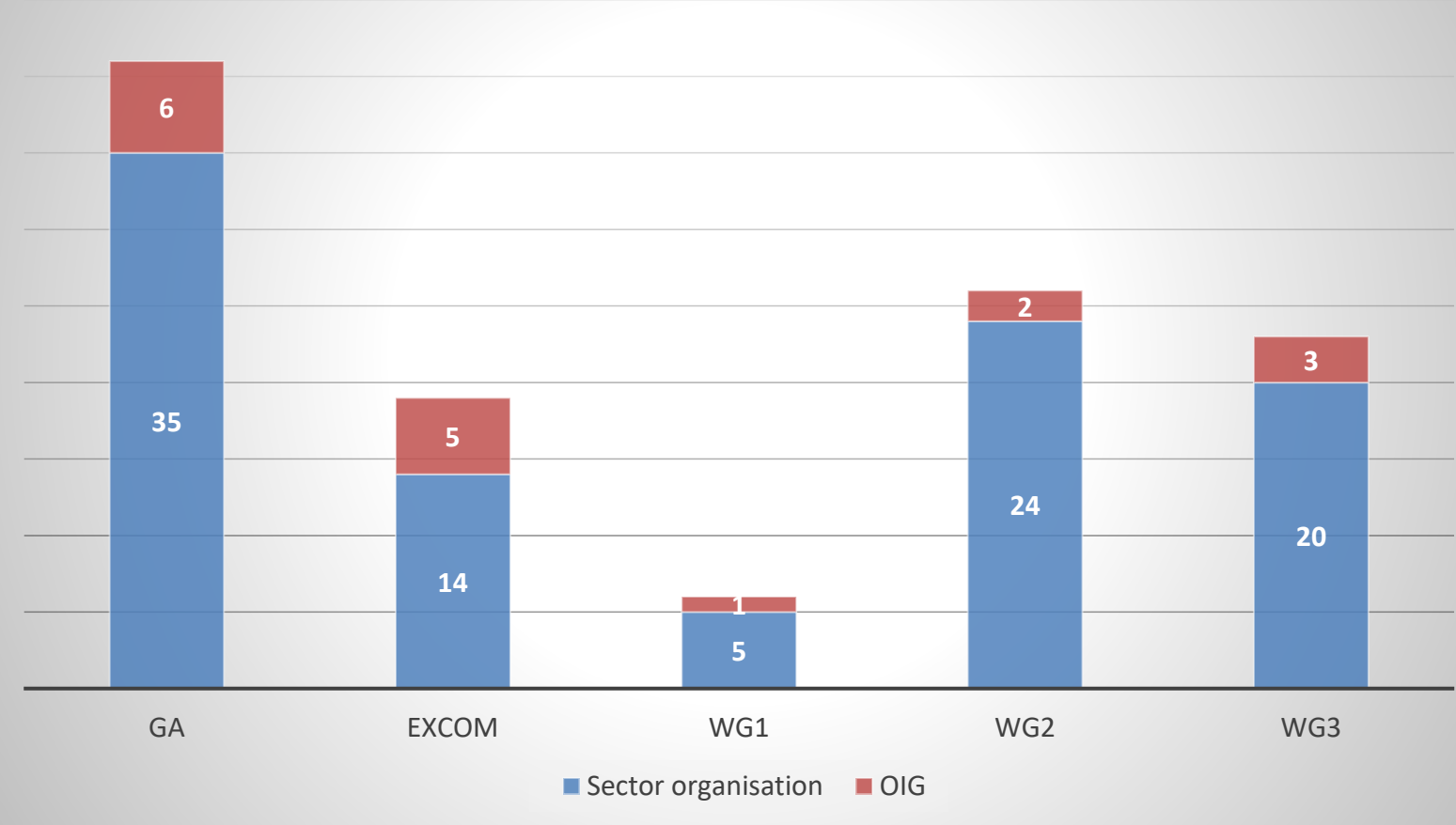




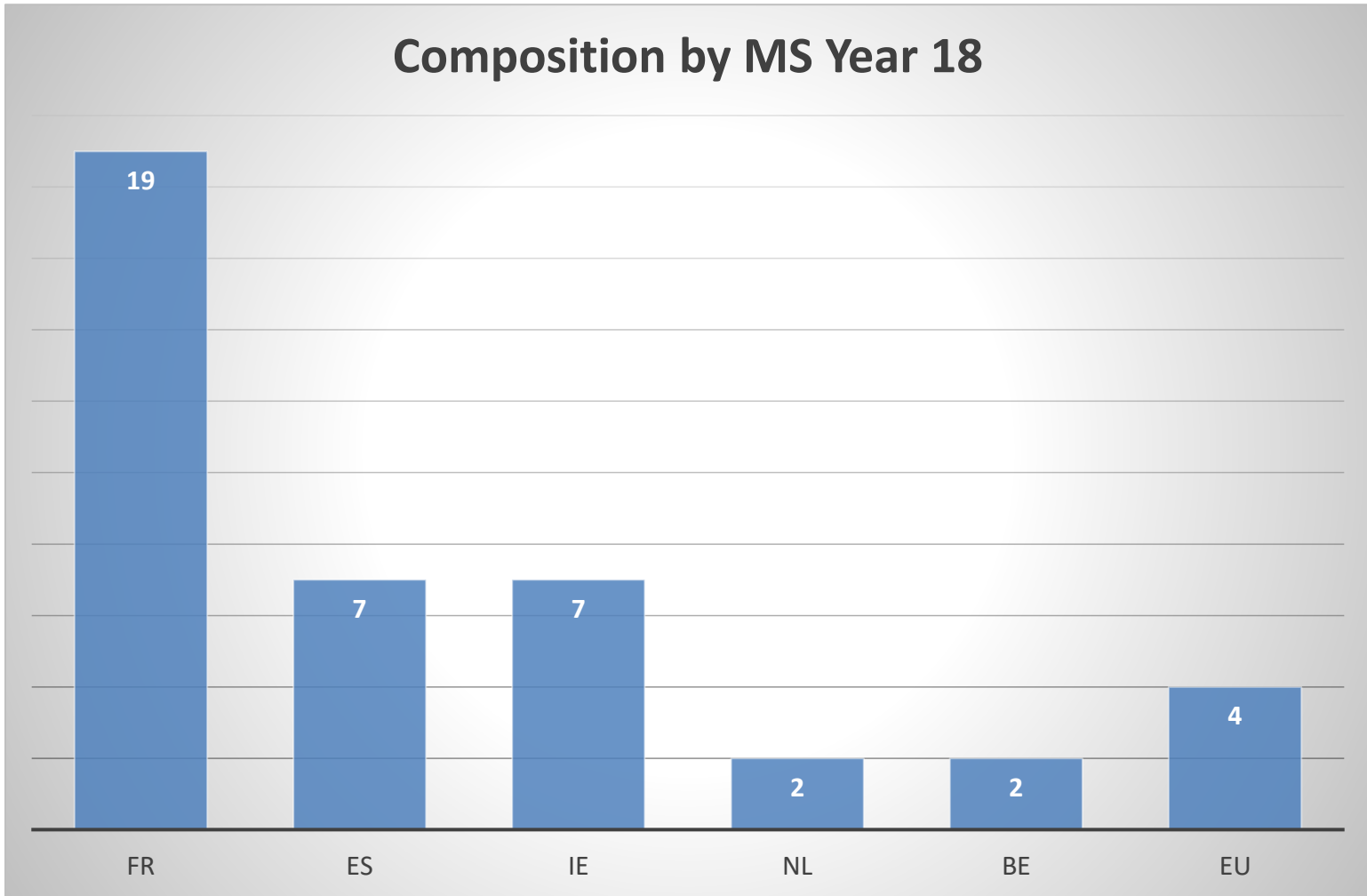
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Composition by college Year 18



Composition by MS Year 18





NWWAC Membership Drive

Organisations contacted:

- Birdwatch Ireland
- ClientEarth
- Dutch Elasmobranch Society
- Environmental Defence Fund
- Environmental Justice Foundation
- Fair Seas
- Irish Whale and Dolphin Group
- Irish Wildlife Trust
- Oceana
- Our Fish
- The Pew Charitable Trusts
- Sciaena
- Seas at Risk
- WWF

4 replies received (no funding, no capacity, ceasing operations)
1 interest expressed but no new membership so far



6 NWWAC Company update

- Directors
 - Mr Micheal Keatinge
 - Ms Mo Mathies
 - Mr Sean O'Donoghue
- Approval of financial statement at AGM Nov/Dec 2023





7 Performance Review – Sara Vandamme

8 Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

Thank you.

North Western Waters Advisory Council 