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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

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**TO THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE  
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OUTERMOST REGIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
PELAGIC ADVISORY COUNCIL  
SOUTH WESTERN WATERS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT: INVITATION TO THE INTER-AC MEETING OF 04 OCTOBER 2024**

We would like to invite you to the next inter-AC coordination meeting which will take place **online** on:

**04 October 2024  
from 10:00 to 17:00  
Virtual meeting (via INTERACTIO)**  
Interpretation will be available:  
From FR-DE-EN-IT-ES-PT-BG-  
into FR-DE-EN-IT-ES-PT-BG-

This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the latest developments regarding key policy files. It will be devoted to a three-hours exchange of views with the Director General in the morning, followed by an afternoon session with time to focus on VMEs and the functioning of the ACs.

For the morning session and the discussion with the Director General, we plan more time for your interventions and for the Director General to react thereto. Concretely we ask **each AC to indicate in AGM who will speak on behalf of your AC**. All other members are allowed to attend this discussion as observers.

**The selected AC representative will then be invited to make a first intervention of no more than 4 minutes about topics most relevant to you.** This timing is needed to allow each of the 11 ACs has an equal opportunity to come in, while leaving sufficient time for feedback from the Director General.

During the afternoon session, DG MARE will provide an update on the VMEs socio-economic analysis. We would also like to take stock of the implementation of the

Delegated Act (EU) 2022/204 amending the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/242 laying down the detailed rules on the functioning of the ACs (namely by discussing representation, consensus, and performance reviews).

For this afternoon session, **a maximum of 6 representatives of each AC** are invited to take part as **speakers**, noting that all speakers are considered to be representing their AC and speaking solely on behalf of it. This should allow Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and a Secretariat representative to receive a speakers link and to take the floor.

Beyond those listed as speakers, all other AC members are welcomed to attend the meeting as observers and we invite you, as much as possible, to ensure a wide representation, including at the level of observers.

As usual, **representatives from Member State administrations and from the European Parliament** are also welcome to join as **observers**.

Please confirm the names of the participants **before 27<sup>th</sup> September via AGM**.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Advisory Councils Coordinator, Ms Julia RUBECK at [MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu](mailto:MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

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Annex: Agenda of the meeting.

Copy: Member States and EP representatives