

Presidency of the South Western Waters Member States Group

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Subject: Invitation to discuss the implementation of the revised Control regulation

Dear President of the South Western Waters Member States Group,

The revised EU Control Regulation, which entered into force on 9 January 2024, replaces the 2009 framework and is set to define the fishing sector for the next two decades. Its implementation unfolds in three key phases—2024, 2026, and 2028—each introducing new provisions. The practical details of these provisions will be further specified through Implementing and Delegated Acts.

Since the start of the implementing phase, consultations with stakeholders had been limited, with the publication of EU delegated Act on the provisions for the derogations to the Margin of Tolerance being discussed in a very confidential setting. This was the case due to the lack of legal obligation from the European Commission to include stakeholders in the decision making process.

The European Commission, alongside the Advisory Councils held a joint workshop on the 5th of February 2025 to discuss the implementation of the revised control regulation as well as the drafting of key implementing and delegated acts that are part of the revision. This workshop aimed at gathering input on the implementing phase and not revisit the regulation's revision.

The ACs are now reaching out to the Regional Member States group to organise a joint workshop with the Member States Control experts. The format of this workshop would be similar to the one with the European Commission, with Advisory Councils listing and presenting their views to the Experts. The objective of such workshop would be to recreate a link between the control experts and the ACs similar to the one that was in place during the discussions on the Landing Obligation.





We hope to be able to discuss this with you at a future stage,

Best regards,

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