

# **Update on review of the LDAC governing rules: Amendment of Statutes**

**LDAC Executive Committee  
Madrid, 25 Nov 2015**

## Relevant legal acts on the Advisory Councils: main provisions

### **1. BASIC REGULATION (EU) 1380/2013 ON THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY**

*Entered into force on 1 January 2014*

- Preamble: Recitals on stakeholders' consultation
- Arts 15 (landing obligation) and 18 (regionalisation)
- Title XI. Arts 43-45: Creation, tasks, composition and finances of ACs
- Annex III. Name and area of competence, functioning and funding

### **2. COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 242/2015**

#### **Laying down detailed rules on the functioning of the ACs under the CFP**

*Entered into force on 9 March 2015*

- Definition of MS, fishing sector organisations and other interest groups
- Procedure for start of the functioning of new 4 ACs
- Structure and organisation of the ACs (incl. composition of Ex.Com. & GA)
- Working methods, financial contribution, etc.

### 3. EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND – (EU) Reg. No 508/2014

- ACs as bodies pursuing an aim of European interest: recital 84
- Art 89: Operating costs (annual grant)
- Access to additional sources of funding
  - Art 40: MS operational programmes
  - Arts 85-86: Dedicated funding for scientific research studies or pilot projects launched by EC

### 4. OTHER EU POLICIES AND INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ACTS

- Integrated Maritime Policy / Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- Horizon 2020 (“FP8”)
- Data Collection Framework Regulation
- Other EU and international programmes: Interreg, World Bank, etc.



# Outcomes: Main features / changes

- Increase in number of ACs = 7 + 4: Aquaculture, Markets, Black Sea, Outermost Regions – to be established
- No increase in the EC annual grant (max. 250,000)?
- Change in name: from “LDRAC” to “ LDAC”
- Composition of Executive Committee & GA
- Representation of small scale fisheries
- Application procedure for new membership
- Reimbursement of observers from third countries
- Concept of “equitable fees”
- Provision of “adequate support” by Member States



# LDAC Statutes: Proposed Amendments

- Update references on Legal Basis [CFP package]
- Replace LDRAC by LDAC and update address Secretariat
- Clarify territorial scope (non-EU waters)
- Delete mentions to ACFA and include EP as observer
- Increase Ex. Com membership from 24 to 25 and modify composition to 60:40 (15 sector + 10 interest groups)
- Clarify delimitation of powers between GA/Ex.Com.
- Have a specific article on role of the Ex.Com Vice Chairs.
- Reflect the links with EMFF and include the possibility to apply for external funds (EC pilot projects, H2020...)

- January-April 2015

Preparation by the Secretariat of a proposal for an amended text based on legal measures and feedback received from members in 2014.

- GA/ExCom Meetings (Dublin, 28 May 2015)

Presentation of general amendments proposed by the Secretariat preliminary discussions / Q&A by members

- June-July 2015

A full version of the statutes was circulated (in EN-FR-ES) with all changes highlighted.

**Both members and DG MARE submitted comments.**

# Timeline

- July-August

All responses received were dealt with and compiled by the Secretariat.

- September-today

A revised version was circulated first amongst the contributors for validation.

**The revised version is now presented for final comments/approval in principle.**

**AGREED VERSION TO BE ADOPTED AT THE GA IN MAY 2016**



# Questions pending of decision

1. Would you like to keep one LDAC Chair for both the GA and Ex.Com or you prefer to have two separate Chairs for each body as in other ACs?
2. Do you think ratification of Working Group Chairs by the Executive Committee would be a justified requirement?
3. Would you like to make a request for increase of Executive Committee seats from 25 up to 30? If so, please provide an specific example.
4. Do you deem it necessary a review of the current “fast track” procedure (8 calendar days) to reduce deadlines for urgent issues?



**THANK YOU / GRACIAS / MERCI**

