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**BISAC visit to MEDAC
7 (Rome) -8 (Chioggia) November 2018**

7 November, 10:00 – 13:30 MIPAAFT meeting room

Participants:

MEDAC - Giampaolo Buonfiglio, Rosa Caggiano, Laura Pisano, Gilberto Ferrari, Marco Passariello, Marzia Piron.

BISAC - Lyubov Georgieva, Yordan Gospodinov, Kiril Zheglev, Dimitrinka Hristova, Dimitar Kanariev, Stefan Toporau, Claudiu Daniel Robe, Vasile Brigeag, Sidor Dragos Buhai, Luchian Florin Costel.

Object of the meeting: BISAC request to MEDAC for providing relevant information on functioning, activities and structure of the Mediterranean Advisory Council

After the welcome to the participants, Rosa Caggiano and Giampaolo Buonfiglio provided an overview of the MEDAC structure and activities: Statutes and internal rules, Working and Focus Groups, Presidency, General Assembly, ExCom.

During the presentation, the following questions have been raised by BISAC participants:

- Reasons of the MEDAC Presidency increase;
- Rules for the elections of the President and the functioning of the Secretariat;
- Importance of dialogue and compromise between members for the formulation of the advices;
- Advisory role of MEDAC and its limits on the decision regarding TAC allocation;
- Working Groups and effectiveness of the MEDAC advices at Member States and EC level: the value of transparency in the advisory process;
- Relations between the Advisory Councils and Member States on management decisions and their improvement in the case of MEDAC in the last years;
- ACs role in regionalization;
- Involvement of third countries and their update on new advices: importance of the Memorandum of Understanding with GFCM and observers' involvement;
- from the EC proposal of a new regulation to the MEDAC advice: the process in detail;
- the representation of SSF in the Mediterranean Sea;
- fishing license in SSF and direct selling rules;
- regulation on new licenses and fishing vessels, and EMFF support to demolition;
- EU jurisdiction on territorial waters and fishing vessels: relationship between Member States;
- Involvement of the fishery sector in the positioning of Nature 2000 areas (an Italian case has been explained because MEDAC has not been involved in this process);



- MEDAC membership's procedure;
- exchange of information on alien species in Mediterranean and Black Sea.
- provision of two examples of Italian management plans for Producers' Organizations.

8 November, 10:00 – 16:00 Chioggia

The visit has been organized in cooperation with Marco Spinadin, President of Regione Veneto of Federcoopesca-Confcooperative.

The BISAC delegation has been guided to:

- CAM (Conservificio Allevatori Molluschi Srl – Canning Industry for Molluscs);
- visit the bottom trawlers, mid-water trawls and beam trawls in the harbor of Chioggia;
- Local Retail fish market;
- Wholesale fish market.

