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<p><u>SUBJECT:</u> - Expert Group on Fisheries Control <i>Workshop on traceability of fishery and aquaculture products under the Control Regulation (EC) 1224/2009</i></p>
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<p><u>DATE:</u> 10 October 2019</p>

<p><u>PLACE:</u> CENTRE A. BORSCHETTE RUE FROISSART 36 BRUXELLES</p>
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(Room 0/D - Room will also be indicated at the entrance)

Please inform us of any particular need resulting from a disability, so that we may take it into account when organising this meeting/conference.

We would like to invite you to participate in the meeting of Expert Group on Fisheries Control organised under the format of a Workshop on fishery and aquaculture product traceability under the Control Regulation (EC) 1224/2009, on the **10th of October 2019** in Centre A. Borschette in Brussels.

The aim of the workshop will be to explore and discuss with interested Member States and stakeholders what traceability tools are already in use and what may be under development by Member States and the industry. The outcomes of the workshop will feed into the ongoing revision of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 (Control Regulation).

The discussions will be organised around sessions and will include the participation of speakers and/or representatives of EU Member States, European Parliament, DG MARE's Advisory Councils as well as other interested stakeholders.

Your attendance would be highly appreciated given your involvement in the field of traceability of fisheries products.

Interpretation is foreseen from (speak) EN, IT, ES, NL, PT, EL, (*FR & DE to be confirmed*), to (listen) EN, IT, ES, NL, PT, EL, (*FR & DE to be confirmed*).

You are kindly requested to confirm your participation and send the attached registration form **before 27th September 2019** by e-mail (MARE-D4@ec.europa.eu). We are able to accommodate for up to 5 persons per Advisory Council.

There is no reimbursement available for the attendees.

Any questions should be addressed to the mailbox: MARE-D4@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

Francesca ARENA
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Enclosed: Annex I – Draft agenda
Annex II - Registration form

ANNEX I



Expert Group on Fisheries Control Workshop on traceability of fisheries and aquaculture products

Brussels, 10 October 2019

Centre A. Borschette - Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Etterbeek

DRAFT AGENDA

08.30-09.00 Welcome coffee

09.00-09.15 Opening by Veronika Veits, Director for "International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries", DG MARE

SESSION 1

09.15-10.45 Traceability - Setting the scene

Moderator: Frangiscos Nikolian, Head of Unit "Economic Analysis, Markets and Impact Assessment », DG MARE

Rapporteur: TBC

1. Presentation on the on-going revision of the EU Fisheries Control System – New provisions on traceability.

Speaker: Laurence Cordier, Legislative coordinator on fisheries control, DG MARE

2. Traceability of fishery products from a sanitary perspective

Speaker: Paolo Caricato, Deputy Head of Unit for Food Hygiene, DG SANTE

3. Presentation of the findings of the joint missions on traceability conducted by DG MARE and DG SANTE in 2016-2017.

Speakers: Saba Nordstrom, Inspector, DG MARE Unit D.4 and DG SANTE (speaker TBC)

4. Examples of how the control of traceability under the Common Fisheries Policy is currently carried out in practise in a Member State, the example of Spain:

- General presentation by the General Secretariat of Fisheries about tools put in place, and the role of the Spanish Administration
Speaker: Juan M. Elices López, Jefe de Área, S.G. Acuicultura y Comercialización Pesquera, D.G. Ordenación Pesquera y Acuicultura, Secretaría General de Pesca Spain.
- Presentation of a Regional Administration
Speaker: TBC

Session 1 will briefly outline the different traceability requirements, including for landlocked countries, in fields pursuant to fisheries products. This includes requirements under the Common Marketing Organisation, food law and food safety and the Common Fisheries Policy. Examples of control of traceability under the Common Fisheries Policy in a Member State will be also given.

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

SESSION 2

11.15-13.00 Existing digital traceability systems

Moderator: *Elisa Roller, Head of Unit “CFP and Structural Support - Policy Development and Coordination”, DG MARE*

Rapporteur: *Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General of the Market Advisory Council*

Examples of existing digital traceability systems in Member States:

- The Swedish national traceability system – technology and legal framework, financed by EU control funds
Speaker: Anders Bogelius, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, Sweden
- National Digital Traceability system in Latvia, financed by EU control funds
Speakers: Miks Veinbergs and Varis Vitols, Department of Fisheries Control, Latvia

Examples of existing digital traceability systems put in place by Operators:

- Lessons learned in the Danish SIF project, financed by EU control funds
Speaker: Hanne Christiansen, the Danish Fisheries Agency, Denmark
- Ireland (TBC)
- Italian Tuna Operator - Bolton Group
Speaker: TBC

Session 2 will give examples of what Member States and operators traceability systems in place and will give an insight into different traceability solutions currently in place. This session also aims at looking at some of the difficulties with setting up traceability systems and how they were overcome.

13.00-14.30 Lunch break

SESSION 3

14.30-15:30 Technology, global initiatives and standards

Moderator: *Marta Moya Diaz, Deputy Head of Unit for " Fisheries Control and Inspections", DG MARE*

Rapporteur: *Brian O'Riordan, Executive Secretary, LIFE Platform*

- Global Dialogue on Traceability standards
Speaker: Nathan Droesch, Coordinator, Global Dialogue Seafood Traceability, WWF
- METRO, traceability solution for fisheries products
Speaker: Britta Gallus, METRO AG
- BLOCKCHAIN, Carrefour-España (Blockchain Hake from Pincho de Celeiro)
Speaker: TBC

Session 3 will look at current global initiatives and standards for traceability. These include as data standards and technology solutions and will give Member States the opportunity to ask questions on both technological solutions and standards.

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

SESSION 4

16.00-17.00 Discussion and wrap-up of the workshop

Moderator: *Francesca Arena, Head of Unit "Fisheries Control and Inspections" DG MARE*

Rapporteur: *Saba Nordström, Inspector, DG MARE*

Session 4 will provide an opportunity to discuss/analyse the different issues raised during the day and draw the conclusions of the Seminar with a view to continue feeding the on-going discussions with co-legislators on the revision of the EU Fisheries Control System (the new provisions on traceability).

ANNEX II

MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON FISHERIES CONTROL Workshop on traceability of fishery and aquaculture products under the Control Regulation (EC) 1224/2009

Date: 10 October 2019
Place: CENTRE A. BORSCHETTE
(meeting room 0D)
Rue Froissart 36
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REGISTRATION FORM

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