

Process of additional analyses of socio-economic impacts of closures of the VMEs

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Background

- DG Mare requested STECF to do additional analyses on socio-economic impacts of the closures of the VMEs
- Two issues are in the focus of the analyses: possible displacement effects of the closures and impacts on the small-scale/coastal fisheries (as data in the first analyses was limited)
- STECF proposed to have specific stakeholder interactions regarding the socio-economic impacts to collect extra information and to receive feedback on some of the modelling results

State of Play

- STECF has analysed available data in 2023, and the results are available on the STECF website
- Presentation of the advice/results at a stakeholder meeting in September 2023
- After that meeting DG Mare requested STECF to provide additional information on some issues (e.g. displacement of fishing effort)
- After consideration of available data and necessary effort STECF proposed the process described in the paper DG Mare circulated in advance of this meeting
- This includes a feedback loop with stakeholders

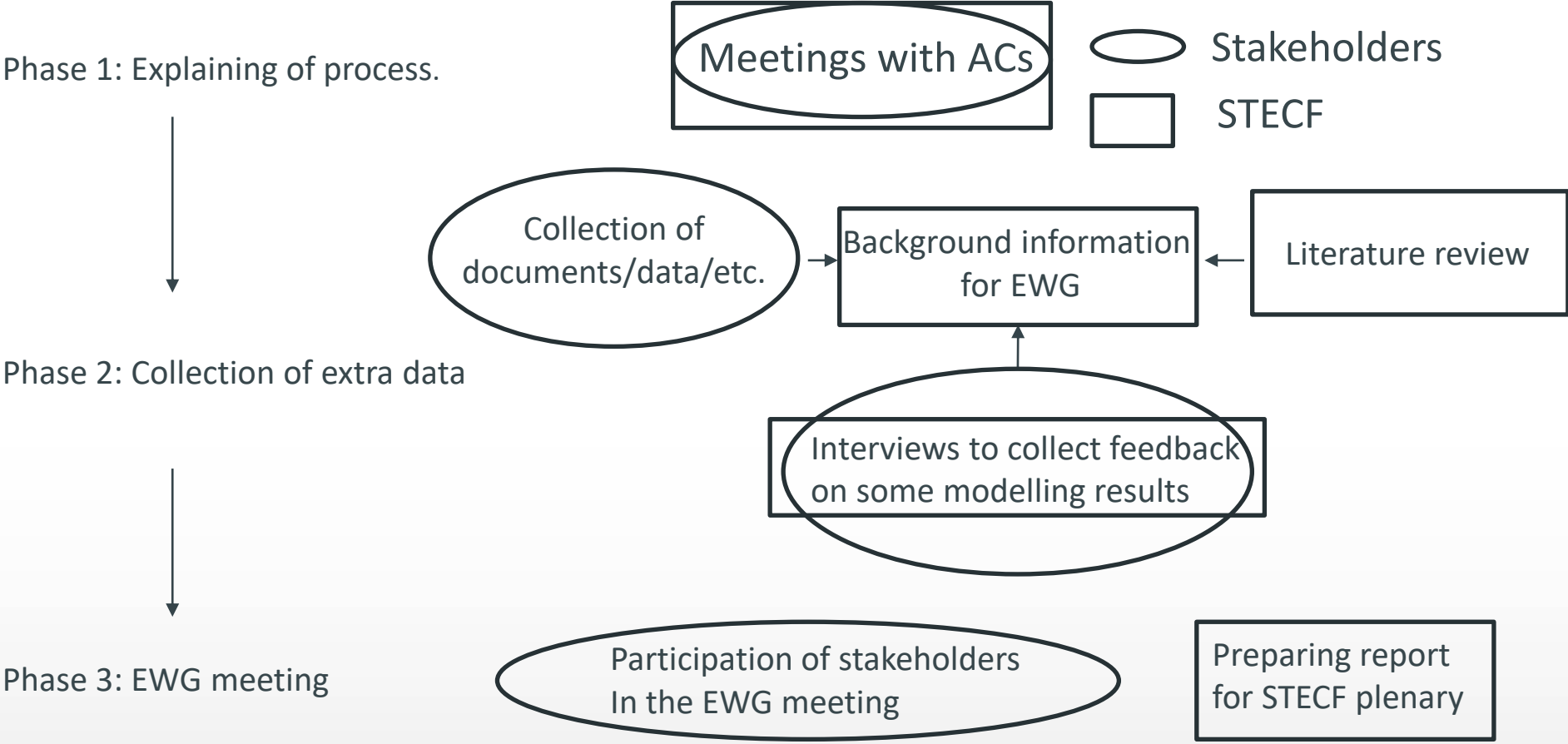
Your involvement and planned feedback loop

- For today I have one specific wish: Please send us
 - all information/data you have on the socio-economic impacts of the closures
 - qualitative information/statements you can share with us
 - answers to a list of questions which will be circulated later this month
- You can send documents/papers etc. directly to me ralf.doering@thuenen.de and MARE-C1@ec.europa.eu
- We will use them as background documents for the EWG and, therefore, they will be publicly available after the EWG meeting – we cannot use confidential information as background for advice

Your involvement and planned feedback loop

- I plan to do a small number of interviews to discuss some of the results of the DISPLACE modelling exercise – I will stay in contact with the ACs to organise those interviews (can only be a very limited number)
- The interviews will be recorded and transcribed, then anonymised in a way that nobody will be able to link it to a specific person/organisation and the recorded interview will be deleted (we will follow rules from the Thünen-Institute). There will be no personal information stored in a STECF database.
- In the same document with the questions, you will also receive information on transparency and protection of personal data regarding documents you may send us or the handling of the outcomes of the interviews.

Summary Feedback-Loop



EWG 24-09: Stakeholder involvement

- The EWG 24-09 will be open for observers – dates for the EWG are Feb. 17-21st (online).
- Be aware: The deadline for registration will be before Christmas 2024 as invitations have to be send out this year!
- I plan dedicated sessions with the observers where we may also discuss specific aspects of the socio-economic impacts
- Observers will also have access to the daily plenary meetings where we discuss process and available text etc.
- All documents you may send us, and the transcripts of the interviews (anonymised) will be available for the EWG meeting as background documents

Thank you very much!

