

# Amendment of the DA on the functioning of the ACs

- Improve the balance between sector organisations and other interest groups (OIGs) in chairing positions
- Precise the criteria for the classification of the members into the two categories of stakeholders
- Strengthen requirements for appropriate representation of OIGs
- Introduce a template for the drafting of advice to make sure recommendations comply with CFP rules and better reflect minority opinions
- Introduce a requirement for external and independent performance reviews

# Criteria for the classification of members

- 1. An organisation shall be classified ‘sector organisation’ when at least one of the following criteria is met:**
  - a. the organisation represents or has economic interests in the commercial fishing, aquaculture, processing, marketing, distribution or retail sector;
  - b. members of this organisation, either natural or legal persons, represent or have economic interests in the commercial fishing, aquaculture, processing, marketing, distribution or retail sector;
  - c. the organisation is funded by undertakings active in the field of commercial fishing, aquaculture, processing, marketing, distribution or retail of seafood.
  
- 2. An organisation shall be classified ‘other interest group’ when all following criteria are met:**
  - a. the organisation is independent, in particular from government, other public authorities, from political parties or from economic interests linked to commercial fishing, aquaculture, processing, marketing, distribution or retail of seafood;
  - b. the organisation is primarily active in the field of environment, consumer or human rights, health, animal welfare or recreational or sport fishing.

# Template for the drafting of advice

ANNEX  
TEMPLATE DOCUMENT FOR THE PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

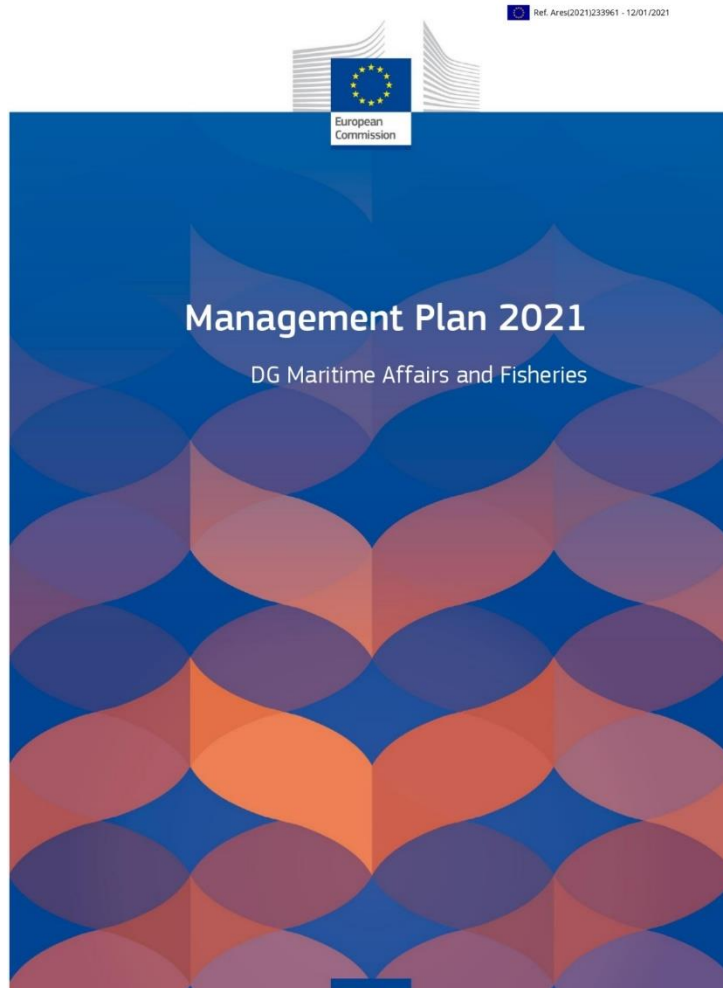
ADVICE	
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ADVISORY COUNCIL	
TITLE OF THE ADVICE	
TYPE OF ADVICE	
REFERENCE OF THE ADVICE	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
<b>A. Context and reason for issuing advice</b>	
Context, background information	
Reason for and purpose of the advice	
<b>B. Content of the advice</b>	
<b>C. Alignment with CFP objectives and rules of procedures</b>	
Data and knowledge supporting advice development	
Contribution of the advice to the CFP objectives	
Description of the working methods used for advice development	
<b>D. Dissenting opinions</b>	

- Make the contribution of the advice to the objectives set out in the CFP Regulation more visible
- Better reflect minority opinions
- Provide more background on the context and reason for the advice

# Q&A

- What do you think of the suggested criteria for the classification of members and layout template for the drafting of advice?
- Do you think they would help address the issues that you have encountered?
- Do you have suggestions for improvement?

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