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## Promoting Advisory Councils in the Mediterranean: the experience of MEDAC in the EU CFP



The role of MEDAC includes the **preparation of advice on fisheries management and socio-economic aspects** in support of the fisheries sector in the Med, to be submitted to the Member States and the European institutions in order to facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the CFP; MEDAC also proposes technical solutions and suggestions, such as joint recommendations (ex. Art. 18 Reg.1380 / 2013) at the request of the Member States.



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## advice and letters

2021  
Advice and letters

- NWWAC MEDAC SWWAC CCRUP feedback on public initiative "CO2 emissions of engines - methodology for their reduction"
- MEDAC and SWWAC Joint advice on BFT-HCR
- DG MARE reply MEDAC advice on MSY, Fishing opportunities 2021 and GFCM decisions
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- MEDAC letter: request of collaboration with DG EMPL
- DG MARE Reply to MEDAC Survey on Covid-19 Impact
- Results questionnaire COVID-19 effects on fishery sector- June 2021

# The structure of MEDAC



EU and MS institutions  
and Scientific  
Community

Professional  
fishermen

**MEDAC**

Women  
associations

Processing,  
marketing and  
trade unions

Recreational  
Sector

NGOs

The MEDAC workplan on the key topics is annually agreed with EC and approved by MEDAC members



## **5 Working Groups**

CFP, Big pelagics, Recreational Fisheries, SSF-  
socioeconomic impact, Green Deal

## **5 Focus Groups**

Adriatic Sea, West Med, Strait of Sicily, Equal  
opportunities, East Med



**48 MEDAC members in total**

**60%**

**Representatives  
of the fishery  
sector**



**40%**

**Representatives  
of other interest  
groups**



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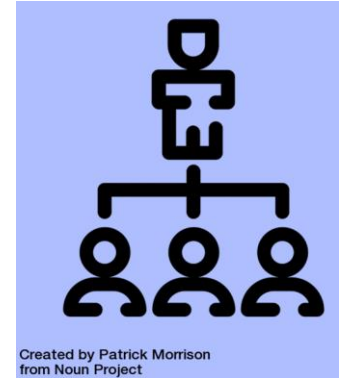
**Executive Committee**

**Shared advice**

**on the future of fishery in the Mediterranean  
(sometimes including minority statements)**

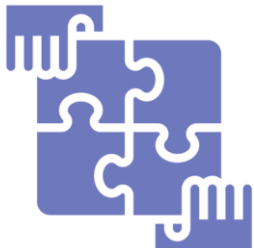


## THE PARTICIPATORY METHOD IN FISHERIES POLICIES SHOULD PROMOTE A BOTTOM-UP APPROACH INSTEAD OF COMMAND & CONTROL



Special attention should be paid to fishers and stakeholders' expertise

**MASSIVE DRAWBACK:** When fishers are not consulted on decisions which directly impact their work and livelihood, they are rarely committed to implementing or enforcing them, instead seeing them as an unjustified imposition.



It is not possible to build or implement effective fisheries management plans, and ensure the sustainability of the marine environment, without the inclusion and cooperation of fishers and other stakeholders in management planning.

# The current MEDAC involvement in the EU management decisions

Advisory Councils are not management bodies: the main role is to **advise** the EC and MS in the process of managing fisheries resources



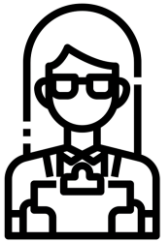
In a certain way, the composition of ACs is comparable with co-management bodies as positions and advice are discussed among a variety of stakeholders



Although, the co-management is usually referred to local communities, such as the sand eel fishery in Catalonia.

# The current scientific experts involvement in the MEDAC activities

The MEDAC agreed to establish a **panel of scientific experts** to be consulted by mandate of the Executive Committee to explore specific issues and provide advice.



Recreational fisheries

Equal opportunities

Ecosystem approach

Demersal and pelagic species

Socio-economic impacts of the MAPs

Climate change

Pollution



In fact, the MEDAC recently recognized the importance to also include in the discussion important elements from the scientific community adding crucial expertise to help steering the discussion and provide robust advice





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