

ADVISORY COUNCILS DEBATE ALTERNATIVES FOR GETTING INVOLVED IN THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO FISHERIES ADVICE

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A working group integrated by the Advisory Councils (ACs), ICES, IFM-AUU and CETMAR has met in Brussels to set the baseline for the improvement of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) advice.

The meeting was designed to gather useful experiences on current fisheries advice and to explore alternatives for stakeholders' involvement. The covered topics included identification of system's bottlenecks, communication flows, trends, etc.; and particularly, the linkage between the fisheries (CFP) and environmental (MSFD) policies of the European Union.

The output of the meeting will be used for:

- Selecting feasible options for the ACs to have a say in the environmental issues concerning fisheries.
- Continuing the debate with the main players in the advice process (European Commission, STECF, ICES, etc.).
- Preparing forthcoming deliverables of the project, e.g., "State of the art of the EAF: the science-policy-society interface in the European Union" or "Institutional challenges for policy-making and fisheries advice to move to a full EAFM approach", both due by the next December.

Framed in the co-creation process that guides the MareFrame project, participants concluded that the debate was a "switch on lights" to explore pragmatic options for the Advisory Councils.

The meeting was held at the [Fundación Galicia-Europa](#) headquarters in Brussels. The MareFrame Consortium wish to acknowledge both the Fundación staff and the Galician Regional Government for their support in the organization of the event.



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