

## EFARO General Assembly 16-18 May 2017 Brussels

### Action points and outputs of the GA leading to workplan for the next year.[Public]

During the Seminar on 'Smart data collection for the future monitoring of the sea' on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, and the communication with the Commission on 18<sup>th</sup> of May on 'The future of Marine Data Collection, use and advice' the Commission and the participants showed a clear demand for input on the following topics:

#### The FP9 framework Programme:

- EFARO is asked to share its input with the Commission. EFARO already produced a position paper on the Future research topics and will turn this into a publication (preferably in a journal like Nature or Science).

#### More (integrated) Marine topics on the EU research agenda

- Share the vision of ICES and GFCM, JPI Oceans, SCARfish, Marine Board, COFASP and come up with a strategy to survive in this field to add marine production on the research agenda.

#### Adjustments to the Data Collection Framework:

- EFARO-ICES initiative on data collection under the DCF-MSFD (Tammo) 15 June 2017 Marine Directors meeting at Malta.
  - o The commission will approach individual Marine Directors to ask for explicit (financial) support to the pilots. (end of July). Depending on that support we will put the pilots into action. For more information on the joint EFARO/ICES proposal please look at our website: [efaro.eu](http://efaro.eu)
- EFARO will work on Data Policy/guidelines
  - o It deals with 'open access' but is not only to give access to data. How to collect data once and use it more times (suggested by Ms Gruber) gives EFARO the position to formulate such a data policy plan. Towards a new collection framework. An outline should be ready by 2018, this process includes a review on existing (national) data collection frameworks and the formulation of principles on data and data sharing.

The Members meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May resulted in a few (new) actions points:

#### Communication

- The board will draft a communication plan that will describe various levels of (network) communication (including target groups and tools). Aim is to improve our communication with the various DGs and professional audience at national/regional/local communities that more and more consists of more complex/integrated knowledge fields.

#### EFARO Aquaculture Working Group

- Draft a clear action plan from the vision document
- Continue cooperation with EAS and EATiP
- Renew contacts with ICES Aquaculture group (Chair Mike Rust)

#### GA 2018

- Where? Brussels again or other members-country?
- What topic? New CFP (analyses what went wrong, what went well and what to design)
- How to communicate with the Commission and on what topic? New framework programme (Type of projects and the way they are funding this)
- Draft programme ready 10 October 2018