



## **INFORMATION NOTE**

### **PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF WORKING GROUP CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS**

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#### **Introduction – Regulatory framework**

At the next LDAC Working Group meetings (March 2024), the election of Chairs and Vice Chairs will be held for each group.

Mandate period: 3 years, until 31 May 2027 (end of the LDAC financial year).

#### Applicable rules and regulations:

- Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the CFP: Article 45.2
- LDAC Articles of Association (Title III, art. XXVI)

#### Requirements

- Each Working Group will appoint a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members.
- No expressions of interest will be accepted from members not belonging to the working group they are candidates for or from members whose organisation has outstanding payment obligations.
- Chairs and Vice Chairs may be re-elected, and no maximum re-election or mandate period is set for them.
- The aim will be to achieve a balanced representation of the fisheries sector and other stakeholders.

### **ELECTION PROCEDURE**

- **SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR WORKING GROUP CHAIR / VICE CHAIR:**

Members interested in running for Chair or Vice Chair shall send their expressions of interest to the attention of the General Secretary.

- **DEADLINE FOR RECEPTION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:**

From 22<sup>nd</sup> January to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 at 12h Madrid time (GMT+1/CET).



#### **- ROLE OF THE SECRETARIAT**

The Secretariat shall guarantee the lawfulness of the course of action in its role as arbitrator in charge of coordinating and supervising the procedure to observe its impartiality and independence.

In this regard, once the deadline for reception of expressions of interest has been met, the Secretariat shall be responsible for reviewing the eligibility of candidatures.

#### **- VOTING AND APPOINTMENT OF POSITIONS**

In the event that only one expression of interest is received for Chair or Vice Chair, each Working Group will appoint these positions unanimously or by consensus, with the possibility of abstaining. In the event that more than one expression of interest is received for any of these positions, voting by secret ballot will take place.

The Secretariat shall be in charge of monitoring the process and counting the ballots if necessary.