



LONG DISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Executive Committee

Madrid

8th November 2023



Administration, logistics and finances

Report from Secretariat on state of play of finances:

- Feedback on implementation of the new lump sum approach.
- Update on rules and process to claim reimbursement of expenses.

Work programme priorities for 2024:

- Selection of topics for Focus Groups and Inter-AC collaboration.
- Decision on meeting formats for WGs 2024 (presential/Hybrid/online).
- Proposal for venue of GA/EXCOM meetings in 2024.
- Performance and functioning of Working Groups.

Items for discussion of the ExCom

Update and amendments to the draft Code of Conduct for LDAC meetings.

Member representation at LDAC meetings - new criteria:

- Number and designation of organization representatives.
- Overview of LDAC member organisations - EU Register of transparency.

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Timeline:

31 March: The Secretariat submitted the request for new grant (including work programme + budget)

6 April: Receipt of annual contribution from Spain of EUR 139 810 (ensuring liquidity)

1 June: start of LDAC financial year

April-July: No feedback received from MARE-AC

August-September: comments received by MARE-AC on work programme.

End September-mid October: submission of draft contract agreement and correction of typos and amendment of clauses

End October: approval of the new MGA – submission of documents for QES.

November 2023: communication of transfer of funds of pre-payment

- Amount: EUR 221 841,50 (60% of the the maximum amount of 277301,88 euros)- **Deposit received on 7 November**
- Equal amount as last year plus increase of 2% (fixed inflation rate)

- Update on rules and process to claim reimbursement of expenses.

The daily subsistence allowance has been increased from 90 euros to of 113 € effectively from May 2023 following the EC updated criteria.

It was also approved that the Hotel expenses shall be reimbursed upon presentation of the invoice (consisting of the room rate, service and taxes, except for breakfast) within the limit established for each country in Annex I.

If the hotel bill is not presented, the member shall receive a lump sum of 100 euros per night.

The new online reimbursement form is now available for use at the LDAC webpage on:

https://ldac.eu/en/?option=com_rsform&view=rsform&formId=3 - we encourage you to use it but can still send us your claim by email

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Programme priorities for first half of 2024:

Selection of possible topics for Focus Groups and Inter-AC collaboration.

Impacts of climate change for the high seas fisheries and SFPAs

Science and Management of small pelagic stocks in West Africa

International Ocean Governance processes:

MPAs in international waters and high seas: BBNJ and CBD linkages

Deep sea mining in international waters (ISA Mining Code negotiations)

Implementing the CFP External Dimension for the next decade and “updated CFP”

Feedback to EC retrospective evaluation of SFPAs and recommendations future

Review of EU Fisheries Control and IUU regulation: implications for DWF.

Social and labour dimension of the CFP

Decision on meeting formats for WGs 2024 (presential/Hybrid/online).

Proposal of having next round of WGs 1-2-4-5 in Brussels and/or Madrid

Dates identified as optimal (no clash with other ACs or international events): Tue 5 - Thu 7 March 2024

Proposal for venue of GA/EXCOM meetings in 2024

CFFA-CAPE and Bread for the World have offered to sponsor/host these meetings in Berlin

Suggested venue: Berlin - Date: Tue 21- Thu 23 May 2024

Performance and functioning of Working Groups.

Review recommendations of PR exercise and verify if they are being followed

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Member representation at LDAC meetings discussion on new criteria:

- Number and designation of organization representatives.

At the last LDAC ExCom and GA in May, some members raised questions in relation to participation of member organization representatives at LDAC meetings.

As a result, a stricter limit on numbers and interventions can be agreed here.

- State of play of LDAC member organisations at EU Register of transparency.

All 54 LDAC member organizations have been contacted:

- 43 are duly registered in the EU Transparency Register (including all NGOs)
- 4 fishing sector organisations have claimed they are embedded in another organisation.
- 7 fishing sector organisations have either not answered or provided sufficient information on the state of their registration.