



-PROPOSAL FOR PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2025-

Tracking and monitoring of recommendations from LDAC Performance Review 2021



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Scope (2018-2020)

The first LDAC Performance Review (parts I and II) main recommendations were:

- Redefining annual work priorities and setting multiannual strategic planning;
- Promoting discussions and advocacy through the creation of topic-based focus groups and increase informal dialogue with/feedback to MARE;
- Monitoring regularly the quality of the content and impact of opinions in the EU institutions' legislative process;
- Strengthening collaboration with existing partners or international organisations such as ATLAFCO-COMHAFAT, EFCA, ICES or STECF;
- Promoting and seeking actively new partnerships with international organisations in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.



Scope (2018-2020)

Phase 1 (External Consultant Work in 4Q of 2018 and 1Q of 2019):

- Organisation and performance of Working Groups
- Analysis of EU decision-making process – taking up of advice
- Quality of production of advice and feed-back received from EC
- Promotion of transparency in the work of the LDAC

Phase 2 (External Consultant Work in 4Q of 2019 and 1Q of 2020):

- Cooperation & working practices with international organizations (EFCA, RFMOs [NAFO & ICCAT], UNGA [DOALOS], FAO)
- Communication policy and outreach
- Aspects related to gender balance across sectorial policies



Proposed way forward

Legal requirement to carry out a performance review every 5 years

Proposal for 2025:

- Not "reinventing the wheel" – rather than opening a whole new performance review exercise, carry out a review of compliance and implementation of the existing recommendations identified in the Performance parts I and II.

Proposed calendar:

- Mid/end November 2024 complete tender and launch call for interest
- December 2024: deadline for submitting bids by companies
- January 2025: review of the candidatures received & selection
- February-April 2025: External contractor working period (3 months)
- May 2025: presentation of PR preliminary outcomes in the GA/ExCom
- June/July 2025: completion of the final report by the contractor/validation by the LDAC.



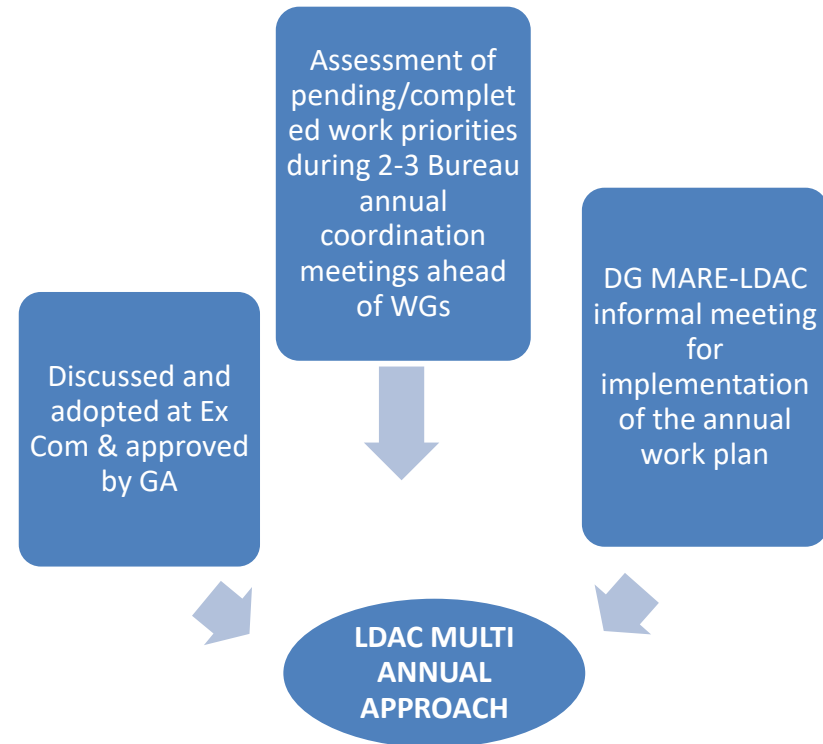
Follow up of recommendations – Phase 1

Implementing actions

R.1: Strategic planning: To revise priority topics identified in the annual work plan and adapt them to DG MARE targeted consultations and policy objectives.

Tracking: reset and periodically review LDAC's annual work priorities with an extensive consultation through:

- Chairs and Vice-Chairs Coordination meetings
- Dialogue with DG MARE (taking into account EC public consultations, Strategies as Green Deal, Farm 2 Fork...)
- Each WG should identify key topics





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R.2: Foster informal & collaborative work to increase the preparatory work

Tracking: The Secretariat develops a FORMALISED PROCESS:

1 or more Working Groups decide to create a topic-based Focus Group



ToR are drafted and call of interest is launched among members (limited size)



Drafting group with nominated members/experts tasked with drafting a discussion paper



Hold face to face or online meeting/s to discuss the paper



Distribute the draft proposal agreed back to the WG/s for approval & ExCom for endorsement



If adopted, send to the EC / relevant ACs / other bodies when justified (e.g. EESC, EFCA, EP-PECH)



Follow up of recommendations – Phase 1

Implementing actions

R.3: Follow-up of advice thorough the decision-making process

- “Upstream” and “downstream” approach: Go beyond submission of advice: monitor or measure the impact of LDAC advice in policy-shaping throughout the legislative process.
- Proposal to meet regularly DG MARE in bilaterals to look at elements of advice and think collectively how to improve quality and understand diverging positions.
- Measure indirect influence: EC representatives sometimes express the value of LDAC advice at LDAC plenary/bilateral meetings; or acknowledgements made by other bodies.

Tracking: This recommendation is linked with R6 on “monitoring process” of PR phase II – i.e., development of rough indicators

R.4: Strengthening international cooperation: The LDAC has approached and been actively engaged with the following bodies.

ATLAFCO-
COMHAFAT

FAO

UN

RFMOs

STECF

H2020
FarFish
project

Tracking: - Keep working with the network already establish

- Examples of possibilities of formalised collaborations in the future:

ECOFISH /
IOC

MarInnLeg

Human
Rights at
Sea

Executive Committee/General Assembly is a valuable forum to foster/consolidate international relations with both existing and new partners

R.1

INTERNAL FUNCTIONING

Tracking:

- Included in the LDAC annual work programme
- Discussed with Chairs+ViceChairs or WGs

- **Strategy & priorities:**

Be more strategic (*quality over quantity*) and rethink priorities on multiannual basis



- **Internal cohesion:**

Develop a catalogue of best practices on how to tackle “conflicting” issues



- **Debate on gender issues:**

Included gender considerations on sectoral policies (e.g., advice on role of women in fisheries May 20, evaluation and implementation of SFPAs).



R.2: ADVICE & COMMUNICATION TO PARTNERS

- **Smooth and agile dialogue mechanisms with EC services**
- **LDAC delegations:** Ensure balanced representation of interests when meeting DG MARE-MS
- **SFPAs renewals:** Promote stakeholder engagement on ex-ante/ex-post evaluations and make “reality check” on implementation, Incl. gender scrutiny (linked to R.1.)



Tracking:

- Regular meetings with DG MARE & Inter-ACs
- Balanced representation of views through targeted informal consultations (nominate coordinator/s from each constituency?)
- LDAC Recommendations for making SFPAs evaluations more efficient (sent to the EC in Nov 2020)



R.3- NETWORKING & POLICY WORK

- SFPAs & sectoral support:

Core principles:

Transparency, accountability, good use and coherence btw policies

- Coordination amongst SFPAs: Idea of a “regional network” (?)

- Partnerships & MoUs with international Organisations (IOC, AU, FAO...)

- Holding international high-profile events every 2 years

Tracking:

- Annual meetings and joint workshops with ATLAFCO-COMHAFAT
- Active collaboration with FAO (COFI, Social Responsibility FVC...)
- Planning future international events/conferences on SFPAs,

International Ocean Governance and External Dimension of CFP



R.4- COMMUNICATING TO A WIDER AUDIENCE

- Adopting a Communications plan
- Promoting EU good practices
- Global perspective: international waters



Tracking:

- Communication Plan is being updated by the secretariat.
- New initiatives were launched (e.g. e-newsletter, new video clips with statements from members and possible infographics...)

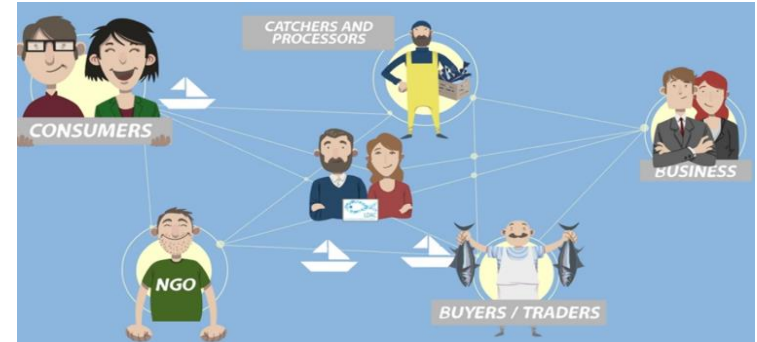
R.5: LDAC'S MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY:

Commitment and loyalty

Sharing and dissemination of advice

Tracking:

- Still need to increase the commitment of some members
- More information required to be transmitted from members to the Secretariat to avoid ambiguities or incomplete evidence for advice



R.6: MONITORING PROGRESS

Set milestones

Tracking:

- Future development of indicators (to be defined and agreed by the Bureau)





Access to PR reports

The PR reports (Phases 1 and 2) can be downloaded at LDAC website www.ldac.eu

Performance Review - Phase 1:

https://ldac.eu/images/LDAC_web-compressed_Performance_Review.pdf

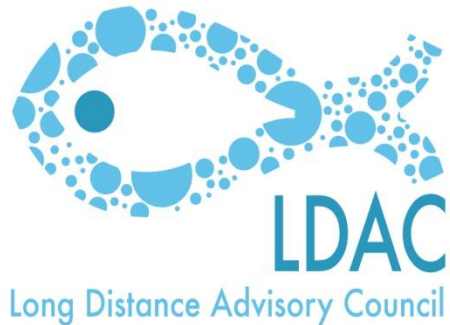
Performance Review - Phase 2:

https://ldac.eu/images/FINAL_PerformanceReview_II_v5.2_compressed_26_05_2020.pdf



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