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The future of the European shellfish sector

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The European project Euroshell, part of the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7), aims at strengthening cooperation between scientific experts and producers in the domain of shellfish farming. The project brings together 18 partners from 6 different Member states (France, United Kingdom, Ireland, the Netherlands, Italy and Spain), including scientific bodies and business association representatives at national and European level.

Over a period of 18 months, the project developed tools and recommendations in order to improve the transfer of knowledge among the different European actors involved in shellfish farming. Its ultimate goal is to create a network for dissemination.

The first part of this meeting will present the Euroshell project, its tools, results and outcomes to ensure that these elements are taken into account in the framework of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF).

The second part of the meeting will seek to formally constitute an interim Executive Committee that will seek to agree on the required documentation necessary for the constitution of the new Advisory Council on Aquaculture and discuss i.e. the EUROSHELL stakeholders' recommendation on extension activities within this council.

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- 09:00-10:00** *Registration & Coffee*
- 10:00-10:10** **Opening remarks: The place of shellfish farming on the European coast**
Committee of the Regions (TBC)
- 10:10-10:20** **History of the Euroshell project**
Bruno Guillaumie, Euroshell, CNC
- 10:20-10:30** **Why and how?**
Aad Smaal, Euroshell, DLO
- 10:30-10:40** **Tools**
Jean Prou, Euroshell, IFREMER
- 10:40-11:00** **Q&A Session 1**
- 11:00-11:20** **Focus on the Euroshell project**
Alistair Lane, Euroshell, EAS
- 11:20-11:40** **Q&A Session 2**
- 11:40-11:50** **Continuation: extension and EATiP**
Courtney Hough, Secretary-General, EATiP
- 11:50-12:00** **Role of shellfish farming in the economic development of European coastal areas**
Committee of the Regions (TBC)
- 12:00-12:20** **Q&A Session 3**
- 12:20-12:30** **RTD program for the sector: good governance and results**
Jacques Fuchs, Deputy Head of Unit, Marine Resources, DG RTD, European Commission
- 12:30-14:00** *Lunch*
- 14:00-14:10** **Opening remarks**
Jean-Claude Cueff (TBC)
- 14:10-14:20** **From ACFA to AAC: an evolution in governance for the formation of the opinion**
Richie Flynn, Secretary-General, ISA
- 14:20-14:30** **What is an Advisory Council?**
Evangelia Georgitsi, DG MARE (TBC)
- 14:30-14:40** **History of the preparation/consultation**
Javier Valle, COPA/COGECA

- 14:40-14:50** **Constitution of the interim executive committee and presentation of the mandate**
Ann Dom, Seas at Risk (TBC)
- 14:50-15:20** **Debate and appointment**
- 15:20-15:25** **Adoption of the provisional mandate of the EXCOM**
- 15:30-15:40** **Presentation of the draft statutes and rules of procedures**
Bruno Guillaumie, EMPA, Euroshell coordinator
- 15:40-15:55** **Debate on location of the AAC**
- 15:55-16:25** **Debate on the (balanced) composition of general assembly and executive committee**
- 16:25-16:35** **Presentation of budgetary issues and members' fees**
Courtney Hough, Secretary-General, FEAP
- 16:35-17:05** **Debate on budget**
- 17:05-17:10** **List of articles that need further discussion within the interim Executive Committee**
EXCOM President/Chairman
- 17:10-17:15** **List of consensual articles in the document**
EXCOM President/Chairman
- 17:15-17:20** **Provisional schedule**
Evangelia Georgitsi, DG MARE (TBC)
- 17:20-17:30** **Concluding remarks: role of the regions in the consultation and elaboration of recommendations at the European level**
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