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**Subject: Invitation to training course provided by ICES on scientific advice,
11-12 December 2014, Brussels**

We are organizing together with ICES our annual introductory training course on stock assessment, which will take place in Brussels on 11 - 12 December.

The training course is designed for DG MARE officials and is also open to the members of the RACs and other stakeholders. The agenda for the course is attached and includes topics such as the advisory process (including data collection) and the latest developments at ICES (on data limited stocks, mixed fisheries and multispecies fisheries). Please note that the subjects of the two days can be followed separately, so it is possible to attend only for one day.

I would kindly ask you to inform your members about this training. The participation by the RAC members, fishermen, and those interested in fish stocks is warmly welcome; to foster a common understanding of the way ICES works and produces scientific advice.

The places available are limited in number, as the room has a maximum capacity of 40 people. I should be grateful if you would inform us (MARE-A2@ec.europa.eu) about the names of people from your organization that want to register for the training courses. We will accept participation requests on a first-come-first-served basis.

The training courses will take place at the building of DG MARE, rue Joseph II 99, 1049 Brussels (metro station Maalbeek), room 0/53. The training course will be given in English and there will be no interpretation.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that participation to these training courses should be funded from your own resources. The Commission will not provide any reimbursements.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl: Agenda training ICES