

Recommendation 17

Reply to the draft Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2015/242 laying down **detailed rules on the functioning of the Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy**

The Outermost Regions Advisory Council (CCRUP) does not agree with point 2(b) of the annex of the Commission's (EU) proposal for a delegated regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2015/242 laying down detailed rules for the operation of Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy, which refers: "*the organisation represents or has direct or indirect economic interests related to the use of the marine environment or maritime space, with the exception of commercial fishing, aquaculture or the processing, marketing, distribution and retailing of sea products*", as it allows the participation of organizations that are not related to the defense of sustainable fisheries interests, and their participation may arise conflicts that do not contribute to the effective functioning of the ¹Advisory Councils (e.g. oil-dredging and mineral exploration).

Therefore, **we recommend that point 2(b) of the annex of the new regulation¹, should be removed.**

Best regards,

The President of the Executive Committee of the CC RUP,

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Praia da Vitória, 13th of August of 2021

¹ Draft Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2015/242 laying down detailed rules on the functioning of the Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy