

Title: Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting

Date: 24/11/2010

Place of meeting: Brussels, Fundacion Galicia Europa.

Timetable: Starting at 10:00 a.m. and closing at 15:30 p.m.

The first General Assembly of the European Fisheries Technology Platform (EFTP) was held in the offices of the Fundacion Galicia Europa in Brussels on November 24th, 2010, with the following AGENDA:

10.00 - 10.15 Welcome and formalities as meeting. Mr. Torgeir Edvardsen, SINTEF.

10:15 - 10:45 «Europe 2020»: European Technology Platforms and their role in European Development). Mr Jacques Fuchs, DG RTD Unit E4.

10:45 - 11:15 “Industry point of view”. (Contributions from the audience).

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee break.

11:30 - 12.00 Progress and developments of the EFTP. Mrs. Maribel Rodriguez, EFTP Secretariat.

12:00 - 13:15 Decisions on the General Assembly. Mrs. Rosa Fernandez, EFTP Secretariat.

- Internal Terms of Reference
- Any other issues to decide on
- Election of members to the Board of Directors

13:30 - 14:15 Lunch break.

14:15 – 14:45 The FishImpact project initiative. Mrs. Maribel Rodríguez, EFTP Secretariat.

14:45 – 15:30 Meeting conclusion and closure. Mr. Javier Garat, Europeche.

Mr. Torgeir Edvardsen chaired the EFTP General Assembly meeting and welcomed the attendants to the meeting. He also gave honor to the sponsors: Fundacion Galicia Europa for providing an excellent room free of charge; ARIEMA, CETMAR Europeche and SINTEF for sponsoring the lunch and coffee breaks. Finally he expressed sincere gratitude to the secretaries and their staff Maribel Rodriguez, Rosa Fernandez and Dag Standal for all their good work with this meeting and for all the secretarial services over several years.

As first speaker, Jacques Fuchs was invited to give the European Commission's point of view, which he did under the title: «*Europe 2020*»: *European Technology Platforms and their role in European Development*.

1. European Commission point of view

Key inputs:

- 2020 Strategy is on the top of the Commission Agenda.
- New Commissioner Mrs. Maire Geoghegan Quinn.
- 2011 CFP and Agriculture policy will be included. Stakeholders' inputs are required. It offers a good opportunity for the EFTP.

- Another challenge: accelerating the realisation of ERA (dissemination, tech transfer...)
- Increase SME participation in KBBE. 15% of SME participation. (One of the measures that is taking more and more relevance).
- Situation of European Technology Platforms (EATIP and EFTP not yet officially recognised)
- Include in the objectives “**innovation and education**”.
- FP8: Grand challenges and innovation are key ideas
- ETPs will contribute to the debate.
- Integrate Fisheries research in CPF and Integrated Maritime Policy.
- Limit fragmentation and duplication of efforts.
- Stimulate private investment.
- Strategic Plan Main Research Priority lines on horizontal activities and **International cooperation**.
- Be aware of the call The Ocean's of tomorrow.
- Be aware of other FP7 Priorities where relevant research for EFTP could find some opportunities

Key words

- Long-term vision
- “Provide a common European Approach...”
- Roadmap for action: it is expected that SRAs are not just priorities but also actions, resources required and time planning
- KBBE does not cover all the priorities of the EFTP

The focus of the EFTP should not only involve collating information on what is and what has been done but also to define a position and make a GAP ANALYSIS.

2. Point of view of the fisheries sector

The main ideas expressed on the meeting were:

- The EFTP should open cooperation paths among the EU Fisheries industry composed mainly by SMEs.
- The EFTP should make efforts to put together the available fisheries research results so that industry that can more easily be aware and take advantage of them.
- It is a good opportunity for the platform to involve all the fisheries value chain, from catch to consumer.

3. Summary on progress and development of the EFTP. (The presentation is enclosed)

The first file on which the Platform is focused is to improve the transfer of technologies and know-how, the optimisation of the existing resources and the creation of synergies between the different links of the fisheries chain, in order to increase the competitiveness and sustainability of the enterprises and to contribute efficiently to the development of the fisheries management policies in Europe. The idea is also to render more accessible the results of the scientific research to policy-makers and to the actors of the market.

- ✓ This is a summary of the last EFTP developments:
- Three previous meetings have been accomplished (Ijmuiden, Bilbao, Brussels)
- The EFTP Kick off meeting took place in Vigo on the 18th May 2010

- A Task force group has been involved in the platform since the very beginning.
- There are now 90 European entities having expressed interest in getting involved in EFTP working groups, representing 16 different countries and more than 120 people.
- A Proposal for the Board of Directors will be presented and hopefully agreed at this meeting
- There is a Preliminary secretariat composed by CETMAR, SINTEF and ARIEMA and should be reaffirmed at this meeting
- The Preliminary WG coordinators have been nominated
- The EFTP have an agreed structure, that could change depending on the EFTP members' needs
- The EFTP members have started to Draft the Vision 2025 document
- The first version of the Road Map is concluded
- The EFTP has a web page www.eftp.eu

Other internal documents (to guarantee the transparency of the processes) Terms of reference. A proposal will be presented for discussion and agreement at this meeting.

4. Terms of reference. (The document is attached)

The last version of the terms of reference is enclosed. The assembly accepts the Terms of reference with some changes. This document is open and should be reviewed once the EFTP adopts a legal entity.

✓ The changes agreed in the document are the following ones:

- To include other possible members in the EFTP if decided by the board
- To change the definition of the general objective of the organization:

*To strengthen the long-term scientific and industrial position of European fisheries sector, and thus this essential tool is set up to promote the transition **of the fisheries sector** ~~from an obsolete and traditional sector~~ to another more competitive, sustainable and modern one, in which the fishing industry must be a fundamental part of it, not only being consulted but directing and managing its own footsteps.*

5. Election of the Board of directors:

The board of directors was elected at the meeting and hereunder it is the list of its members.

The Directors in the Board represent the whole value chain and it organises with the intention to be a balanced representation of the countries that are active in European fisheries. As this is the first board of the EFTP it was decided by the Assembly to reelect or review the candidates in two years. Javier Garat, was unanimously elected as Chairman for a mandate of two years by the Board members. The BoD also appointed the interim EFTP Secretariat as the Secretariat of the EFTP.

There is still one vacancy in order to invite a representative of auxiliary or processing industry.

PERSON	ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	ACTIVITY
Alvarez, M ^a Luisa	FEDEPESCA	Spain	Industry
Andersen, Michael	DANMARKS FISKERIFORENING	Denmark	Industry
den Hartog, Paula	PRODUCTSCHAP VIS, NL	Netherlands	Industry
Edvadsen, Torgeir	SINTEF	Norway	Academia
Gallagher, Michael	BIM	Ireland	Academia
Garat, Javier	CEPESCA	Spain	Industry
Gonzalez-Garcés, Alberto	INSTITUTO ESPAÑOL DE OCEANOGRAFÍA-IEO	Spain	Academia
Hedløy Engh, Christian	MUSTAD LONGLINE AS	Norway	Industry
Locker, Arnold	NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ORGANISATIONS	UK	Industry
Olsen, Gerhard	NORWEGIAN FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION / MS ØRAGUTT	Norway	Industry
Uriarte, Adolfo	AZTI - TECNALIA	Spain	Academia
Papaconstantinou, Costas	HCMR	Greece	Academia
Pelusi, Paolo	LEGAPESCA	Italy	Industry
Le Lec, George	COOPERATION MARITIME	France	Industry
			Industry

6. The FishImpact proposal:

Topic title: ***Strengthening the impact of fisheries related research and innovation through multi-stakeholder dialogue, dissemination and technology transfer.***

The overall approach to the project could be summarized as follows:

The proposal is still under development and the aim of those who are defining it is to involve the people that participate in the Fisheries Technology Platform as far as they represent the European fisheries sector.

**Meeting Attendants:**

CONTACT PERSON	ORGANIZATION
ADOLFO URIARTE	AZTI-TECNALIA
ALBERTO GONZALEZ-GARCES	INSTITUTO ESPAÑOL DE OCEANOGRAFIA
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CHARLES GUIRRIEC	FRENCH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES
CHRISTIAN ENGH	MUSTAD LONGLINE AS
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GUY VERNAEVE	EUROPECHE
JAQUES FUCHS	EU COMMISSION
JAVIER GARAT	CEPESCA-EUROPECHE
KOSTAS KAPIRIS	HELLENIC CENTRE FOR MARINE RESEACH
LUISA ALVAREZ	FEDEPESCA
MARIA PEREZ	CETMAR
MARIBEL RODRIGUEZ	ARIEMA/ EFTP SECRETARIAT
MARIE LAPART	COOPÉRATION MARITIME
MARTA GUZMÁN	CONXEMAR
MERETE BJØRGAN	THE NORWEGIAN FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY RESEARCH FUND (FHF)
MICHAEL GALLAGHER	IRISH SEA FISHERIES BOARD
MURPHY DAVID	AQUATT
OLSEN GERHARD	NORWEGIAN FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION / MS ØRAGUTT
PAOLO PELUSI	LEGA PESCA

PHILIPPE MOGUEDET	EUROPEAN COMMISSION DG RTD
RAFAEL LUQUE	ARIEMA
ROSA FERNANDEZ	CETMAR/ EFTP SECRETARIAT
TORGEIR EDVARSEN	SINTEF
YVON MORIZUR	POLE MER BRETAGNE
PAULA DEN HARTOG	PRODCUCTSCHAP VIS

7. Conclusions and closure.

Javier Garat closed the meeting with a short speech. First of all he thanked the Board for electing him as a Chairman emphasizing his interest and hopes about this new initiative. He emphasized that the EFTP can help and dynamize the fisheries sector to get involved in research and innovation activities and can reinforce this sector to become one more modern and competitive.

