



ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS  
OF FISHING ENTERPRISES IN THE EU

Commissioner Karmenu Vella,  
European Commission,  
Rue de la Loi 200,  
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Belgium,

Brussels, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**RE: Your participation at our General Assembly July 2015**

Dear Commissioner Vella,

On behalf of all the members of Europêche, I would like to extend my appreciation for your participation in our General Assembly on 14th July. Your open and honest dialogue with our sector representatives was very much welcomed and we are greatly looking forward to a positive future collaboration with you and your services.

In the framework of your listening tour concerning international governance, we would be honoured if you could attend the plenary session of the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for Sea Fisheries, as agreed at the Assembly meeting. As you know, Europêche is a social partner in this committee which aims to address global health, safety, working and living conditions for our fishermen. The plenary meeting has been foreseen to take place on 30th November 2015 in the Borschette, Brussels. This date is of course flexible depending on your availability. For more information, please find enclosed a previous letter on the subject.

As was also mentioned, we have witnessed great progress in the Mediterranean with some stocks such as bluefin tuna at record levels. This is proof that, where there is solid scientific data and willingness from all Members States to take action, we can yield good results. However, there are other areas where there is still work to be done. In this way, we discussed co-hosting a workshop regarding the situation in the Mediterranean through the Mediterranean Advisory Council, which would provide an adequate forum for scientific presentations explaining in detail the status of stocks and to discuss possible measures to improve fisheries management in the Mediterranean.

We sincerely appreciate your active engagement with the European fishing industry and your willingness to collaborate on future projects to ensure a sustainable and viable sector and I very much look forward to your confirmation of the aforementioned proposals.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathryn Stack".

Kathryn Stack

Managing Director