



ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
OF FISHING ENTERPRISES IN THE EU

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Ms Charlina Vitcheva
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European Commission
1049 Brussels

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Re.: Welcome and meeting request from Europêche

Dear Ms Vitcheva,

On behalf of the members of Europêche, we are pleased to congratulate you on your appointment as the new head of the DG for Fisheries and Maritime affairs. We wish you every success in your new position and believe that the role you will play in the coming years will be crucial to overcome the severe market, trade and socio-economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. At the same time, we also face a unique set of challenges such as Brexit, the full implementation of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and other key environmental policy initiatives.

You are most welcome to rely on our organisation to obtain vital knowledge and experience of our fishermen and fishing vessel owners. I am sure that a trusting, close and continuous communication will not only benefit the decision making process but also facilitate a fruitful collaboration with you and your services in the future.

In order for you to get acquainted with our organisation, we would be most grateful if you could accept a videoconference meeting at your earliest convenience with our members. We would then be able to briefly present our position on the current issues above-described as well as to exchange views on the priorities for the EU fishing fleet in the short and medium term. In this regard, our Secretariat could get in touch with your services to find a suitable date for both parties and prepare such a meeting in the best possible way.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

Javier GARAT
President of Europêche