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### **Title and short abstract of the speech: The Challenges of the stakeholders participation**

The recently reformed CFP set new goals and redesigned some of the roles between the actors of European fisheries, in particular by strengthening the participation of stakeholders in the decision making process. Implementation of these new goals, such as the landing obligation, the achievement of the MSY for all stocks, regionalization, the formulation and implementation of multiannual management plans represent an ambitious challenge. In this framework, stakeholders - organized into 11 Advisory Councils, including MEDAC, composed by professional and recreational fishing organizations, NGOs, consumers, labor unions and others - are no longer called, as before, to express simple opinions and positions, but have to provide the EC and Member States with proposals and technical solutions, possibly, in the form of joint recommendations among multiple MS. This is what happened in the case of the first management plans on landing obligation for the Mediterranean and it will likely happen in the future with the development of the first two LTMPs on small pelagic species for GSA17 and 7. Indeed, such a work, requires mediation and compromises among the various players, each bearing different interests and attitudes. However, the following elements lie ahead for the MEDAC stakeholders: 1) the application of CFP measures through fishermen's compliance, instead of "the command and control system" used before; 2) the improvement of the scientific basis in the decision making; 3) the flexibility of the technical measures and management to be adapted to local conditions (regionalization); 4) the identification of realistic targets and objectives for the fishing sector; 5) the need to extend the cooperation with third countries through the GFCM.