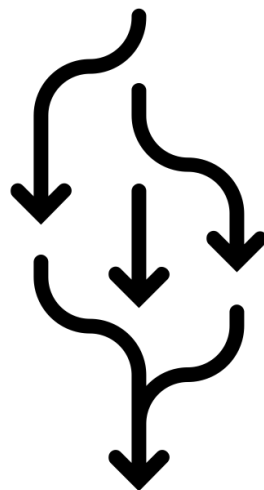




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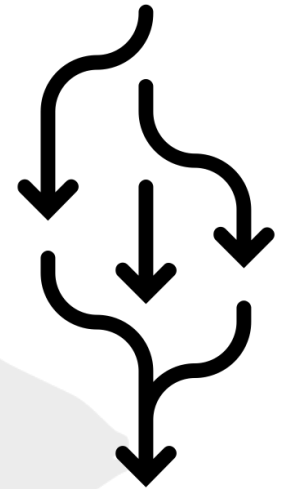
The experience in the MEDAC

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Over the time the **statutory rules and the internal regulation** ensured good representation of the members, as the current **rules have been gradually modified** on the way, according to the needs raised up, always seeking to strengthen good practices and **constructive dialogue between 40% and 60%**



In particular, several issues raised up by NGOs for the first time in 2019 and promptly addressed



The process led to agreed modifications of MEDAC functioning



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INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

4.6 The members belonging to the WG will strive to find a unanimous position in the adoption of its reports to the Executive Committee

If consensus proves to be impossible

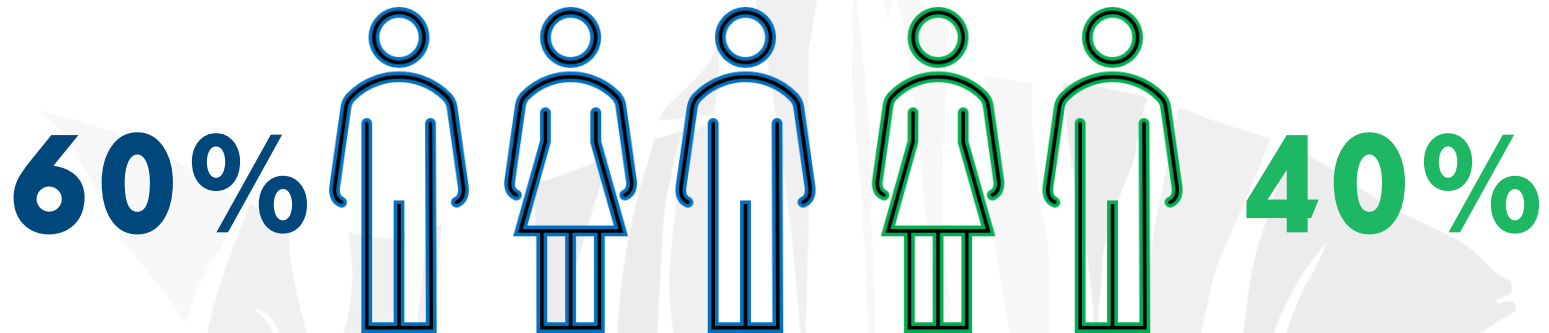


MINORITY STATEMENTS are always included in the report which shall be adopted by simple majority by the voting members of the WG.

Dissenting opinions must be recorded only in resolutions or advices adopted by the majority. This does not apply to any other formal communication between the MEDAC and the EU institutions or any other institution which should be in any case agreed within the ExCom.

INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

3.3 The President's Office



The President's office coordinates the work of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee

Art 3.3 of Internal Rules and Art. 9.3 of the Statute
The President cannot vote and shall carry out his/her mandate with absolute impartiality.



THE MEDAC STATUTE

Art. 10 Executive Committee

10.2 The Executive Committee members

- ✓ act **in the best interests of the MEDAC** to promote the interests and objectives as stated in this Statute,
- ✓ and **are responsible** for any single actions not agreed on before the General Assembly.

Art. 11 Working principles

11.2 Insofar as far as it is possible, **resolutions** of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly are **adopted by consensus**. **If a consensus is not possible**

dissenting opinions are recorded in the resolutions agreed by the majority of the present and voting members

THE MEDAC STATUTE

Art. 13 Secretariat

13.1 The Secretariat:

- ✓ Composed by the Executive Secretary and one or more Executive Assistants
- ✓ appointed by the Executive Committee




**Carries out the instructions and orders of the
Chairmanship and the Executive Committee**

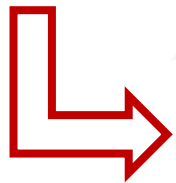
The functioning of the Secretariat is
subject to their agreement,

in order to facilitate the achievement of the MEDAC's objectives

The MEDAC opened a debate on the issues raised in the letter sent to DG Ms Charlina Vitcheva on 22 July 2020 by NGOs active in Advisory Councils



In this process, only two emails were sent to MEDAC members from NGOs on 28 of July, both emphasizing that **misfunctioning of several ACs, does not necessarily imply that those concerns are also shared in the context of the MEDAC**



Suggestion to run an independent performance review to highlight both best practices and areas where improvements could be looking at

The proposal to run an independent performance review

On 5 November 2020 a vice-President suggested again to run an independent performance review

This proposal was already rejected by the ExCom held in Thessaloniki on 5 June 2019



an external financial audit was already carried out in January 2019



the process of performance review was required and guided by the EC and not as an initiative of the MEDAC itself.



An **harmonized approach** for independent performance reviews among different ACs, driven by the Commission, seems to be beneficial for the final outcome.

Whereas the previous information on the structural documents of the MEDAC (the Statute and the internal rules) are binding about the impartiality of the Chair and the Secretariat and they avoided the diseases highlighted by the OIGs so far



The MEDAC agreed that no statutory or functional modification are needed for this specific issue either¹

MINORITY STATEMENT

1 WWF, EAA, IFSUA, CIPS, FIPSAS and LEGAMBIENTE add as suggestion that to put forward for a smoother and more rationale functioning of ACs is to agree on a revision of the protocols for the development and presentation of advices; e.g. avoiding initiating work on drafts which from the outset are not supported by both industry and OIG representatives; a possible solution could be to introduce the requirement for each advice idea to be formally supported by at least 1 industry and 1 OIG member.



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