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To: Charlina Vitcheva
Director General MARE
Cc: MARE/D1/ACD

Dear DG Charlina Vitcheva,
Dear MARE colleagues,

Considering the MEDAC advice on the next steps of the multi-annual plan (MAP) on Western Mediterranean (Ref. 108/2024 - [HERE](#)), we kindly ask if you can share the socioeconomic results you refer to in the reply (Ref. Ares(2024)4574932 - [HERE](#)) sent on 25 of June.

We checked the STECF reports available on the website and the relevant plenaries, but we could not find updated results. Please find below the list of the analyzed reports: we kindly ask your collaboration to understand if we correctly checked the reports and where the relevant results are.

- The ToR and conclusions of the STECF 24-01 experts meeting on the WMED MAP evaluation are all about methodological actions and it was not possible to find results/trends describing the most up-to-date socio-economic evolution.

- The 7 December 2023 report 'STECF 23-14 - Economic Report on the EU fish processing industry' analyses data for the Mediterranean up to 2021 (only one year after implementation and still under important Covid effect) and in the Spain part, the only reference to MAP does not include data, but the sentence "Demersal trawlers in the Mediterranean Sea: [...] The 287 trawlers that comprise the segment represent more than one quarter of the value of landing of the Spanish Mediterranean fleet. However, the profitability has lowered since 2020 and they are facing challenges in terms of implementing the different measures required to achieve Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) in the Mediterranean Sea."

- The conclusions of EWG 24-05 Social Data in Fisheries can be found in the July plenary report and are basically methodological (no results) because they concern national fishery profiles, community profiles, and possible other indicators. However, the EWG 24-05 report, although approved, is not available on the STECF website.

- The conclusions of the EWG of AER 2024 are only available in the conclusions of the July STECF plenary and the full report is not available on the site. All that is clearly written on the subject is that 'STECF concludes that it is currently not possible for Member States to provide economic data for the report that is more up to date than is currently collected (i.e., t=2022 in the 2024 AER).'

- On the STECF website, the folder 'Evaluation of Effort Regimes reports' is empty.

Please, let us know where the most updated socioeconomic information on this topic is available.

Yours sincerely,

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