INFORMAL MEETING OF EU WATER DIRECTORS AND EU MARINE DIRECTORS

AGENDA

Thursday, 5 June 2014

	PART 1: MARINE DIRECTORS MEETING [with participation of the Executive Secretaries of OSPAR, HELCOM, BARCON, BSC, ICES and GFCM as guests and observers]
09:00	Welcome by Mr. K. Triantis, Special Secretary for Water of the Hellenic Ministry of Environment Energy and Climate Change and Greek Water and Marine Director
09:10	1. Transposition and implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) - overview by the Commission
	2. Common Implementation Strategy (CIS) activities for the MSFD 2.1 Overall progress on the CIS work programme and information on agreements made at MSCG (information by Commission) [DOC MD/2014-1/1 including Annex (Revised PoM recommendations)]
	2.2 Commission report (Article 12 assessment)— outcome, results of regional meetings and follow up (presentation by Commission and discussion) [DOC MD/2014-1/2]

COFFEE 10:30h – 11:00h

11:00	2. Common Implementation Strategy (CIS) activities for the MSFD
	2.3 Strengthening the role of the Regional Sea Conventions and other international organisations — orientation debate with Executive Secretaries of OSPAR, HELCOM, BARCON, BSC, ICES, GFCM (5 min presentation by each) [DOC MD/2014-1/2, same as above]
	Discussion with Executive Secretaries of the Regional Sea Conventions
12:00	3. Commission activities regarding the MSFD
	3.1 New Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning – link to MSFD implementation (presentation by Commission)
	3.2 New Regulation on Invasive Alien Species – link to MSFD implementation (presentation by Commission)
	3.3 Recent Commission activities with relevance to the marine environment, e.g. Outcome HOPE Conference, Blue Growth-related Communications (ocean energy, coastal and marine tourism, blue innovation), (information from the Commission)) [DOC MD/2014-1/3]
12:15	4. European and international issues
	4.1 Council discussions on marine issues
	(including outcome of the informal Environmental Council discussion

on "Sustainable Blue Growth" and preparation of Council Conclusions
on Integrated Maritime Policy) (presentation from the Presidency)
[DOC MD/2014-1/7]
4.2 International discussions on marine issues including Rio+20 follow up
and UN World Oceans Assessment (information from the Presidency and
the Commission)

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14:30	5. Common Implementation Strategies – developing the programme of measures and reporting (together) for water and marine environment policy Presentation(by UK and Commission) followed by discussion on how to strengthen synergies between both implementation processes further [DOC WMD/2014-1/4]
16:00	6. Financing opportunities for water and marine environment policy [DOC WMD/2014-1/5]
	6.1 Update on the outcome and state-of-play of the key financing instruments, in particular ERDF, EARDF, EMFF, Horizon 2020, LIFE, including particular support projects (presentation by the Commission)
	6.2 Preparation of operational programmes, opportunities for water and marine policy – discussion

COFFEE and FAMILY PHOTO 16:30 – 17:00

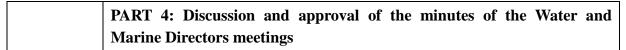
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17:00	6. Financing opportunities for water and marine environment policy (continued)
17:30	7. Water / Marine / Biodiversity and Nature policy and implementation – progress on joint agenda (information point) [DOC WMD/2014-1/6]
	Presentation by Commission on follow up of joint Directors' meeting and SE intervention on outcome of Nature Directors' meeting (including implementation of Article 11 CFP)
17:40	8. Sustainable Aquaculture – progress on joint guidance on MSFD and WFD (information point)
17:50	9. Other issues
	a) Upcoming Presidencies (information by IT/LV/LU)
	b) New Swiss legislation on elimination of micropollutants in urban waste water – presentation CH [DOC WMD/2014-1/8]

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	PART 3: WATER DIRECTORS' MEETING
9:00	Opening and welcome speeches
9:05	10. WFD CIS
	a. Progress report on CIS (acknowledgment of written report) [DOC WD/2014-1/1]
	b. ECOSTAT work on Nutrients (presentation by the Commission, information point) [Presentation only]
	c. Finalisation of water scarcity & droughts indicators (endorsement of finalised indicators and way forward for future work) [DOC WD/2014-1/3]
	d. Reporting guidance (presentation by the Commission, discussion and endorsement) [DOC WD/2014-1/4]
11:00	11. Commission activities
	a. EIP Water – latest development (presentation by the Commission, information point) [Presentation only]
	b. European Citizens' Initiative – Right to Water – Commission response of March 2014(presentation by Commission) [DOC WD/2014-1/6]
	c. Implementation of water industry directives – latest developments (presentation by the Commission) [DOC WD/2014-1/7]
	d. Water Conference 2015 (information from the Commission) [DOC WD/2014-1/8]
12:00	13. Other issues
	a. EU Court of Auditors report on Integration of EU water policy objectives and the CAP [DOC WD/2014-1/9] (presentation by the Commission, information point)
	b. International Water Conventions (written note from the Commission) [DOC WD/2014-1/10]

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