

MEDAC

Structure, Functioning and Role

From Seed to Food
Cooperation, Sustainable Agriculture and Food
Security



What are the (Regional) Advisory Councils(CC/AC)?

- Originally created by Council Decision EC/2004/585 and later amended by Council Decision 2007/409/CE as **regional** stakeholders organizations pursuing an aim of general European interest
- Completely repealed by EC Regulation 1380/2013 on CFP Reform, creating Advisory Councils **not limited at the regional level anymore.**
- Advisory Councils will still be financed by the European Commission on a yearly basis



How many ACs?

- Baltic Sea AC
- **Black Sea AC**
- Mediterranean Sea AC
- North Sea AC
- North Western Waters AC
- South Western Waters AC
- **Outermost Regions AC**
- Pelagic Stocks AC
- High seas/long distance fleet AC
- **Aquaculture AC**
- **Markets AC**



What is MED(R)AC

- The MED(R)AC is a stakeholder-led organization and its role is to enable the European Commission to benefit from the knowledge and experience of stakeholders in the formulation and implementation of fisheries management measures.

~~Advices and opinions~~



Technical solutions and suggestions, including Joint recommendations (ex. Art. 18 Reg.1380/2013 on REGIONALIZATION)

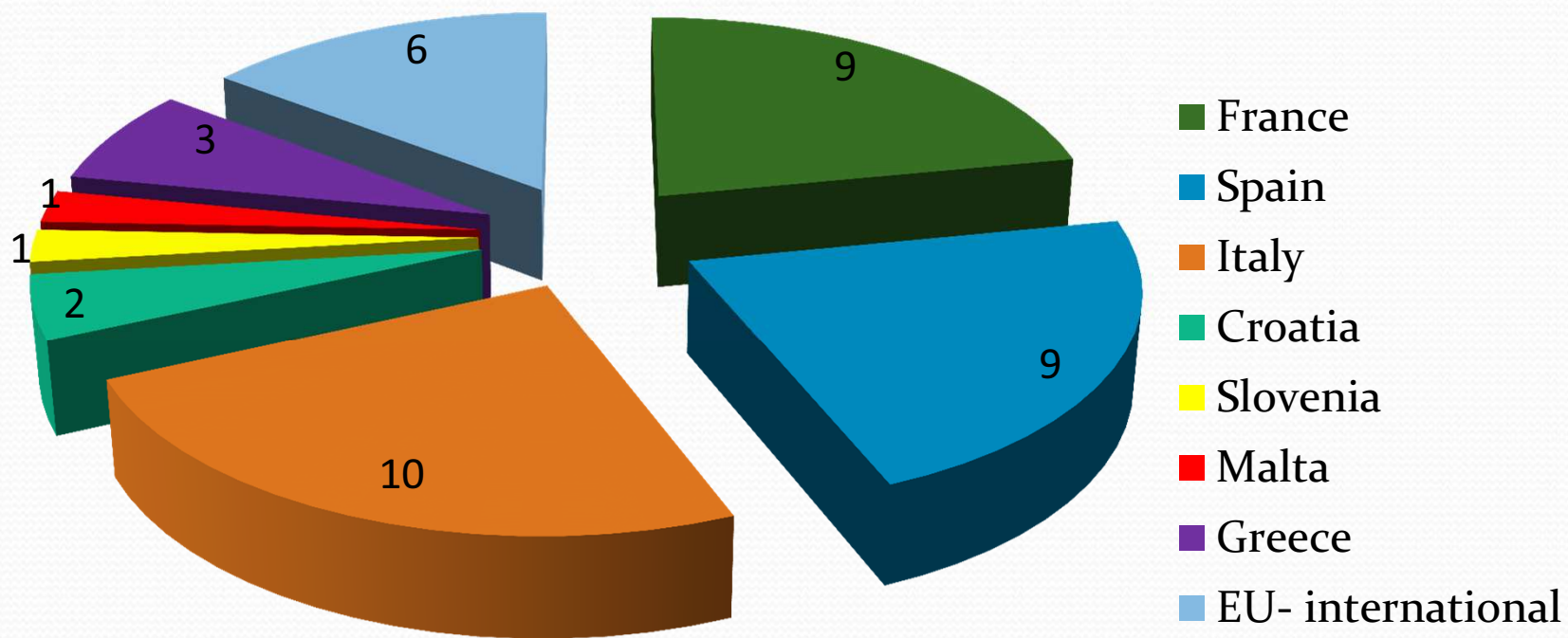


Who are MED(R)AC members?

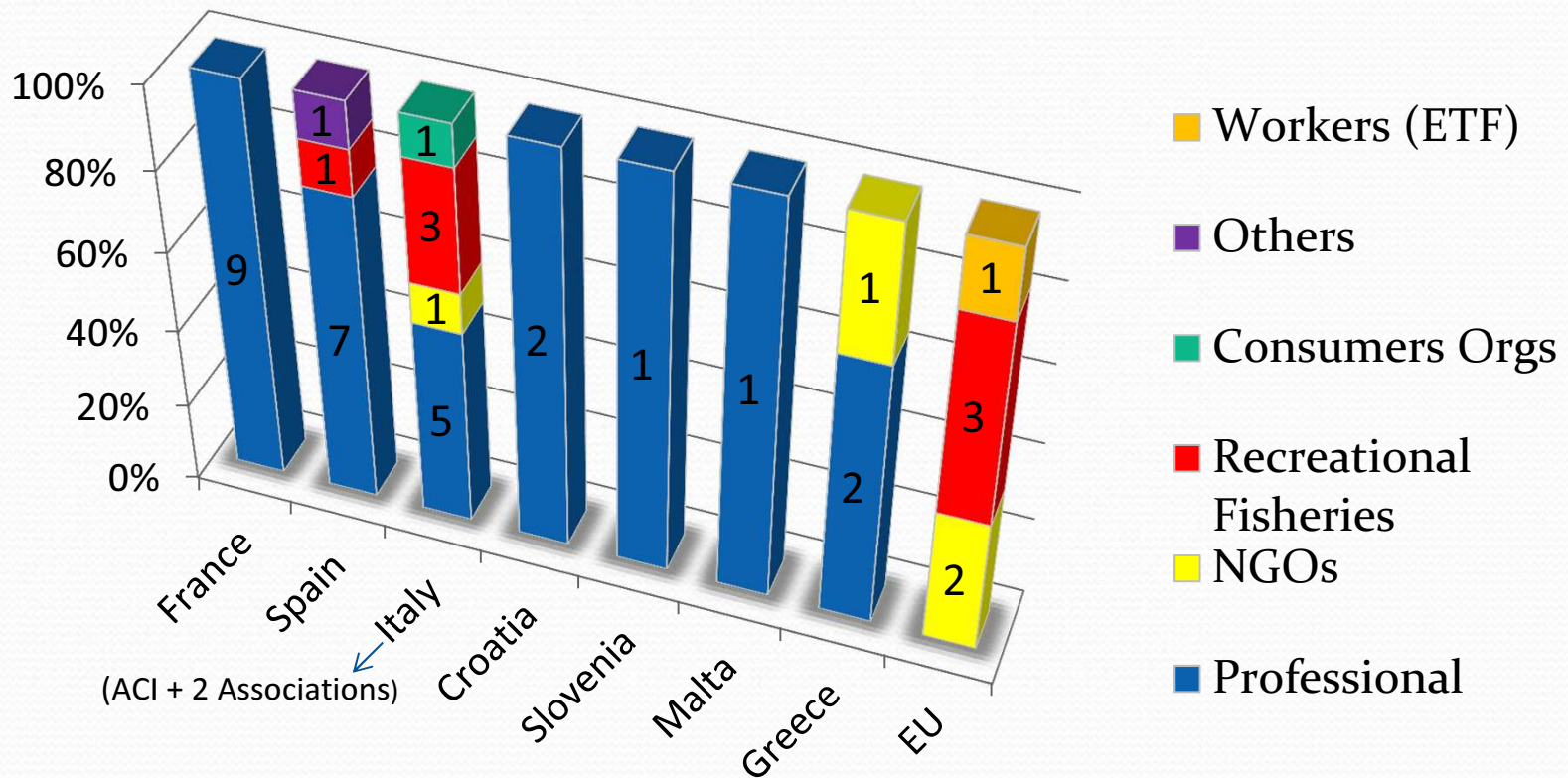
- Associations and organizations belonging to the 8 EU Mediterranean Countries
- The **General Assembly and Executive Committee** shall allot:
 - **60 %** of the seats to representatives of **fishermen**, and representatives of the **processing and marketing sectors**
 - **40 %** of the seats to representatives of the **other interest groups** affected by the Common Fisheries Policy, for example environmental (NGOs) and consumer groups.



MED(R)AC Membership by Nationality



MED(R)AC Membership by Professional/Other interest groups



MED(R)AC Structure

1 President and 3 Vice-Presidents

General Assembly - all 41 members

Executive Committee

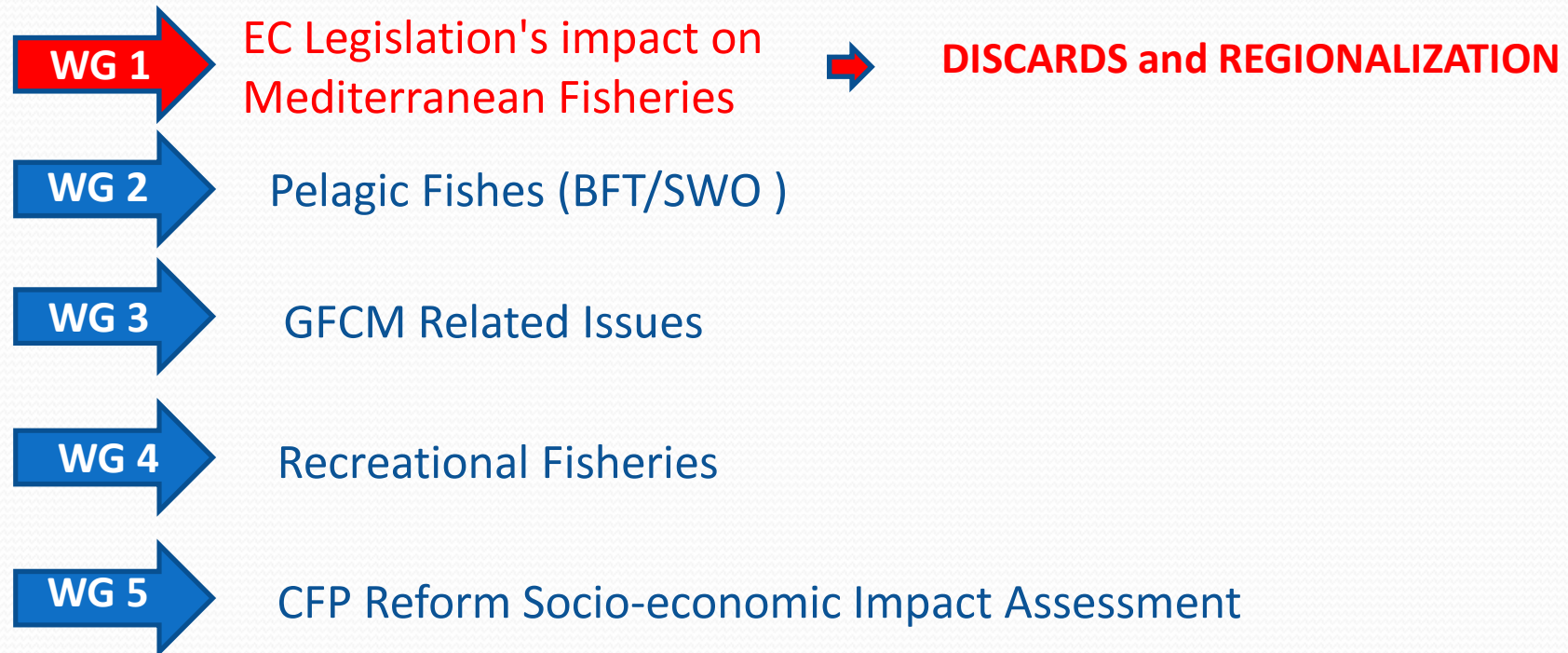
- 16 members - professional fisheries;
- 8 other interest groups

5 PERMANENT WORKING GROUPS



MEDAC – Working Groups

Following the CFP Reform regulation (in particular Art. 15), MEDAC identified among its permanent WGs the one that will better tackle these new issues

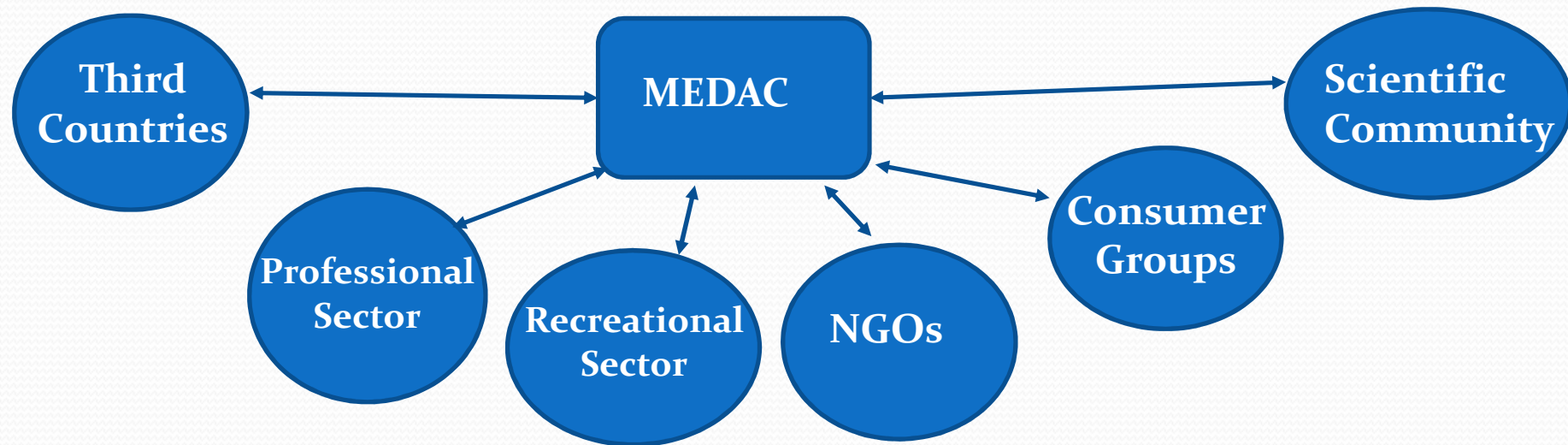


MEDAC – Advices on:

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Technical Measures	Control Regulation	Definitions of Recreational Fisheries	Data collection Framework (EMFF)	Omnibus
Possible differentiated regime for small-scale coastal fisheries	Recreational Fisheries	Recreational Fisheries according to the EC Mediterranean Regulation	Bluefin Tuna (BFT-E)	Joint Recommendation of Discards Management Plans
Jurisdiction of waters in the Mediterranean Sea	Shared Stocks	Reform of the CMO	Basic Standardized Regulation on Marine Recreational Fisheries in the EU Mediterranean Countries	
Bluefin Tuna (BFT-E)	Swordfish (SWO-MED)	Draft Regulation of the EMFF		
	Mediterranean Regulation	Regionalization		
	Bluefin Tuna (BFT-E)	Bluefin Tuna (BFT-E)		
	Proposal of the CFP Reform			

MEDAC- Sustainability and Cooperation

- MEDAC's diverse composition and members' different interests represents a big challenge because sometimes dissenting opinions has to be mediated in order to reach a general consensus to reflect the various points of view on several subjects (shared resources even with third countries)



Main goals

- In the identification of management and technical measures :
 - Best available scientific advice
 - Precautionary approach
 - Social and economic sustainability (impact)
 - Enforcement (co-management and stakeholders' compliance)

Next Steps

- To act as facilitator and coordinator on multiannual long term management plans concerning shared stocks, as foreseen by the new CFP Reform organized through various focus groups at the regional level (by GSAs, at EU Level or under GFCM jurisdiction);
- To draft joint recommendation on discards for demersal and small scale fisheries;
- To review the MEDAC joint recommendation on small pelagic fishes in 2016 according to 2015 new scientific data

Thanks for your attention!

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