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Mr Giampaolo Buonfiglio

RACMED Via Torino 146 I- 00184 Rome Italy

Subject: Seminar ''State of Fish Stocks and Fisheries in European Waters, 17 September 2013, Brussels''

Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

The European Commission is convening a seminar on the subject in title. The seminar is open to members of Advisory Councils, MEPs, representatives of Member States and, to the extent that space is available, to members of the public.

Please find in annex a draft agenda for the meeting.

The Commission invites each Advisory Council to nominate one representative to attend this meeting and to take part in a panel discussion. Panellists will be invited to make a short opening statement of 5min duration.

The procedure for registration will be published in a subsequent message.

As is usual for these events, the Commission will not provide additional travel reimbursements.

Yours sincerely,

Ernesto BIANCHI

## Seminar "State of Fish Stocks and Fisheries in European Waters"

Jenkins Room, Charlemagne Building, rue de la Loi 170, Brussels, 17th. Sept. 2013

Chair: Mrs Lowri Evans, Director-General for Maritime Policy and Fisheries.

Speaker

	Registration for the meeting from		8h15
1.	Welcome and introduction	Mrs. Evans	9h00 (10 min.)
2.	Overview of Northeast Atlantic Stocks  A scientist from ICES (the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea) will summarise the biological status of the main stocks of interest for EU fisheries in relation to the exploitation target agreed for the reformed Common Fisheries Policy.	tbd	09h10 (25 min.)
3.	Overview of stocks in the Mediterranean and Black Seas  A scientific presentation will be made of new information concerning fish stocks in the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea, also in relation to the exploitation target agreed for the reformed Common Fisheries Policy.	tbd	09h35 (25 min.)
4	Questions and answers		10h00 (15 min.)
5.	Break		10h15 (20 min)
6.	Fisheries economic performance  A scientist from the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries will present the latest information on the economic performance of EU fisheries.		10h35 (25 min)
6.	Panel discussion  Representatives from the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) and the Advisory Committee for Fisheries Management (ACFA) will each make a brief introductory statement. Catching, NGO and processing sectors to be represented. The Commission will be represented on the panel. Following a discussion among the panellists and the speakers, we will open the floor for the participants to put questions to the panel.	tbd from the RACs	11h00 (1 hour)
7.	Closing remarks  The Director-General of the Commission's Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries will sum-up the main conclusions and close the event.	Ms. Evans	12h00 (15 min.)
8.	End		12h15