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Subject: Follow-up to the Committee Hearing on the implementation of the Multiannual Plan for the Baltic Sea, invitation to BSAC meeting

Dear MEP Karleskind,

Thank you for your invitation to the public hearing on the State of play of the implementation of the Multiannual Plan (MAP) for the Baltic Sea on the 23rd January. It was a pleasure for me to present the Baltic Sea Advisory Council (BSAC)'s position on the topic.

When preparing for the meeting and consulting the BSAC members, there were clear signals that it was time to update our position and discuss further the MAP. The discussions at the Fisheries Committee also pointed that the plan implementation didn't go exactly according to the plan and that there was a need of a more holistic approach to fisheries management.

BSAC latest substantial contribution regarding the MAP dates back from 2019. I have therefore proposed that BSAC re-opens a discussion on the topic during our Executive Committee and General Assembly on the 16th and 17th May in Brussels.

I hereby would like to invite you and other Members of the Fisheries Committee to join us at this occasion. The BSAC Secretariat will be able to provide further details on the meeting one month before.

The Advisory Councils are the appropriate platforms for such discussions. They include all stakeholders from the sea basin and can bring in valuable experience-based knowledge on the topic.

I hope you will agree with me and that you will be able to contribute to our reflections on the Baltic MAP so that it can leverage positive impact in the Baltic and create better conditions for complying to the CFP and the objectives of environmentally, economically and socially sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Baltic Sea.

Kind regards,



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